



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: (Rogation Sunday)

May 5, 2024

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary *All Things Bright and Beautiful* setting by Robert J. Powell

Processional Hymn *"Earth and all stars"* Hymn 412

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For Rogation Sunday

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD /a new /song, *
for he has /done marvelous /things.
- 2 With his right hand and his/ holy /arm *
has he won for him/self the victo/ry.
- 3 The LORD has made known his/ victo/ry; *
his righteousness has he openly shown /in the sight of the/ nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the /house of /Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the/ victory of our/ God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, /all you /lands; *
lift up your /voice, rejoice, and /sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD /with the/ harp, *
with the harp /and the voice of /song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound/ of the /horn *
shout with joy be/fore the King, the /LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all /that is/ in it, *
the lands and /those who dwell there/in.
- 9 Let the rivers /clap their /hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he /comes to judge the /earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he /judge the /world *
and the /peoples with equi/ty.



Reader A reading from the First Book of John (5:1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for

whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn "O Jesus, crowned with all renown" Hymn 292

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (15:9-17)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon The Rev. John Adams

The Nicene Creed *standing*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the
Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

A Litany of Healing

Standing or kneeling

Reader God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
People ***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
People ***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
People ***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
People ***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, especially *Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Betsy, Steve, Mary Ruth, Morgan, Thomas, Dorothy, Nancy, Trippi, Mark and Tina Gauldin, Merrill, David, and Pat* That they may be made whole;
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved, ***especially the Holland family;***
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader You are the Lord who does wonders:
People ***You have declared your power among the peoples.***

Reader With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
People ***And in your light we see light.***

Reader Hear us, O Lord of life:
People *Heal us, and make us whole.*

All may offer their prayers at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our need for God's healing grace.
Celebrant and people

Compassionate God, we confess our weaknesses in body, mind, and spirit, and our need for your strengthening touch. We confess that some of what ails us stems from our own fault, while some is beyond our control. We turn to you, source of life, and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ for the gifts of true healing and life in you. Amen.

Celebrant May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Those desiring laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing of themselves or others may come to the altar rail at this time, or those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, who will tell the Celebrant to come to you. Please whisper to the Celebrant your name or the name of the person for whom you are praying so he may pray for the appropriate people.

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem "Eden's Song - O Waly Waly" arr. Mark Schweizer

The Doxology: Hymn 380 v. 3

All: Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B *Standing* BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up our hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right... to proclaim the glory of your Name: BCP 367

Celebrant and People (text below)

Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Standing or kneeling

BCP 368

We give thanks to you... do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People (text below)

Hymnal S 138

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

BCP 369

And we offer our sacrifice... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses

For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant

"I chose you"

John 15, Psalm 88

Communion Hymn

“Tempest Adest Floridum”
(Spring has now unwrapped the flowers)

Piae Cantiones

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the
spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy
mysteries
that we are living members of the Body
of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

“All creatures of our God and King”

Hymn 400

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Closing Voluntary *God, Who Madest Earth and Heaven* Johann Gottfried Walther

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to St. Paul's, Lynchburg. Pray for the people of St. Paul's, Lynchburg and their Rector, The Rev. Todd Vie. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of Stafford Gorman Whittle III,
Elizabeth (Betty) Martin Whittle, and Stafford Gorman Whittle IV
By Mary Clark German*

*We Give Thanks for The beauty of the Narthex Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Crystal Austin and Harry Clay Gravely, IV
By James Austin*

The **Funeral of Barbara Holland** will be at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, May 7, at Christ Church, with a light reception in the Parish House following.

Discretionary Fund – Today is the 1st Sunday of the month and the loose offering is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, "For RDF".

Sunday Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 in the Parish House on May 5; this week we will look at the story of Saul's conflict with David (1 Samuel 18). All are welcome and encouraged to attend as your presence allows; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening Bible study (meets from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Parish House) continues through May 20, after which we will go on hiatus through the summer. We are reading through the Gospel of Luke, and all are welcome and encouraged to attend as you can; no preparation ahead of time is required.

Wednesday Eucharist

At Noon on Wednesdays, the Eucharist is offered in the Chapel (accessed by the glass doors at the back of the church building). There will be **no service on May 29** due to Fr. John's vacation.

Public Theology - May 8

Public Theology meets on Wednesday, **May 8**, at Mountain Valley Brewing (4220 Mountain Valley Rd, Axton). We begin with socializing and food around 6:00, with the discussion going from 7:00 to 8:00.

Graduate Information Needed by Friday, May 10

Join us as we salute all of our graduates, whether from High School, College, or Graduate, Professional, or Adult programs. **Please send us your recognition and grad's information by Friday, May 10th!** (Email is preferred, to office@christchurchmvl.org, or phone us at 276-632-2896. *We will be thrilled to share your good news!*

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for **May thru June**: **canned beans 15 oz. (any kind). For May: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Kelly Cain

Chalicers: Natalie Coleman, John Swezey

Acolyte: Elizabeth Maxwell

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Dan Cahill, Andy Quirk

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Will Zimmer, LaRue Powers

Altar Guild: Team Four - Becky Farrar, Susan Smith, Natalie Coleman,

Ashley Ullstein, Dawn Stone, Kyle Trent

Nursery Attendant: Emily Williams

2024 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens, Senior Warden; Beverly Lyle, Treasurer;

Andy Williams, Junior Warden

Year 2: Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Pat Russell; Will Zimmer

Year 1: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall