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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. 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 Congregation may please be seated.

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.**



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

- 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. [ANTIPHON]
- 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. [ANTIPHON]
- 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. [ANTIPHON]

The Second Lesson

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.
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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 and Ascension of Christ, 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 and Ascended 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 and Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for this community of faith in which questions, doubts, and differences of opinion are respected. So draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so direct our wills, that we may be dedicated to you and strive for your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Risen and Ascended 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 and Ascended 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 and Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who dwell with you in glory, including Mildred and Charles Edmond, 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 and Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, all your works are glorious. But none is more glorious than the work of your Son, our ascended Lord, Jesus Christ. As you raised him from the dead and seated him at your right hand in power, so keep us ever close to his resurrection and ascension, that we too might be raised and seated with him in your heavenly kingdom; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Risen and Ascended Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.



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***Offertory Anthem**

O Clap Your Hands

John Rutter

*O clap your hands together all ye people
O sing unto God with the voice of melody
For the Lord is high and to be fear'd
He is the great king upon all the Earth*

*He shall subdue the people under us
And the nations under our feet
He shall choose out an heritage for us
Even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved*

*God is gone up with a merry noise
With a merry noise. With a merry noise
And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet*

*O sing praises, sing praises unto the King
For God is the King of all the earth
Sing ye praises with understanding*

*O clap your hands together all ye people
O clap your hands. Clap your hands
Clap your hands. Clap your hands*

*Clap your hands together all ye people
Clap your hands together all ye people
Clap your hands, all ye people!*

- Psalm 47:1-7

***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."

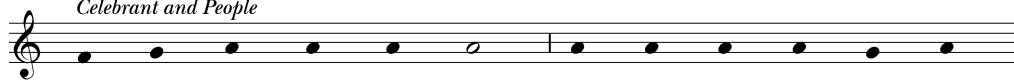
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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. **AMEN.**

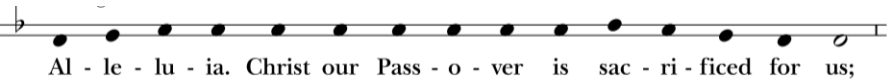


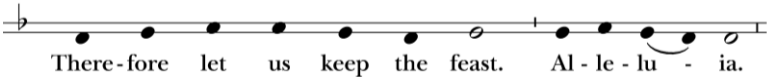
The Lord's Prayer

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

Cantus

Gilbert Martin

*Communion Hymn #307 (omit *) Lord, enthroned in Heavenly splendor Bryn Calfaria

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 #215

See the conqueror mounts in triumph

In Babilone

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*The Voluntary

Our Christ Ascends

Todd Kendall

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Katie Reilly

L.E.M.: Mitch Hillard

Usher: Bill Haberman

10:00 am

Lectors: Mary Ann Risley, Randy Kurie,

Mark Hoyer

L.E.M.: Tim Profeta

Ushers: Pauline Josephs and Randy Kurie

Joining us in worship & fellowship on May 10, 2026

8:00 am: 44

10:00 am: 108



Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday, May 24

Join us next Sunday, May 24, for the Feast of Pentecost! We will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the “birthday” of the church.

Wear red to mark the occasion!

Christ Church Prayer List

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

Aiden, Aiden, Alex, Ann, Arlene, Art, Arya, Brad, Cano Family, Carl, Carlyne, Chandler, Chelsea, Chuck, Cindy, Craig, Daryl, Diana, Diana, Ed, Ed, Ed, Gail, George, Georgeann, Gizelle, Inga, Irene, 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:

Hudson Reed (*May 18*); Michael Reed (*May 19*);
Juliane Seames and Wyatt Warren (*May 20*);
Hope Ciccolella and Matt Genung (*May 21*);
Patrick Rosica (*May 22*); Geri Livengood (*May 23*);
Mark Dubel (*May 24*)

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week, including:

Erik & Tammy Arfken (*May 19*)

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.

The Altar Flowers this morning are given to **the glory of God**
and in loving memory of **Mildred & Charles Edmond** by Mary Ann Risley.

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)

A Sonnet for Ascension Day

Malcolm Guite

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory

Whilst we were rooted still in time and place

As earth became a part of Heaven's story

And heaven opened to his human face.

We saw him go and yet we were not parted

He took us with him to the heart of things

The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted

Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,

Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,

Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,

Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness

And sing the waning darkness into light,

His light in us, and ours in him concealed,

Which all creation waits to see revealed.



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