

Christ Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Anglican Communion

May 21, 2023, 8:00 AM

Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.
(Christ Church's Mission Statement)



The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Celebrant: The Rev. Ernest Galaz, Rector

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria

Gloria be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, Have mercy on us. For thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

The Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

The Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 17:1-11

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"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."

Priest The Gospel of Our Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Ernest Galaz

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

Let us once more cast our cares upon the Lord, saying: To God be glory forever and ever.

Leader: For the church of God, especially its members who share in Christ's suffering, that the glory of the Lord might be revealed, we pray:

People: To God, be glory forever and ever.

Leader: For the world so loved by God, that the power of God's grace working in us might restore the beauty of its created image, we pray:

People: To God, be glory forever and ever.

Leader: For those who glorify God in simple, hidden, and faith-filled ways, we pray:

People: To God, be glory forever and ever.

Leader: For this local community, that the coming of the Spirit might find us steadfast in prayer and strong in love, we pray:

People: To God, be glory forever and ever.

Leader: For all in any pain and for all who sorrow, that they might be brought beyond their trouble into the Spirit's peace, we pray:

People: To God, be glory forever and ever.

The people add their petitions and thanksgiving aloud or silently.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect

Good and gracious God, you do infinitely more for us than all we can ask or even imagine. Hear these prayers; be our Savior again, now and forever.

People Amen.

The Peace (All Stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Greetings and Announcements

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving, (Eucharistic Prayer II)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a

full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

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

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation

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.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant 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 Peter & Eileen Falcone
in thanksgiving and celebration of Juliet's 1st Birthday.***

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, Adrian, Guy, Mike, Bette, Carol, Sherry, Linda, Peggy, Mary, Ed, Taylor, Robin, Joy, Alex, Paul, Judi, Jayne, Rebecca, Andrea, Terry, Sandy, Carolyn, Daniella, Rachel, Morgan, Karen, Anthony, Jean, Marco, Abigail, Pat, Barbara, Bridget, Doug, Debbie, Jimmie, Judith, Taylor, Sandy, Carol, Isabella, Kurt

WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Dillen Wible, Lynn Lowrey, Bobbi Morris, Jane Kriebel, Arielle Kozub, Juliet Chamberland, Daniel Bullitt

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

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.

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 Study. Following Bible Study, the **midday service** is offered in the Chapel. All are welcome!

CHURCH SCHOOL Church School is held immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. All children 4 years of age through 5th grade meet in the Butterfly Classroom located on the lower level. If you are new to our church and wish to have your child/children participate, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers or parishioners for assistance before or after 10am service. Church School ends promptly at 12:15pm. Please come join us.

We are looking for volunteer teachers and helpers for our church school and youth ministries. If interested in helping, please contact Sue Welfley susanwelfley100@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP All youth Middle and Senior High are invited to join us immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. This Group meet in the new Meeting Room (formerly Toddler room) located on the lower level adjacent to the Butterfly class, from 11:30-12:15pm. For more information please contact Frank Mathews at kanefrank86@yahoo.com.

ADULT FORUM Sunday Adult Forum immediately follows the 10am worship service in St. Joseph's Hall. Upcoming forums:

May 21 – Vestry Meeting - All are welcome to attend meetings of the Vestry.

May 28 – Coffee Hour

June 4 - Summer Celebration – *See below for more info*

June 11

- **Signing of Graduation Cards** - Thanks to everyone who has donated to the St. James Backpack Project. We are still accepting donations for the backpacks. We would love everyone to sign graduation cards for the 18 graduating students at Saint James. Graduation cards will be on the tables in Saint Joseph's hall, and they will be available before and after both services on June 11.
- Jo Trout will present and discuss plans for the **2023 Fall Festival**. Please attend so that you can hear about the draft plans for the festival, more about a focus group being planned for this year, and some of the new ideas for marketing and recruiting parishioner volunteers – “many hands make light work.”

June 18 – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Part II. Father Ernie will delve more deeply into the spiritual and cultural significance of the trip.

