



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025
(Awards Sunday)
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 *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ* J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn *"O holy city, seen of John"* Hymn 583

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

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (11:1-18)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Hallelujah!
 Praise the Lord/ from the/ heavens; *
 praise him /in the /heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you/ angels of /his; *
 praise him, /all his/ host.
- 3 Praise him, /sun and /moon; *
 praise him,/ all you shining /stars.
- 4 Praise him,/ heaven of /heavens, *
 and you /waters above the/ heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name /of the /Lord; *
 for he commanded,/ and they were cre/ated.
- 6 He made them stand fast for/ ever and /ever; *
 he gave them a law which /shall not pass a/way.
- 7 Praise the Lord /from the /earth, *
 you sea-monsters /and all /deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail,/ snow and /fog, *
 tempestuous wind, /doing his /will;
- 9 Mountains /and all /hills, *
 fruit trees /and all /cedars;



- 10 Wild beasts /and all /cattle, *
creeping things /and winged/ birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth /and all /peoples, *
princes and all /rulers of the /world;
- 12 Young /men and /maidens, *
old and /young toge/ther.
- 13 Let them praise the Name /of the /Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is /over earth and /heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his /loyal /servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him./
Hallelu/jah!

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John (21:1-6)

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Sequence Hymn

"Come, my Way, my Truth, My Life"

Hymn 487

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (13:31-35)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for 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.

The Prayers of the People Form III

Standing or kneeling

BCP 387

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People *That we all may be one.*

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Reader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader We pray for Donald and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of
 the world;
People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest; *especially Betty Budde.*
People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Reader We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;
People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; *especially Sue, Julia,*
Betsy, Jennifer, Carleigh, Rebecca, Harry, Carolyn, Sanddii, Millard, Chuck,
Will, Virginia, and Alice.

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

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against
you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly
repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

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

"O Holy City, Seen of John"

arr. Roger Price

The Doxology:

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

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

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

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 *"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord"* Psalm 33

Communion Hymn *"I come with joy to meet my Lord"* Hymn 304

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 *"In Christ there is no East or West"* Hymn 529

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

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Closing Voluntary *Toccata in D* Johann Pachelbel

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to St. John's, Lynchburg. Pray for the people of St. John's, Lynchburg, their associate rector, The Rev. Ben Cowgill and their rector, The Rev. Chris Roussell. 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 Margaret English Lester
By the Coleman family*

*We Give Thanks for the Beauty of Narthex Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Curtis and Estelle Bryant
By the Family*

The Beverly S. Parrish, Jr. Christian Leadership Award

Since 1957, whenever possible, Christ Church has presented this annual award to a young person(s) who best represents the spirit of Beverly S. Parrish, Jr. Recipients are chosen for their service at Christ Church, at their school, and in the wider community. A plaque to honor his life, and in recognition of those youth who exemplify his admirable traits, is displayed in the narthex of the church.

Beverly S. Parrish, Jr., was an Eagle Scout, a successful student of science and engineering, a recipient of many academic accolades, and a distinguished member of several military groups while attending college. He was an active member of Christ Church, serving as a crucifer for many years, and was a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He continues to be remembered for his honors and achievements, but more importantly, for his personal qualities of kindness, strong sense of duty, and dependability. He had a "can do" attitude and was ready to assist his family and friends to the best of his ability. He was a Christian in every sense of the word.

Congratulations to all the Graduates!

2025 High School Graduates

Baylie Coleman will graduate from Magna Vista High School on May 24, 2025. This fall Baylie will be attending the University of Virginia with plans to study Kinesiology in hopes to move into the Physical Therapy field after graduation. Baylie is the daughter of Rives and Tiffany Coleman, the granddaughter of James D. and Beverley Coleman, and Edward and Gail Acock.

Lauren Elise Farrar graduates with honors from West Potomac High, Alexandria VA, on June 2. She will attend the University of Toronto in the fall. Lauren is the daughter of Jason and Jenny Farrar and the granddaughter of Becky and Larry Farrar.

