



## News from Christ Church May 4, 2022

Dear friends,

The word "rubric" comes from the word "red." These little instructions for liturgy were originally written in red ink to distinguish them from the words to be spoken.

While those of you with Catholic backgrounds will have been given strict instruction on correct posture and action in a liturgy, the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer are usually open to differences of practice.

For instance, you'll only see the specific rubric to kneel in regard to the confession. Every other time, you'll see a rubric that reads "The people stand or kneel." When you see this choice in a rubric, the BCP prefers that you stand (because the preference is always named first) but allows for kneeling if you prefer to do so.

In worship, you may very well think that 'everyone' is supposed to be bowing or crossing or kneeling or standing because it seems like everyone is doing it. Not so. These are all extras: allowed if they are helpful to your personal piety, but never required.

A couple of you noticed that the rubric for the Eucharistic prayer changed in our bulletins for the Easter season. It reads "The people remain standing," rather than option to stand (preferred) or kneel (allowed) customarily following the *Sanctus*. It is an ancient practice of the church that Christians stand for our prayers during Easter in order to recognize our stature before God, "who has made us worthy to stand before him" in Christ (as we pray in Eucharistic Prayer B.) Some of you noticed that we also dropped the confession for the Easter season -- again, it's an optional observance that sets the Easter season off from the rest of the liturgical year. It's not a statement that we don't need forgiveness, but a statement that Christ secured our forgiveness at Easter once and for all.

None of this is universally practiced or mandated. But it seems right to follow a season of kneeling in our sin with a season of standing in our redemption before God. I commend the practice to you as Easter people!

faithfully,

## Spring Cleanup

*Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m - breakfast provided.*

It's that time of year again. Let's get together to spruce up Christ Church grounds! Please bring your rakes, leaf blowers, and wheelbarrows to clean up the property and mulch the flower beds. All hands needed; all ages invited. If you are available to help, [please let Bill O'Keefe know.](#)

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## Feast of the Ascension

*Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist with choir*

Ascension Day is a principal feast of our church year, though one often overlooked. It always falls on the Thursday that marks 40 days after Easter and commemorates the moment of Jesus' ascension to the right hand of God. All are invited to this festive Eucharist.

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## Book club

*Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall*

Our final selection for the book club this academic year is *God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse* by James Weldon Johnson. Published in 1927, this collection of short, lyrical works reads quickly and moves the soul indelibly.

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## Community Breakfast

*Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.*

Christ Church continues to serve breakfast to anyone who wants or needs it. Anyone interested in learning more, or helping to prepare or serve, [email Liz Houlton](#) or call her at 845-325-1276.

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## Evening prayer on Zoom

*Thursdays, 7:00 - 7:30 pm*

[Click here for link.](#) If you are interested in leading the service or reading the lessons, please [email Charlotte Trott.](#)

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**Vestry:** Chris Loftus, Senior Warden; Bill O'Keefe, Junior Warden

Elena Chavez Carey, Billie Gallo, Linda Garcia, Steven Greh, Sharon Kelly, Gaye Murphy, Erick Storckman,  
Simon Turner, Diana Van Fossen, Abbie Opper (treasurer)

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*Sundays at Christ Church*

**9:00 a.m.** - Holy Eucharist, in-person and  
livestreamed to Vimeo and the Parish Hall

**10:00 a.m.** - Coffee hour

**10:10 a.m.** - Sunday school

**11:00 a.m.** - Holy Eucharist with choir



Check our weekly  
sermons Podcast here!