

# CHRIST CHURCH

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**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON**  
**The Day of Pentecost**

May 24, 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**                                      Fantasie Prelude on *Veni Creator Spiritus*                                      *Dennis Eliot*

**\*Hymn in Procession #225**                      Hail Thee Festival Day                                      *Salva festa dies*

**Opening Acclamation**

*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.**

**A Song of Praise: Canticle 13**                      Glory to God                      *8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S236*  
**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;**  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;**  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;**  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*                      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*                      Let us pray. Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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





Send forth your Spir-it, O Lord, and re-new the face of the earth.

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
**in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
**creatures both small and great.** [ANTIPHON]
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
**to give them their food in due season.**
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
**you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.** [ANTIPHON]
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
**you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
**and so you renew the face of the earth.** [ANTIPHON]
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
**may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
**I will rejoice in the Lord.** [ANTIPHON]

**The Second Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members,

and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**\*Sequence Hymn #511**

Holy Spirit, ever living

*Abbot's Leigh*

**\*The Gospel Acclamation**



*Verse*            *"Peace be with you; \**

*As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

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

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

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 20:19-23**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*Clergy*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Chris Streeter, Rector

## 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*

On this Day of Pentecost, let us pray for the church, the world and those in need.

*A brief silence.*

We ask your blessing upon our Christ Church family, and give thanks for the care and support offered in this holy place. Keep us mindful and responsive to the community beyond these walls and give us strength to serve all your people. Protect all who are traveling this weekend. Surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end.

**Spirit of new life, hear our prayer.**

O God, send your healing Spirit upon the earth, and give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may live good and full lives on our planet. We pray that we may be better stewards of the earth by living more simply.

**Spirit of new life, hear our prayer.**

On this Memorial Day weekend, help us to remember those who have sacrificed their lives to protect this country's freedoms. May we honor their memories by seeking to build a more just and peaceful world.

**Spirit of new life, hear our prayer.**

O God, send your Spirit upon all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. We pray for those on our prayer list and all whose suffering is known to you alone. We pray also for those serving in our Armed Forces, that they would be kept in safety, and further the cause of justice and peace.

**Spirit of new life, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all whose spirits dwell with you in glory, including Lillie Hardingham, whose funeral was yesterday, and all those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them rest and peace. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Spirit of new life, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant may add a concluding prayer.*

## **The Peace**

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



## **Welcome & Announcements**

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Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S125

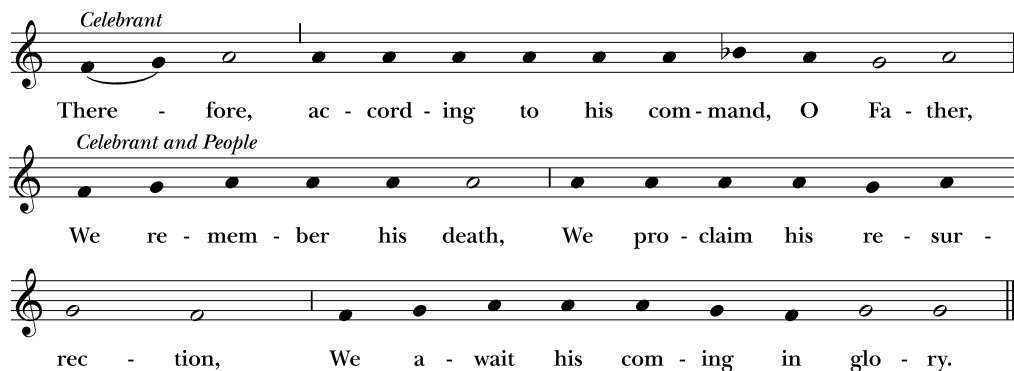
*Celebrant & People*

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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*

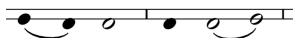
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

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.**

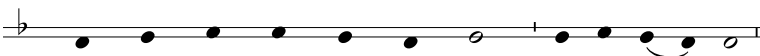
### The Lord's Prayer

*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** Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Thomas Keesecker

**\*Communion Anthem** P-E-N-T-E-C-O-S-T Natalie Sleeth  
*Junior Choir*

<i>P-E-N-T-E-C-O-S-T! Pentecost is here!</i>	<i>P-E-N-T-E-C-O-S-T! Spell it if you can!</i>
<i>P-E-N-T-E-C-O-S-T! It's that time of year!</i>	<i>P-E-N-T-E-C-O-S-T! It was all God's plan!</i>
<i>Though it has a funny name,</i>	<i>Rushing wind did all amaze!</i>
<i>It's the day the Spirit came,</i>	<i>People spoke in different ways</i>
<i>Like a brightly burning flame,</i>	<i>On that special day of days,</i>
<i>Filling hearts with cheer!</i>	<i>When the church began!</i>

**\*Communion Anthem** Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether Harold Friedell

<i>Draw us in the Spirit's tether,</i>	<i>As the brethren used to gather</i>	<i>All our meals and all our living</i>
<i>For when humbly in Thy name,</i>	<i>In the name of Christ to sup,</i>	<i>Make as sacraments of Thee,</i>
<i>Two or three are met together</i>	<i>Then with thanks to God the Father</i>	<i>That by caring, helping, giving</i>
<i>Thou are in the midst of them;</i>	<i>Break the bread and bless the cup,</i>	<i>We may true disciples be.</i>
<i>Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>	<i>Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>	<i>Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>
<i>Touch we now Thy garment's hem.</i>	<i>So knit Thou our friendship up.</i>	<i>We will serve Thee faithfully.</i>

**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 #516** Come down, O Love divine *Down Ampney*

## The Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

\*The Voluntary Come Holy Spirit, God and Lord Kevin Hildebrand

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## Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Cecelia Clayton  
L.E.M.: Andy Van Orden  
Usher: Mark Dubel

10:00 am

Lectors: Lori Parks, Eric Dietz, Geri Livengood  
L.E.M.: Randy Kurie  
Ushers: John Jaqueth and Diana Riker

## Joining us in worship & fellowship on May 17, 2026

8:00 am: 36

10:00 am: 115



## 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, 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, Suzanne, 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:**

Mark Dubel (*May 24*)  
James McPeek-Garlette (*May 26*)  
Keith Smith (*May 27*)  
Diana Riker (*May 28*)  
Mark Eldridge, Bob Hoffman, Eric Scott (*May 29*)

*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 with **deepest gratitude** for all who made  
**the supreme sacrifice in defense of our country since 1775.**

## 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)*



**Pentecost**

*William Blake*

Unless the eye catch fire,  
God will not be seen.

Unless the ear catch fire,  
God will not be heard.

Unless the tongue catch fire,  
God will not be named.

Unless the heart catch fire,  
God will not be loved.

Unless the mind catch fire,  
God will not be known.



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