



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

May 24, 2026

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

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*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      *Come Holy Ghost, Lord God*      Dieterich Buxtehude

Processional Hymn      *"Hail thee, festival day!"*      Hymn 225

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.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ 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 (2:1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37** *Benedic, anima mea*

- 25 O Lord, how manifold /are your/ works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is /full of your crea/tures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too /many to/ number, \*  
creatures /both small and /great.
- 27 There move the ships,  
and there is/ that Le/viathan, \*  
which you have made /for the sport of /it.
- 28 All of them /look to /you \*  
to give them their/ food in due /season.
- 29 You give it to them; they /gather /it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are/ filled with good/ things.
- 30 You hide your face, and /they are/ terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and re/turn to their /dust.



- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they/ are cre/ated; \*  
and so you re/new the face of the /earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord en/dure for/ ever; \*  
may the Lord re/joyce in all his /works.
- 33 He looks at the earth /and it/ trembles; \*  
he touches the /mountains and they/ smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as /long as I /live; \*  
I will praise my God /while I have my/ being.
- 35 May these words of /mine please /him; \*  
I /will re/joyce in the /Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, /O my/soul. \*  
Hal/lelu/jah!

**Reader** A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth (12:3b-13)

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

**Sequence Hymn** "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire" **Hymn 503**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (20:19-23)

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

**The Sermon** "Unexpectedly possessed" **The Rev. John Adams**  
*Ideas to ponder:*

- What have you thought or experienced about possession?
- With what gift do you hope the Spirit would possess us?

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Karin, our bishop-elect, all bishops,  
priests, and deacons;  
*People*      *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

*Reader*      We pray for Donald, our President, 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;  
*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.*



Celebrant

BCP 373

It is truly right... glorify your Name, as we say...

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 373-374

We acclaim you... this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and people

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant

BCP 375

Lord we pray... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
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                      *Suddenly there came a sound*                      Acts 2, Psalm 68  
Communion Hymn                      *Holy Spirit, Font of Life*                      setting Carl Schalk

*Once all have received, the celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as  
living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The celebrant blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn                      *"Come down, O Love divine"*                      Hymn 516

*Priest:*            *Alleluia, Alleluia!* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

The Closing Voluntary                      *Come Holy Ghost, Lord God*                      Andreas Armsdorf

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of  
Paul B. Toms, May H. Toms, and Nathan Toms  
By the Family*

### Memorial Day

The Church office is closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

### Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening study is on summer break and will resume after Labor Day.

### Wednesday Eucharist

On **Wednesday, May 27**, we will 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 and are perfect for those who want to attend a service but are unable to come Sunday mornings or who want an additional gathering for corporate prayer to help them through the week.

### Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) is on **May 27**, 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 to volunteer, be a table host, or to bring something.

### **Church History Class**

Our studies in Church History continue **June 3 at 10:30 am in the Undercroft**, as we consider the causes and background of the Crusades. Whether this is your first or twentieth time, all are welcome!

### **Summer Sunday Lemonade**

Continuing a summer tradition, we will have fellowship time with lemonade and cookies on the patio (or in the undercroft if it's raining) **after the 10:30 service, June 7 through August 30**; if you are willing to help bring beverages and treats or set up and clean up, **please sign up on our website under 'volunteers'** for your Sunday.

### **Save the Date - Flag Day Summer Outing**

On Sunday, June 14, please join us for an evening of croquet, dinner, and fellowship in Marty Gardner's woods; we'll begin gathering at 4:30 pm and eat around 5:30.

Although reservations are not required, in order to know how much food to prepare, **please sign up on our website under 'volunteers'**.

### **NEW Choir Robes**

The choir wishes to express their thanks to the vestry for approving the purchase of new choir robes, which they are wearing for the first time today.

### **Grace Network**

Our Grace Network Assignments for **May - June: Applesauce (24-32 oz) OR six packs of individuals**. 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:** Hank Long

**Chalists:** John Swezey

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** Dan Cahill, Rives Coleman

**Camera Operator:** Linda O'Dell

**Counters:** Steve Keyser, Jay Dickens

**Altar Guild Team #4 -** Becky Farrar, Susan Smith, Natalie Coleman,

Ashley Ullstein, Dawn Stone, Kyle Trent

**Nursery Attendant:** Caroline Davis

### **2026 Christ Church Vestry**

**Year 3:** Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,

Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

**Year 2:** Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges; Secretary, Steve Keyser

**Year 1:** Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens, Linda O'Dell, Ron Probst