

Christ Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Anglican Communion

May 12, 2024, 10:00AM

Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.

(Christ Church's Mission Statement)



**The 7th Sunday of Easter, Ascension Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Welcome! Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a lifelong member, we are glad you are here. Whatever your religious background and wherever you are on your faith journey, we hope you encounter the Sacred here.

You'll notice that in our worship services not all people participate in exactly the same ways. Part of what makes The Episcopal Church special is that people with diverse beliefs and practices worship together here. We invite you to participate in the service as you feel comfortable. You are free to sit, stand or kneel; cry and laugh; doubt and question; hold hands with your partner; sit silently; or sing off key. Children are a blessing, not a bother, so don't be worried if they wiggle.

Most of the material you need is in this bulletin; as well as *The Hymnal 1982*, the songbook *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS) and the *Book of Common Prayer* (has a cross on the front). There are Bibles in the pews in various translations, feel free to leaf through, or even take one, if you'd like.

The Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet. In the Episcopal Church it is our tradition to welcome everyone to receive communion. This is God's table, not our table; and God welcomes everyone to share in the Body of Christ.

Following the service, please join us for refreshments in St. Joseph's Hall. There are often presentations of varied topics of interest in the Adult Forum.

If you have questions about our church, please speak with a clergy person, one of the ushers, or a greeter after the service or contact the church office, 610-566-7525 or rita@christchurchmedia.org. To join our emailing list, please fill out the tan visitor card in your pew and give it to an usher or put it in the collection plate.

God loves and accepts you, just as you are, and we do too. **Welcome!**

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez - Bishop

The Rev. Fr. Ernest Galaz – Rector

The Rev. Dcn. Joseph German - Deacon

Mr. Kurt Brunner – Senior Warden

The 7th Sunday of Easter, Ascension Sunday
 Celebrant: The Rev. Ernest Galaz, Rector
 Deacon: The Rev. Joseph German
 Organist: Mr. Joel Lenderman

Please bring all conversations to an end and use this time for reflection, meditation, preparation and prayer.

Processional Hymn 214 "Hail the day that sees him rise"

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 *3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
 See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

People Amen.

Gloria – Lau

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 adore you.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray... O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen

The First Lesson

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among

us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

Gradual Hymn “Praise the Lord” - N. Sleeth

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet;
harp and lute; gentle sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest;
city square; anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine;
dark of night; rain or snow, or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley;
on the highest hill; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal;
pipe and string; joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning;
Sunday noon; by the light of sun or moon.

The Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 17:6-19

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

**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 (truly human).**

**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

Today we thank God that the Christ who ascended is with us, visible in the lives of the people. Let us pray for all these people, and for the life about us, saying: O God, holding the world with love, have mercy on us.

Leader: O God, in the resurrection and ascension of your Son, you have drawn us nearer to yourself. Together with your Son may we be together also with all the people of the world. O God, holding the world with love.

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Circle all our nation, towns, villages, tribes and countryside's with your love. Encircle all people with your great arms. Encircle all lands with your Son's marks of mercy. O God, holding the world with love.

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Transform your church with love. Transform people and communities, groups and governments. Cast out fear with love. Turn us over and around by the Spirit of your Son. O God, holding the world with love.

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Center all the scattered, and call them together with your love. Hold us together, or we will be lost. Awake us, or we will fall asleep in dangerous places. For the lost and helpless, we pray. O God, holding the world with love.

People: Have mercy on us

Leader: Fill all the places of the world with your great love. Give us the joy of the spirit of Jesus. Make us glad in this sad world. O God, holding the world with love.

People: Have mercy on us.

The people add their petitions and thanksgiving aloud or silently.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect

O God of mercy, we have your promise that we are loved. Hear our prayers for all the world, hungering for your love, the love of your Son without end.

People Amen.

The Peace (All Stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

A Litany for Mothers

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers.

We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from you, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth. We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood.

Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

O Lord of grace and love we ask your richest blessing on all mothers:
Loving God, we thank you that Jesus enjoyed a mother's love and grew up within a family.
Thanks be to God.

We thank you for the homes where we were born and for the care and affection of our mothers.
Thanks be to God.

We thank you if we are still privileged to enjoy the warmth and security of family life.
Thanks be to God.

We pray for all mothers today:
For expectant mothers, especially those awaiting the birth of their first child:
We pray to you, O Lord.

For women who think about becoming mothers and those who desperately want to be mothers:
We pray to you, O Lord.

For those who have young children and who get tired and harassed with so much to do:
We pray to you, O Lord.

For those dealing with the turmoil of raising adolescent children:
We pray to you, O Lord.

For those with adult children who discover that a mother's task is never done:
We pray to you, O Lord.

For moms experiencing changes they could not predict:
We pray to you, O Lord.

