

# CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

*\*omitted at 8:00 am*

*As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversations to a minimal.*

\*Prelude All Creatures of our God and King *arr. Jan Sanborn*

\*Hymn in Procession #405 All things bright and beautiful *Royal Oak*

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**The Collect for Purity**

*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** *8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S-278*

**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 give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God.  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

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.**

*The Congregation may please be seated.*

## The First Lesson

**Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord.

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



Be joy—ful in God, all you lands.

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name: sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.  
[ANTIPHON]
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name!"
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.  
[ANTIPHON]
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.  
[ANTIPHON]
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.  
[ANTIPHON]

### The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you

to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**\*Sequence Hymn #292**            O Jesus, crowned with all renown

*Kingsfold*

**\*The Gospel Acclamation**



*Verse*            “I will not leave you orphaned \*  
                         I am coming to you.”

*Clergy*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 14:15-21**

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.” I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*Clergy*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

The Prayers of the People

*Please stand or kneel*

Rejoicing in the Resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence*

O God, we give you thanks for raising Jesus Christ from the tomb, showing us that death is not the end. Help us to accept with joy the new life you give us.

**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the splendor of this earth, the warmth of the sun and beauty which surrounds us on every side. We pray that you will give us wisdom and reverence so to enjoy and use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer our abuse of them. Help us to be good stewards of your creation.

**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we pray for the Church, this nation, the many places of political conflict and economic suffering in the world, and all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. We remember our troops stationed around the world and the inhabitants of all war-torn countries.

**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for our mothers and those who are like mothers to us. We give thanks for the tender affection they have shown us and the loving support they have given us. We ask you to bless them and fill their hearts with peace.

**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, including those on our prayer list and all those whose struggles are known to you alone. We pray for nurses, physicians, therapists, caregivers and all who help provide healing and wholeness to others. May they find joy in their labors, that through their ministries your people might be strengthened and your creation glorified.

**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who dwell with you in glory, including Lillian T. Beatty, Joan Lela Boyd, Doris Pedersen and Helen Joanne Hitt-Smith, in whose memories the flowers are given this morning; and all those whom we love, but see no longer. Let light perpetual shine upon them, O God. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace.

**Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant may add a concluding collect.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**



### **Welcome & Announcements**

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**\*Offertory Anthem**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

REFRAIN:

All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all

The purple-headed mountain  
The river running by  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky;

He gave us eyes to see them  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty  
Who has made all things well

Each little flower that opens  
Each little bird that sings  
He made their glowing colours  
He made their tiny wings

The cold wind in the winter  
The pleasant summer sun  
The ripe fruits in the garden –  
He made them every one

REFRAIN:

All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all

- Cecil Frances Alexander

**\*Doxology**

Lasst uns Erfreuen


Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



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."

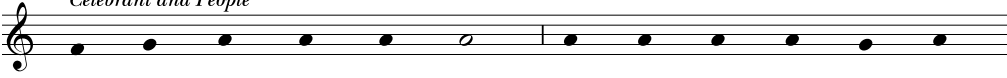
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant*




There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

*Celebrant and People*



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

*Celebrant* 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.

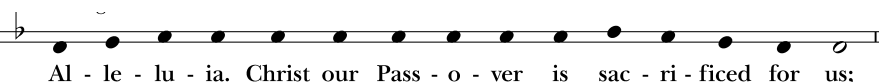
*People* AMEN.

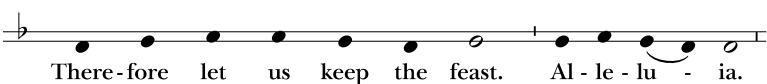
## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Fraction

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant*   
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People*   
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

## All are welcome at God's Table

*Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.*

### \*Communion

The Gift of Love

arr. John Carter

### \*Communion Anthem

The Blessing of a Mother's Love  
*Junior Choir*

Becki Slago Mayo

*A mother's love is always near,  
To share my joy, to dry my tears.  
Her loving care helps me to see  
That God will always comfort me.  
I offer praise to God above  
For the blessing of a mother's love.*

