**Christ Episcopal Church**

***A Parish of the Anglican Communion***

**May 25, 2025, 8:00AM**

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**Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.**

*(Christ Church’s Mission Statement)*



**6 Easter**

**Morning Prayer Rite I**

**Morning Prayer**

**Officiant: The Rev. Joseph German**

**Opening Sentence**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

**V:** O Lord, open thou our lips**.
R: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia**

**Venite**

Come, let us sing unto the Lord;\*

Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\*

And show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,\*

 And a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth,\*

 And the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it,\*

 And his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down,\*

 And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God,\*

And we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;\*

Let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth,\*

and with righteousness to judge the world

and the peoples with his truth.

*The people may sit*

**Psalm 9:9-20**

9 The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, \*
a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, \*
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

11 Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; \*
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; \*
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O Lord; \*
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises
and rejoice in your salvation \*
in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, \*
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice; \*
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, \*
and also all the peoples that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, \*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; \*
let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O Lord; \*
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**A reading from the Book of Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Song of Moses**

**I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, \*
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*
Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*
the finest of those who bear armor have been
drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; \*
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*
with your might you brought them in safety to
your holy dwelling.**

**You will bring them in and plant them \*
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign \*
for ever and for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Gospel**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:23-29

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, `I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Homily Rev. Joe German**

***The People standing***

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontious Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everylasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers**

**V:** The Lord be with you**.
R: And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray**.**

**Our Father, who art 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. 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.**

**Suffrages B**

**V.** O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

**R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.**

**V.** Day by day we magnify thee**;
R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
V.** Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin**;
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
V.** O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us; **R As our trust is in thee.
V.** O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
**R. Let me never be confounded.**

**Collect of the Day**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name**. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Gathered together in the name and power of our risen Lord, through whom the glory of
God is revealed, let us offer our prayers to almighty God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That heavenly peace may descend upon us and upon the whole world, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That we may love one another as Christ has commanded us, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That the church throughout the world and in this congregation may be united in peace, empowered by the Spirit, and faithful in its mission to all humankind, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That the power of Christ’s victory over death may show itself among us, bringing freedom, joy, light, and life to those in need, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Together with all others untied to us in the communion of the risen Lord, for all that we need in this life and in your eternal dominion, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Your intercessions and thanksgiving are invited*

**Collect**

Grant, eternal God, that we who are made one with Jesus Christ in the power of his death and resurrection may show forth in our lives the love which proclaims us his disciples, that the world may believe in you and be saved, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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 General Thanksgiving**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

"Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to Him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen."**

***The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Amy & Jeff Chamberland***

***in thanksgiving and celebration of Juliet’s 3rd Birthday.***

***The Altar Wine, Bread, and Candles are given to the Glory of God by Rita Caserta***

 ***in loving memory of Jane Kriebel.***

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

Pat, Barbara, Doug, Debbie, Kurt, Connor, Bruce, Bonnie, Cynthia, Robert, Mark, Linda, Greg, Cecelia, Chris, Rose, Tim, Dolores, Jean, Jeannine, Paula, John, Joanne, Bette, Beth, Emily, Wayne, Grace, Tom, Katie, Jerry, Fred

**WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Arielle Kozub, Juliet Chamberland, Daniel Bullitt, Neva Kelly, Jayne Brown

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

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

**A Delaware Deanery Celebration**

Join us and our fellow churches in the Delaware Deanery area for a festive Ascension Day Eucharist on Thursday, **May 29 at 7:00 PM at Church of the Redeemer, Springfield (**145 W Springfield Road). Come celebrate this joyful feast of Christ’s glory and unity with our Episcopal Parish neighbors.

**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. De Anna Hickson, Nursery care giver.

**JOIN FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER 8AM SERVICE** – We invite all to the church kitchen to enjoy light refreshments and fellowship each Sunday after the 8AM service.

**ADULT FORUM**  All adults are invited to participate in Adult Forum that follows our 10am worship service each Sunday and meet in St. Joseph’s Hall.

**May 25 -** Coffee Hour Social

**June 1 –** **End of Year Celebration**

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 email: terminibeth@hotmail.com

**CHURCH SCHOOL**  Church school is held immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. All children 3 years of age through 5th grade meet in St. Mary’s Hall. Church School ends promptly at 12:15pm.

**SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES**

Big things are happening! Security cameras and a new digital access door for the Preschool have been installed. Coming soon are a new fire alarm system and a new security door for the office entrance. These vital upgrades have been long-needed for the safety of our little ones and to replace antiquated and failing systems. A grant from our diocese and capital funds from our preschool cover the majority of the costs. Access will require a code, however the doors will always be open Sunday mornings and other high traffic times. Stay tuned for more updates.

**YOUNG FAMILIES CHURCH UPDATES**

A few updates this week:

**-WhatsApp**: the young families at Christ Church have created a WhatsApp group text message thread.  WhatsApp was chosen because it is free, secure, and allows a large number of phone numbers on a single thread. This thread can be used by anyone on it to discuss upcoming events, plan informal get togethers, share information, and more! If you would like more information, or to be added, please email Alicia McCarthy at alicia.mccarthy12@gmail.com

-Community Garden: our community garden was planted, with lots of help from our young families, this past Sunday. We are still taking volunteers for weeding/watering/veggie picking.  This is a 10-15 minute job a few times per week, with a rotating schedule that means you are only responsible once every few weeks. Young gardeners welcome! If you'd like to volunteer, please email Maggie Dunn at margaretelizabethdunn@gmail.com.

-Youth Sundays: next dates are June 15 and July 20.  Youth Sundays are a chance for our youth and young families to have increased participation in services, including a youth-centered liturgy and all children being invited up to the altar for the consecration. We look forward to seeing you!

-Sunday School: there will be no Sunday School on May 25 (Memorial Day weekend) and June 1 (end of year celebration).  Our final day of Sunday School will be June 15.  After that, we look forward to seeing you in September!

**THANK YOU** - Many Thanks to all the Youth (& their parents) for a successful and fun-filled Disney-themed Lock-in last weekend! We offer appreciation as well to Bob Miller, Mary Ann & Dave Klassen, and Deacon Joe for their help; Father Ernie for the peaceful late-night service,  and to Scott Scranton and his kitchen team for preparing four delicious entrees for dinner. Special thanks to Jessie & Frank Mathews for all the planning and prep work. We were able to keep the Lock-In tradition alive at Christ Church with thrilling games and late-night scavenger hunts across the church, thanks to everyone who helped out. Let's do it again next year!

**170TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK IS HERE!**

The Archives Committee is pleased to announce that the 170th Anniversary Book is ready for distribution!

Attendees of the 8:00 a.m. service can get their copy from Gregg Smith. For attendees of the 10:00 service, if you previously ordered and paid for a book, you can pick yours up after the 10:00 service outside St. Joseph’s Hall on Sunday May 24 or Sunday June 1.  You may also receive yours from Rita during the week. There are a small number of copies available for sale if you had not previously ordered one.

**END OF YEAR CELEBRATION LUNCHEON JUNE 1** Plans are under way for our End of Year Celebration Luncheon on June 1st. Please save the date and join in as we celebrate our life together, honor our new members and those who are graduating or celebrating other life milestones.  We will gather on the lawn directly after the 10 o’clock service to celebrate with good food, music and fellowship. Food and drinks will be provided so just come enjoy the day! Please see sign up sheets on the bulletin board for attendance and volunteers for set up/ clean up. Any questions, please reach out to Susan Mayer or Joel Lenderman.

We'd like to know if you have recently started attending Christ Church and/or consider yourself to be a new member who arrived after June 2024.  If you are a new member but you have not yet filled out a new member card or contacted our office, we'd like to know about you, and to welcome you at our upcoming June 1 Summer Celebration. You can either fill out and hand in the tan card in your pew, or call Parish Administrator Rita Caserta at 610-566-7525 (email:  rita@christchurchmedia.org).

**THURSDAY EMPOWERMENT GROUP**

Each Thursday at 7pm in St. Joseph's Hall, the Empowered Group is doing prayerful study of the Gospel of Luke using *A Retreat with the Gospel of Luke,* by Fr. Felix Just, SJ. Our Next session is entitled, "Luke's Infancy Narrative" and will include an audio presentation followed by prayer practice. No books are necessary, and you can join the program at any time. ***No meeting on May 29th, we will resume on June 5th.***

**CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB** The Christ Church Book Club meets the second Tuesday of the

month at 11am in St. Joseph’s Hall. Come join us and discuss literature that you may not have chosen on your own. It is always a learning experience. Upcoming book discussions:

June 10 - **“Catcher in the Rye”** by J. S. Salinger

July 8 “**The Valley Between Us”** by Christi Slate

**CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Adults interested in confirmation, formal reception into the Episcopal Church, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant, please speak with Fr. Ernie.

**ST. MARY’S FOOD COLLECTION** Many people in our area suffer food insecurity. You can help by adding a few things to your grocery cart each week and bringing them to church. Christ Church coordinates regular collection of non-perishable food items for St. Mary’s Cupboard in Chester.  You can drop off your donations in the cupboard located in St. Joseph’s Hall.

**FR. ERNIE AWAY** Fr. Ernie will be in Arizona attending family graduation celebrations May 21-28.

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**Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

 **6 Easter, May 25 7 Easter, June 1**

**8AM 8AM**

OT/Psalm – Geoff Kitson Altar – Peter Falcone

PP- Holly Cunningham OT/Psalm – Sandy McKeown

NT – Peter Falcone PP – Leslie Bullitt

 NT/CB – Steve Falcone

**10AM 10AM**

Crucifer – Ron Spinelli Crucifer – Scott Scranton

Gospeler – Bob Miller 1st Server – Caroline Lenderman

OT/Psalm – Tucker Rogers 2nd Server – Ivy Comerford

NT – Nate Russell Gospeler – Frank Mathews

PP – Sean Seeney Paten – Sue Welfley

 CB1 – Dan Mistichelli

 CB2 – Susan Mayer

 OT/Psalm – Carol Smith

 NT – Beth Termini

 PP – Mary Conlin

 **Ushers Ushers**

 **8AM 8AM**

Holly Cunningham Leslie & Randy Bullitt

 **10AM 10AM**

Ron Mecklin, Faith Elcock Jim Mayer, Ron Mecklin

**Weekly Calendar**

**6 Easter, May 25**

8am Morning Prayer Rite I

 9:30am Nursery Care

 10am Morning Prayer Rite II

 No Church School

 11:30am Adult Forum

 **Monday, May 26**

Memorial Day – Office Closed

 **Tuesday, May 27**

 7pm Choir Rehearsal

 **Wednesday, May 28**

10:00am Intercessory Prayer

 11:00am Bible Study

 12:15pm Midday Service

 8pm AA Meeting, SJH

 **Thursday, May 29 – Ascension Day**

7pm Service at Redeemer, Springfield

 **Friday, May 30**

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 **Saturday, May 31**

9am Altar Guild

 **7 Easter, June 1**

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

 9:30am Nursery Care

 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

 11:30am End of Year Celebration

**ABOUT OUR CHURCH**

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

**Vestry**

**2026 2027**

Kurt Brunner, Rector’s Warden Jo Trout, Hospitality

Rob Miller, Outreach Peggy Levesque, Secretary of Vestry

Patti Davis, Operations Warden

 Stephanie Untz, Preschool Liaison

**2028**

Frank Mathews, Liturgical

Mary Ellen Maatman, Communications

Alicia McCarthy, Parish Life

 **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I**

**10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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