



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024 — 9:00 am

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite I
May 5, 2024 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude “*Adagio In C*”
“*Arioso*”

C. Franck
J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn 182 “*Christ Is Alive*”

The people standing, the Officiant says

Celebrant : Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.***

All ***Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.***

***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 onlybegotten Son, Jesus Christ;

***O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest
away the sins of the world, have mercy upon 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 upon 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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And with thy Spirit.***

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 Reading (Lesson) from Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
2. ***With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.***
3. The Lord has made known his victory; * his righteousness
has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4. ***He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house
of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.***

5. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6. ***Sing to the Lord with the harp, ****
with the harp and the voice of song.
7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
8. ***Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, ****
the lands and those who dwell therein.
9. Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with
joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
10. ***In righteousness shall he judge the world ****
and the peoples with equity.

A Reading (Lesson) from 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel Hymn 208 “The Strife Is O’er”

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John 15:9-17

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will

abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Don Caron, *Priest*

The Nicene Creed (*All Standing Spoken*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Donald our Priest, Leslie our Deacon. and all bishops, priests and deacons and those who serve the People of God, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Hear our prayers, O God.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Hear our prayers, O God.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph our President and Phil our Governor , that they may be led to

wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. *Hear our prayers, O God.*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. *Hear our prayers, O God.*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially *Ruth, Sharon, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Jane, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Ted, Alice, .* *Hear our prayers, O God.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially *George & Sally Mattis and Dorothy M. Goodrich*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Hear our prayers, O God.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Peace (*All stand.*)

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Offertory Music "*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*" *arr. G. Young*

The Doxology (*Hymnal 380 Verse 3*)

All: ***Praise God of whom all blessings flow***

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above the heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

The Holy Communion

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The people remain standing. The Officiant faces them and says

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Officiant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: ***It is meet and right so to do.***

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy Holy, Holy Lord *(Spoken)*

All: ***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.

Preparation of the Table

The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with 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: *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;

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

Celebrant: O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,

All: ***have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant: O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,

All: ***have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant: O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
All: ***grant us thy peace.***

All: ***We do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in
thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the
same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us
therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son
Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.***

Invitation

Anointing for Healing is available for yourself or for others you may name. This is for all kinds of healing: physical, emotional, spiritual. To indicate that you wish to be anointed, when you come to communion, raise your hands. Tell Fr. Don the name of the person for whom you wish to be anointed, if that is the case.

Communion Music

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” G. F. Handel

Post Communion

Celebrant: 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.*

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional 180 “*He Is Risen*”

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia

Organ Postlude “*Grand Choeur*”

T. Dubois

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY are in memory of

George & Sally Mattis, by Ogden Mattis

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in memory of

Dorothy M. Goodrich, by Beatrice G. Horn, Robert Y Cook,

David A. Cook and their families

Participating in the 9am. Service

Acolyte: Fred Hill Sally Barnes

Lectors: Joanne Grimes, Raymond Brady

Ushers: Larry Bradshaw, Bob Engel

Altar Guild: Terri Bradshaw, Robin Vetter

Counters: Paul Stevens, Fred Hill

MID-WEEK SERVICE A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God’s healing for the world. The Service lasts about 45 minutes, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day.

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP will continue, Thursday, May 9th at 10 a.m. in the Parish Parlor. Our study title is “FIRST LIGHT; JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD”. This is a study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg, two of the world’s leading Jesus scholars on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem. The title of the first session is “The Matrix of Jesus.”

MEN’S GROUP. We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am, and we will talk about the things that are important for a man’s spiritual life. It’s an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.

MEDITATION GROUP meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish House parlor. All are welcome-contact Mel Caron at melanieannecaron@gmail.com.

MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES - On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants beginning at 2:45 this week.

FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY May 21st, Noon to 2pm Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship, all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend, Chair lift is available, No charge, but donations are welcome

Burlington Convocation

Our regular spring Convocation Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 22, at 7pm. Fr. Ryan Paetzold has graciously volunteered to host us at Grace Church, Pemberton, and as this will be a hybrid meeting, you are welcome to join via Zoom. The Zoom information is below.

Our agenda includes a time to check in with each other and hopefully elect clergy representatives to the Board of Missions and the Nominating Committee.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85141745996?pwd=ZWNVVRkNvTnJTbUN3TFVjbDU1U0FwUT09> **Meeting ID:** 851 4174 5996
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