*A mother's love and gentle smile  
Can help me walk the longest mile.  
And though the road my twist and turn,  
She always helps me grow and learn.  
I offer praise to God above  
For the blessing of the mother's love.*

*I pray that God will guide my way  
And help me every day  
To show God's love in all I do,  
And show that I love you.*

\*Communion Hymn #705 As those of old their first fruits brought Forest Green

### Thanksgiving after Communion

*Please stand or kneel.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

\*Closing Hymn #192 This joyful Eastertide Vreuchten

### The Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

\*The Voluntary Kingsfold *arr. David Christensen*

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### Joining us in worship & fellowship on May 3, 2026

8:00 am: 31

10:00 am: 138

## Serving in God's House Today

**8:00 am**

Lector: Shari Hillard

L.E.M.: Mary Ann Risley

Usher: Mike Ragsdale

**10:00 am**

Crucifer: Brad Hodgins

Lectors: Tim Evans, Beth Batastini,  
Debbie Mello

L.E.M.: Curt Wilson

Ushers: Kurt Lutz & Erika Clavel

The Altar Flowers this morning are given to the **glory of God**,  
in loving remembrance of **Joan Lela Boyd, Helen Joanne Hitt-Smith, Doris Pedersen**,  
and in beloved memory of **Lillian T. Beatty**.

## Christ Church Prayer List

**We offer our prayers for those who are ill, including:**

Aiden, Aiden, Alex, Ann, Art, Arya, Brad, Cano Family, Carl, Carlyne, Chandler,  
Chelsee, Chuck, Cindy, Craig, Daryl, Diana, Diana, Ed, Ed, Ed, Gail, George, Georgeann,  
Gizelle, Inga, Ishi, Jason, Jason, Jaysen, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Jennifer, Jim, Jim D., Jim W.,  
Jimmy, Joe, Joey, John, Joyce, Laura, Lindsay, Lorraine, Lorraine, Lorraine, Lou, Louise,  
Lynn, Lynn, Madeline, Marie, Marsha, Mary, Mary, Mary Ellen, Mary K., Mike, Nadine,  
Richie, Ruth, Ryan, Sharon, Sharon S., Steve, Terry, Theresa, Thomas, Tricia, and Val.

**We offer our prayers for those serving in the armed forces, including:**

Angel, Dean, Jonathan, Michael, Robert.

**We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including:**

Dustin Terwilliger (May 11); Janine Love (May 12)

Paul Wiebel (May 14); Don Martin (May 15)

*We want to be praying with you!*

*Please contact the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list,  
or to add a birthday or anniversary to our list.*

*Please note: names will be retained for three months, unless otherwise requested.*

## Bishop's Visitation & Parish Breakfast Sunday, June 7, 2026

Join us on **Sunday, June 7**  
for the visitation of our Bishop,  
**The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes.**

**Bishop Hughes will be with us to  
celebrate and preach  
at our 8 am and 10 am services.**

In between, she will join us for our  
**monthly breakfast,  
beginning at 8:45 am.**

Mark your calendars today  
and plan on joining us  
for this joy-filled morning  
at Christ Church!



*Photos taken by Dusty Terwilliger at our Holy Week Family Service (April 3, 2026)*

Love's as warm as tears  
C.S. Lewis

*Love's as warm as tears,  
Love is tears:  
Pressure within the brain,  
Tension at the throat,  
Deluge, weeks of rain,  
Haystacks afloat,  
Featureless seas between  
Hedges, where once was green.*

*Love's as fierce as fire,  
Love is fire:  
All sorts – infernal heat  
Clinkered with greed and pride,  
Lyric desire, sharp-sweet,  
Laughing, even when denied,  
And that empyreal flame  
Whence all loves came.*

*Love's as fresh as spring,  
Love is spring:  
Bird-song hung in the air,  
Cool smells in a wood,  
Whispering 'Dare! Dare!'  
To sap, to blood,  
Telling 'Ease, safety, rest,  
Are good; not best.'*

*Love's as hard as nails,  
Love is nails:  
Blunt, thick, hammered through  
The medial nerves of One  
Who, having made us, knew  
The thing He had done,  
Seeing (with all that is)  
Our cross, and His.*



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