June 25 – Tea on the Lawn begins

If you'd like to present a topic at an upcoming Adult Forum, or if you have an idea for a topic, please contact Mary Fran Moeller at 610-299-5574 or maryfranmoeller@gmail.com

THURSDAY EMPOWERED GROUP The Empowered Group **meets the first and third Thursdays of the month** to deepen our faith through study, action, and contemplative practice. We begin at **7pm** for contemplative prayer and discussion. We also engage in various outreach activities in our community.

CALLING ALL GRADS! We would like to recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 4th. If your son or daughter will be graduating in 2023 please let us know. You can email Rita at rita@christchurchmedia.org

CHRIST CHURCH SUMMER CELEBRATION, SUNDAY, JUNE 4th Please join us in celebrating our graduates, new members and our newly baptized following the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, June 4th. Lunch will be provided for our time of celebration, fellowship and conversation on the front lawn. For planning purposes please add your name and the number attending to the sign up sheet in the main hallway. We hope you can make this wonderful event. Contact Joel Lenderman for questions at joel@christchurchmedia.org.

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.

ARE YOU DE-CLUTTERING YOUR CLOSETS? Save your items for the 2023 Church Yard Sale. A collection bin has been placed on the stage in St. Joseph's Hall to accept your donations for the September Yard Sale. If you have any questions, contact Ginny Davis.

DRIVERS NEEDED Do you feel called to help parishioners who would like to come to church on occasion and do not have transportation? This could be a very special blessing for home bound parishioners as well as those who assist them. If you would like to help contact [Jim Ross](#).

CHRIST CHURCH NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES! Come join the fun at the **Phillies vs Baltimore Orioles game on Wednesday, July 26th at 6:05pm**. Cost \$30 If interested in going to the game, please sign up on the sheet on parish bulletin board or contact Bob Miller at RobertMiller42311@gmail.com Tickets are limited so sign up now!

Weekly Calendar

7 Easter, May 21

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery Care, Acorn Classroom

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30am Church School

11:30am Adult Forum

Monday, May 22

Tuesday, May 23

Wednesday, May 24

10am Intercessory Prayer Group

11am Bible Study

12:15pm Midday Service

7pm Choir Rehearsal

8pm AA Meeting, SJH

Thursday, May 25

10am Lima Estates Holy Communion

Friday, May 26

Saturday, May 27

9am Altar Guild

The Day of Pentecost, May 28

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery Care, Acorn Classroom

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30am Church School

11:30am Adult Forum

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

7 Easter, May 21

8AM

Altar – Kate Zurick
Reader – Geoff Kitson
CB – Rob Miller

10AM

Crucifer – Scott Scranton
1st Server – Alexsa McKeown
2nd Server – Caroline Lenderman
Gospeler – Bob Miller
OT/Psalm – Ann Haslanger
NT – Suzie Laborda
PP – Mary Ann Klassen
CB1 – Frank Mathews
CB2 – Kurt Brunner

Ushers

8AM

McKeown Family

10AM

Wible Family

Greeter

Susan Mayer

The Day of Pentecost, May 28

8AM

Altar – Peter Falcone
Reader – Kate Zurick
CB – Steve Falcone

10AM

Crucifer -
1st Server
2nd Server
Gospeler
OT/Psalm – Sean Seeney
NT – Ron Mecklin
PP – Dan Mistichelli
CB1 – Dave Klassen
CB2 – Patti Davis

Ushers

8AM

Geoff Kitson, Jim McKeown

10AM

Ron Mecklin, Faith Elcock

Greeter

Ann Haslanger

ABOUT OUR CHURCH

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Parish Administrator: Mrs. Rita Caserta, rita@christchurchmedia.org

Preschool Director: Mrs. Lori Crussard, lori@christchurchmedia.org

Vestry

2026

Kurt Brunner, Rector's Warden

Rob Miller, Outreach

Patti Davis

Stephanie Untz

2025

Heather Comerford, Preschool

Karen Mason, Parish Life

Robert Miller, Liturgical

Kate Zurick, Communications

2024

Steven Falcone, Property

Leslie Bullitt, Stewardship

Jim Ross, Hospitality

Maggie Dunn, Secretary of Vestry

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

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