For those who, like the Virgin Mary, have suffered the agony of the loss of a child:
We pray to you, O Lord.

For those with difficult homes and spouses who find it hard to be constant and loving:
We pray to you, O Lord.

For those who find themselves raising a child alone:
We pray to you, O Lord.

For those who find it hard to make ends meet, or who go short themselves for the sake of their families:

We pray to you, O Lord.

For step-mothers, and the special gifts they bring to their families:

We pray to you, O Lord.

For grandmothers, and the special love they share with their grandchildren and for grandmothers raising their grandchildren:

We pray to you, O Lord.

For mothers who gave up their children to adoption:

We pray to you, O Lord.

For those separated from their children:

We pray to you, O Lord.

For adoptive mothers and foster mothers, who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life:

We pray to you, O Lord.

For those who find themselves parenting their parents and for those who find themselves stretched between their children and their parents:

We pray to you, O Lord.

For those tending empty nests:

We pray to you, O Lord.

For those mothers who are trying to make Christ real to their families:

We pray to you, O Lord.

We pray also for those who wanted to but never had children of their own:

We pray to you, O Lord.

For those who are grieving the loss of their mother:

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lastly, we entrust our mothers, living and dead to your eternal care, giving thanks for all the good that we received from our mothers, and forgiving them their shortcomings; this we ask in the name of Jesus, who was lovingly cared for by his mother Mary. **AMEN.**

Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated for the Offertory Anthem

Offertory Anthem "Let Praise be the First Word" M. Patterson

Let Praise Be the First word
The first word we sing
Each morning and evening
And moments in between,

To God our creator let alleluias ring
Let Praise Be the First word, the first word we sing.

Come this day with shouts of joy,
Let your voice be raised.
Giving thanks for God, rejoice,
With a song of praise.

Doxology

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. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, (Eucharistic Prayer B)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus - Lau

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the

fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem “Whoever Comes to Me” A. Clarke

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger,
And whoever believes in me shall never thirst:
Send out your light and your truth
That they may lead to your holy hill;

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. The Body of Christ for the Body of Christ. Be what you see. Receive what you are.

Communion LEV 98 “Praise Him, Praise Him”

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him!
Jesus, blessed Savior, he’s worthy to be praised.

From the rising of the sun
Until the going down of the same,
He’s worthy, Jesus is worthy,
He’s worthy to be praised.

Glory! Glory! In all things give him glory.
Jesus, blessed Savior, he’s worthy to be praised.

For God is our rock,
Hope of salvation;
A strong deliverer,
In him I will always trust.

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him!
Jesus, blessed Savior, he's worthy to be praised.

From the rising of the sun
Until the going down of the same,
He's worthy, Jesus is worthy,
He's worthy to be praised.

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him!
Jesus, blessed Savior, he's worthy to be praised.

Hymn LEV 107 "There's Something About That Name"

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! There's just some - thing a - bout that
name! Mas - ter, Sav - ior, Je - sus! Like the fra - grance
af - ter the rain. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! Let all

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first line of lyrics. The second system covers the second line. The third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment features chords and some melodic lines, with some notes beamed together.

heav - en and earth pro - claim: Kings and king - doms will
all pass a - way, but there's some - thing a - bout that name!

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Recessional Hymn 494 "Crown him with many crowns"

Descant

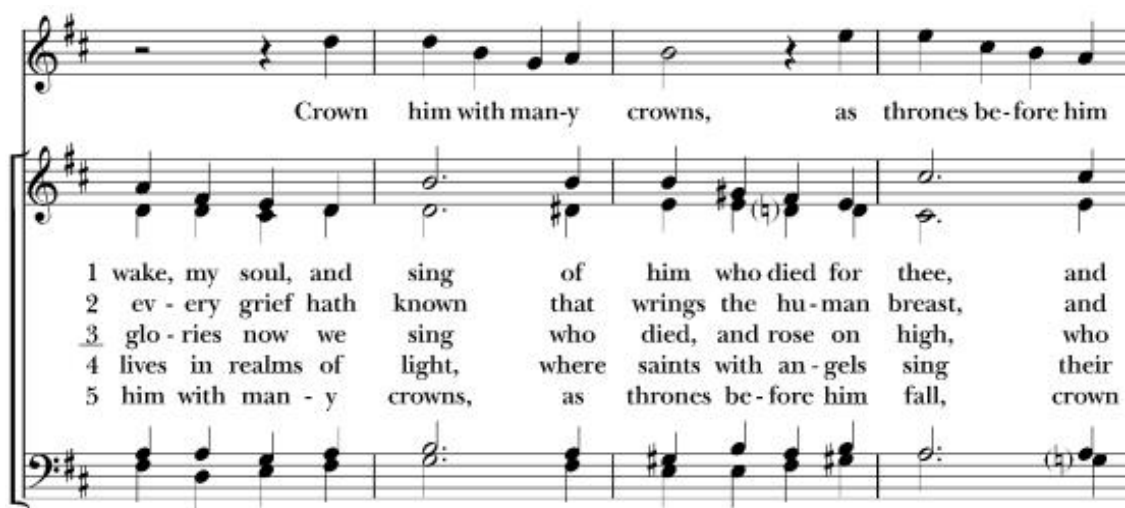
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown



crown him to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the wondrous name of Love. Crown



Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Marylee Bunting
 in loving memory of John & Catherine Bunting.*

*The Altar Wine, Bread, and Candles are given to the Glory of God
 by Carol Smith in loving memory of Charles Smith, Sr.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST – (friends, family and acquaintances of parishioners)

Michael, Teresa, Helen, Mark, Al, Tracy, Lynn, Lee, Diana, Jackie, Bruce, Barbara, Peter, Patrick, Lucille, Bryan, Rosemarie, Rick, Robert, Meredith, Cindy, Willa, Thomas, Joan, Elizabeth, John, Guy, Mike, Bette, Carol, Sherry, Linda, Peggy, Mary, Ed, Taylor, Robin, Joy, Alex, Paul, Judi, Rebecca, Terry, Sandy, Carolyn, Daniella, Rachel, Morgan, Karen, Anthony, Jean, Marco, Abigail, Pat, Barbara, Doug, Debbie, Judith, Taylor, Sandy, Carol, Isabella, Connor, Bruce, Bonnie, Cynthia, Anu, Robert, Mark, Jim, Linda, Greg, Joanne

WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Matthew McCarthy, Quinton Singer, Pat Rizzo

ANNIVERSARIES: Joyce & Don Glackin, Lynn & Greg Vavroch

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I and 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II, the 10am service is live-streamed.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, and SERVICE Every Wednesday, all are invited to join in a spiritually uplifting morning. **Intercessory Prayer at 10am; Bible Study at 11am** in the Rector's Office. Following Bible Study, the **midday service** is offered in the Chapel. All are welcome!

NURSERY CARE Nursery care is available today from 9:30am—12:30pm for infants to 3 years of age in the Acorn Classroom located on the lower level. Ashley Steinhauer and De Anna Hickson, Nursery care givers.

CHURCH SCHOOL Church school is held immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. All children 4 years of age through 5th grade meet in St. Mary's Hall. Church School ends promptly at 12:15pm.

ADULT FORUM Adult Forum immediately follows the 10 AM worship service and is held in St. Joseph's Hall. Upcoming topics:

May 12 – Coffee Hour Social

May 19 – Garden Planting and Vestry Meeting

If you'd like to present a topic at an upcoming Adult Forum, or if you have an idea for a topic, please contact Beth Termini 978-239-3937

Ladies Spring Tea – What a wonderful Saturday afternoon!

Thank you to the Planning Committee, everyone who contributed berries, sandwiches and desserts, and to everyone who stepped in to assist with set up and clean up.

We appreciate Fr. Ernie's discretionary fund contribution to help with some of our expenses.

We also appreciated Fr. Ernie's opening prayer.

O holy one of love and abundance; God of joy and fellowship, You are the ultimate party crasher. Bidden or unbidden you are present here.

Your Holy Spirit moves in and amongst and through us to bring forth the abundant joy of your presence.

We pray that we may always sense your presence with us in each moment, each breath, each blink of the eye, and in each encounter with each other.

May all that we say and do at this gathering be a blessing - the sharing of tea and traditions, of sandwiches and cakes, the amusing stories and memories of those who are no longer with us;

yes even in our sorrows and our longings- may all that we say and do at this tea be a reminder and an outpouring of your extravagant love;

through the one who would not allow a party to be dampened by lack of wine - your son our savior Jesus Christ. Amen

To enter the door prize drawing, we asked everyone to share one thing they like about our Christ Church community.

Comments include: fellowship, friendly, love, care and support for each other, generosity, kindness, warm welcome, acceptance, music, Fr Ernie's sermons, Sunday school teachers and family feeling.

We are indeed blessed!

If anyone would like to join the Planning Committee for next year (May 3, 2025) or if you have photos from this year's Tea you would like to share, please email to bdubylwilson@comcast.net.

Thank you, Barbara Wilson

CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB All are welcomed to come on Tuesday, May 14 at 11am in St. Joseph's Hall to discuss the book, "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano.

ST JAMES BACKPACK PROJECT As part of our outreach ministry we will once again partner with St. James School in providing backpacks for their 18 graduating students. Each backpack will have a calculator, homework assignment book, school supplies, books to read, and other items needed for their educational journey and a personally selected item.

The first two items – backpack and calculator – will be a donation of \$170 (for our 170th year celebration!!) When you sign up to donate, please note payment by cash or check.

Other items, that is, assignment books, supplies, etc. will be for you to purchase. There will be table in St. Joseph's Hall where you will place your donations and they will be collected each Sunday until May 19th. Sign up sheets will be available in St. Joseph's Hall. Checks payable to Christ Church memo: *Backpack project*

If you have any questions, please see or email JoAnn Townsend at joanntownsend@mac.com

CHURCH GARDEN It's planting season! Join us after the 10am service on **Sunday, May 19th** to plant the two raised beds alongside the rectory. The youth group and Sunday school class will be leading the way so you know it will be fun! If you are interested in helping to plant the garden or to take care of it throughout the season (watering, weeding, harvesting) please email Maggie Dunn at margaretelizabethdunn@gmail.com.

CHRIST CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP The Christ Church Grief Support Group meets every month on the third Saturday at 10 AM. This meeting is offered both in-person at the church and via Zoom. All are welcome, whether your loss is recent or long ago.

THURSDAY EMPOWERMENT GROUP meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm. The group has decided to study the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) beginning with our next meeting. This is a great opportunity for both those new to the Episcopal church and for long time members to delve into our shared faith. The BCP includes all of the various rites (Eucharist, Baptism, Marriage, etc.) prayers, as well as historical documents, a catechism of church teachings, and so much more. All are welcome to join us and hopefully have many of your questions answered. If you have any questions about this group, please contact Dan Mistichelli via email ddmisti@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **St. James POOL & PACKING PARTY** On **Saturday, May 25th** you're invited to the "BARN" (JoAnn Townsend's) 327 W Baltimore Pike, Media for a fun day of crafts, swimming, and outdoor play. We will also be packing backpacks and wrapping presents for graduating students of St. James as part of our outreach ministry. It all begins at 11am, lunch will be provided. \$25 per person donation to St. James Backpack project. Please see sign up posted on the bulletin board.

- **Sunday, June 2 - END OF YEAR CELEBRATION** This fun event takes place immediately after the 10am worship service.
- **Tuesday, July 30 – CHRIST CHURCH NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES**
Christ Church has purchased 50 tickets for the Phillies vs Yankees game. The game has a 6:40pm start time. Tickets are \$50 each. Please see Bob Miller if interested on purchasing tickets or contact him via email: Robertmiller42311@gmail.com

***A Memorial Service for Pat Haussmann will be held at Christ Church
on Saturday, May 18th at 11am.***

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

7 Easter, May 12

8AM

Altar – Rob Miller
OT, Psalm – Geoff Kitson
PP – Ginny Davis
NT/CB – Kate Zurick

10AM

1st Server – Alexsa McKeown
2nd Server – Dillen Wible
Crucifer – Ivy Comerford
Gospeler – Frank Mathews
OT – Mary Ann Klassen
NT – Ann Haslanger
PP – Ron Mecklin
CB1 – David Klassen
CB2 – Jo Trout

Ushers

8AM – Geoff Kitson, Gregg Smith
10AM – Jim Mayer, Ron Mecklin

The Day of Pentecost, May 19

8AM

Altar – Steve Falcone
OT, Psalm – Sandy McKeown
PP – Holly Cunningham
NT/CB – Peter Falcone

10AM

Thurifer – Frank Mathews
Boat – Abraham Mathews
1st Server – Caroline Lenderman
2nd Server – Maya Scranton
Crucifer – Scott Scranton
Torch 1 – Claire Comerford
Torch 2 – Bethany Dufner
Crucifer 2 – Nora Dufner
Gospeler – Robert Miller
OT – Callie Scranton
NT – Nora Dufner
PP – Scott Scranton
Paten – Sue Welfley
CB1 – Alexsa McKeown
CB2 – Ivy Comerford

Ushers

8AM – Jim & Sandy McKeown
10AM – Jim Mayer, Faith Elcock

Weekly Calendar

7 Easter, May 12

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery Care

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30am Church School & Youth Group

Monday, May 13

9am Soccer Shots

Tuesday, May 14

11am Book Club, SJH

Wednesday, May 15

10am Intercessory Prayer

11am Bible Study

12:15pm Midday Service

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

8pm AA Meeting, SJH

Thursday, May 16

10am Finance Meeting, RO

7pm Empowerment Group, SJH

Friday, May 17

Saturday, May 18

9am Altar Guild

11am Pat Haussmann Memorial Service

The Day of Pentecost, May 19

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery Care

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Church School & Youth

11:30 Vestry Meeting

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Vestry

2025

Heather Comerford, Preschool
Karen Mason, Parish Life
Robert Miller, Liturgical
Kate Zurick, Secretary & Communications

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Kurt Brunner, Rector's Warden
Rob Miller, Outreach
Patti Davis
Stephanie Untz

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Jo Trout, Hospitality

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

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