

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rogation Sunday

May 22, 10:10 a.m.

Rogation days are the days preceding the Feast of the Ascension and are especially devoted to asking God's blessing on agriculture. You're invited to bring your garden tools, gloves, seeds, or starters to church that Sunday. We'll say a blessing over them at coffee hour.

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.

Rector's Scholarship

A special gift has made it possible for Christ Church to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted into a post-secondary program of study. Submission deadline is June 10, 2022. Please email the office for a copy of the guidelines.

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.

Altar flowers and aumbry candles

If you would like to donate the weekly altar flowers or aumbry candles in memory or in honor of a person or occasion, fill out a blue envelope in the narthex or by the bulletin board by the restrooms. We will notate your donation in the bulletin that week. It's a great way to enhance the beauty of the church while recognizing a significant moment in your life.

Feed your family and support your church

You can purchase ShopRite or Price Chopper gift cards every Sunday immediately following worship or stop by the parish office during business hours Monday through Friday. At no cost to you, Christ Church earns a percentage that goes to supporting church programs.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand at the tolling of the bell.

HYMN 657 *Love divine, all loves excelling*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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.**

THE GLORIA H/S 278 *Glory to God (front of hymnal)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 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

THIS WEEK'S MINISTERS

Lectors

9:00 a.m. Fred Houston

11:00 a.m. Ginny Mohr

Eucharistic Ministers

9:00 a.m. Phil McCutcheon

11:00 a.m. Paul Graf

Acolytes

9:00 a.m. Ally Turner, John Chavez Carey, Jonah Patino

Ushers

9:00 a.m. Cheryl Walters, Sue Watson

11:00 a.m. Ginny and George Mindos

Coffee Hour:

The Christ Church Altar Guild

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (live-streamed to the parish hall)

10:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parish hall

10:10 a.m. Christian formation for children and youth (upstairs)

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with choir

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 BLESSING

HYMN 537 *Christ for the world we sing!*

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*The altar flowers and aumbry candle are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Olga Tuttle*

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, *read responsively by whole verse.*

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 created.

6 **He made them stand fast for ever and ever; ***
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

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 together.
 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.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 486 vs 1, 2 Hosanna to the living Lord!

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the cup to guide it.) If you would rather not receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest as the cup comes to you. If you would rather receive a blessing than communion, cross your arms over your chest at the rail. Indicate to the minister if you need a gluten-free wafer.

not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

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

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Amber Carswell

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the back of the church.

THE NICENE CREED, said by all, standing.

BCP 358

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE, *standing.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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BCP 392

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC, *remaining seated*

PRESENTATION HYMN 380 vs 3

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

BCP 372

The musical notation consists of three staves. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al-so with you." The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The fifth staff is for the Celebrant and the sixth for the People. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise."

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS H/S-130 *Holy, holy, holy Lord (front of hymnal)*

The people remain standing.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did