Boyden Gardner graduated from high school in Philadelphia and has been accepted into Temple University School of Art and Architecture. Boyden is the son of Revs. John and Rachel Gardner and the grandson of Phil & Lynn Gardner.

2025 College Graduates

Dustin Hylton has completed his graduate program & is receiving his Master of Education in School Counseling from Liberty University's School of Behavioral Sciences. Upon receiving his degree, he will maintain his position as a School Counselor at Franklin County High School, where he formerly taught Psychology & World History II. Before that, he taught United States & Virginia History at Magna Vista High. Dustin worked under a provisional school counseling license for Franklin County's 2024-2025 school year while he finished graduate school. Dustin is married to Emily Hylton & is the father of James Hylton.

Ava Gardner will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg and plans to pursue a career in medicine. She was awarded the Phi Kappa Phi Medallion Award for the highest academic standing in her respective college. She will spend her summer teaching kiteboarding on the Outer Banks. Ava is the daughter of Graham and Jennifer Gardner and the granddaughter of Marty Gardner.

Finn Gardner will graduate with a Water, Resources, Policy and Management major from Virginia Tech. He will intern for the law firm of Patrick K. Moore this summer. He is a manager of Sharkey's, a landmark restaurant in Blacksburg. Finn is the son of Graham and Jennifer Gardner and the grandson of Marty Gardner.

Hadden Anne Probst graduated from the University of North Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Development and Family Sciences, and a minor in Health and Society. Throughout her studies in Chapel Hill, Hadden demonstrated an unwavering passion for supporting families and education. She served as an active student member of Chapel of the Cross and in mission work for Education=Hope in Quito, Ecuador. With her internship at Duke Children's Pediatric Center, she worked tirelessly on Pediatrics Supporting Parents (PSP) initiatives, supporting family-centered outreach efforts. Hadden's heart for helping others and her exceptional work ethic will undoubtedly lead her to continue making a difference in the lives of those she touches. Hadden is the daughter of Lee Probst and Ron Probst.

Macy Seiy graduated May 10, 2025, from Averett University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She plans to work within the school system and make a difference in the children's social, emotional, and educational journey. Macy is the daughter of Ginger and the late Ronnie Wagoner, and the granddaughter of Sue Rosser.

Emily Diane Williams graduated from Patrick & Henry Community College with her associate's degree in nursing. She begins at James Madison University in the fall to pursue her bachelor's degree in nursing and has accepted a full-time Registered Nurse position with Carillon Memorial in Roanoke. Emily is the daughter of Andy and Tara Williams and CEC's nursery attendant.

Monday Bible Study

The Monday night Bible study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Parish House. On **May 19**, we will begin Luke's account of Jesus' Passion with the Last Supper in chapter 22. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as you can; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

Wednesday Eucharists

On Wednesdays, we celebrate **Holy Eucharist at Noon in the Chapel** (enter via the glass Undercroft door at the back of the church building). These brief (thirty minutes) spoken services commemorate the saint of the day from the Episcopal calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

Loaves & Fishes – May 28, 2025

Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) is on **May 28**, with dinner being served **from 5:00 to 6:00**. Even if you are not helping with cooking, serving, cleaning, or donating fruit or dessert, church members are encouraged to come and sit down for a meal with our neighbors in the community. Sign up on the Church's website under volunteers to volunteer, be a table host, or to bring something.

Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for **May - June: Deodorant (Men's or Women's) For May: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and hygiene items**. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network by 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: Ann Gardner

Chalists: Rives Coleman, Steve Keyser

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Jay Dickens, Hank Long

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Natalie Coleman, Steve Keyser

Altar Guild Team #2 – Valerie Payne, Page Beeler, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain, Ruth Foley, Rita Hodges, Michael Hodges, Linda O'Dell

Nursery Attendant: Emily Williams

2025 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell. Will Zimmer

Year 2: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

Year 1: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser