



Christ Church 
Episcopal

THE SUNDAY OF THE ASCENSION

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER † HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

MAY 12, 2024 9:30 A.M.

WE SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST

WELCOME

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome here.
As part of the Episcopal Church, we have roots in the ancient church. At the same time
we seek to make the love of God in Jesus Christ a living reality in the here and now.*

Please don't hesitate to ask us your questions.

You are invited to use the prelude as a time for quiet meditation.

Prelude

Adagio in d minor

John Stanley
Violin, Gretchen Leanna

Entrance Hymn: *Hail the day that sees him rise*

Hymnal 214

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Found in red Book of Common Prayer

BCP 355

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.

Gloria

Glory to God

(S hymns are found in the front of the hymnal) Hymnal S278

The Collect for Ascension Sunday

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

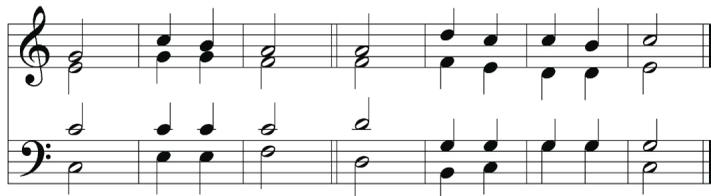
So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 *Omnes gentes, plaudite*



¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

² For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is the great King over all the earth.

³ He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.

⁴ He chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷ For God is King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.

⁸ God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.

⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.

¹⁰ The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.

The Epistle Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what

is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: *The head that once was crowned with thorns*

Hymnal 483
Stanzas 1, 2, 3

The Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Seth Dietrich

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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

At the bidding, “Alleluia, Christ is risen,” please respond with “Bring new life to the world, Alleluia!”

Living God, we pray for your Church universal, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our presiding bishop, and for Matthew, our assisting bishop; We pray for St. Marc’s, Haiti and All Peoples Church, Milwaukee, and for the Diocese of Newala, Tanzania. We pray that your church might be raised to new life to be the risen body of Christ in the world.

Alleluia, Christ is risen ***Bring new life to the world, Alleluia***

Living God, we pray for all who govern, especially Joseph, our president, the Congress and the Supreme Court. We pray for those in the shadows of war, especially for the leaders and people in Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Israel, Gaza, and Iran.

Alleluia, Christ is risen ***Bring new life to the world, Alleluia***

Living God, we pray that we might be given a reverence for the whole earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Alleluia, Christ is risen ***Bring new life to the world, Alleluia***

Living God, we pray for the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who are trying to bring signs of your resurrection into their midst.

Alleluia, Christ is risen ***Bring new life to the world, Alleluia***

Living God, we pray for healing in body, mind and spirit especially for Carla Redlin, Scott Riedel, Ken Baumeister, and those whom we name either silently or aloud. *(Pause)* We pray that your power might break every bond so that we might humbly serve you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen ***Bring new life to the world, Alleluia***

Living God, through the Resurrection of your son you destroy the power of death. We pray for all those whom we love but see no longer, and those whom we name either silently or aloud. *(Pause)* We pray that the power of your resurrection may lift us up both now and forevermore.

Alleluia, Christ is risen ***Bring new life to the world, Alleluia***

Celebrant concludes with a collect

Living God, on this day we give special thanks for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. We pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered in any way - those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need. With all the saints in heaven and on earth, we praise you, Holy God, who gathers us together as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings. ***Amen***

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

Offertory Hymn

Christ is arisen, Alleluia

Howard Olson
Tumshandilie Mungu

Christ is a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re-joice and praise Him,
Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,



E - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him
 with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy, Our sin for -
 giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus is liv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia.

Words: Swahili text; tr. Howard Olsen
 Music: Haya tune *Tumshandilie Munga*, Makumira, Tanzania.
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The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A from *The Book of Common Prayer* BCP 361

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 him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels...

Sanctus *Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S128

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

The Lord's Prayer

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: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem*Christ our Passover is sacrificed*

Hymnal S154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Celebrant: 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 COMMUNION

In the Episcopal Church, Christians of every tradition are welcome to receive communion at the table of the Lord. Simply offer your open hands to the priest; for a gluten-free host, place your thumb in your palm.

Communion with bread alone is considered full communion. Many also find it meaningful to receive wine. For wine, you may receive the common cup, or for a small individual glass, you may proceed to a separate station (one is located to the right of the altar; one in the chapel).

Some may feel called to receive a blessing instead of communion.

In this case, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Music:*Siciliana in a minor**John Stanley***Communion Hymn:***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*Hymnal 460
Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4**Post-Communion Prayer****Celebrant:** Let us Pray

People and Celebrant together: 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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty . . .

Recession Hymn

Go to the World

Sylvia Dunstan

Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray; the for
Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, - - - 'bap -
Go live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
nights of tears give way to joy - ous day, As
I am with you 'til the age shall end, When

tis - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
ser - vant Church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: SINE NOMINE; Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Dismissal

Postlude

Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630

J. S. Bach

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If you have any questions or want to know more about Christ Church, please speak with a greeter.
Always feel free to call or email Fr. Seth at 414-964-3368 or seth@christchurchwfb.org.*

Nursery care 9:10am - 10:40am Youth formation on scheduled dates - see church website calendar or contact Bailey Steger bailey@christchurchwfb.org

☞ **Sunday Flowers:** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers Nancy Thauer and Evelyn Andritsch and in gratefulness to all those who have mothered someone as sisters and friends, from Julie Thauer and John Andritsch.

☞ **Past FORUMS are archived** on our YouTube channel or our website:
www.christchurchwfb.org/archived-sunday-forums

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

We hope this listing helps to connect names with faces.

Please note that sometimes there are switches or additions that are not reflected below.

9:30 am Service

Vestry Greeter: Rob Bardunias, Jeff Evans

Ushers: *Rick Donner, Margaret Cooper, Bruce Dunn

Crucifer: Patrick Bieszk **Torchbearers:** Alex Bardunias, Lila Hermann

Lectors: Cindy Gault, Stephen Forrest

Prayer Reader: Anna Floch-Arcello

Newcomer Hosts: Lynne Schley, Heidi Matera/Mila Matera

Eucharistic Ministers: Wes Dubic, Sarah Gottlieb, Rob Draper, Jennifer Jetton

Altar Guild: *Team 2*

Cindy Jensen, Kay Antonelli, Rosemarie Bwechwa, Lydia Gone, Penny Ziegler

Coffee Hospitality and Service: *Join us for coffee after the service*

8:00am: Elizabeth Casey, Jan Effinger **9:30am:** Kelly & Eric Ayala

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WEEKLY SERVICES

The Holy Eucharist
Sundays 8:00 a.m. - Church
Sundays 9:30 a.m. - Church

Contemplative Eucharist
1st Wednesdays 9 a.m. - on zoom
Remaining Wednesdays - Church

Evening Prayer
Wednesdays and Thursdays
5:30 p.m. - on zoom

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