

# CHRIST CHURCH

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\*omitted at 8:00 am

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

**\*Prelude**                      In Christ There Is No East or West                      *arr. Gilbert Martin*

\*Hymn in Procession #304 I come with joy to meet my Lord *Land of Rest*

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| <b>*Introit</b>           | Ubi Caritas                                    | Becki Slago Mayo |
|                           | Junior Choir                                   |                  |
| Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est | Where there is charity and love, God is there. |                  |

## 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. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

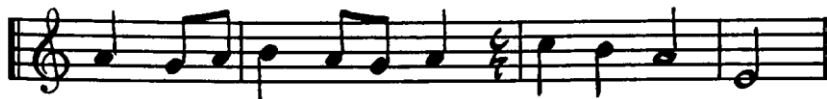
## **The First Lesson**

**Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord.

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



Sing to the Lord a new song. Hal-le—lu—jah!

- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will; [ANTIPHON]
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds; [ANTIPHON]
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together. [ANTIPHON]
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah! [ANTIPHON]

## The Second Lesson

## Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

\*The Gospel Acclamation



*If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; \* and my Father will love him, and we will come to him*

Clergy            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 13:31-35**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Clergy            The Gospel of the Lord.  
People            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Chris Streeter

**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.**

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 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.**

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 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 adds a concluding collect.*

## **The Peace**

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



## **Welcome & Announcements**

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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## **\*Offertory Anthem**

Love Comes from God

Allen Pote

*"My friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God,  
and every one who loves is a child of God and knows God.  
No greater love have you than this than to lay down your life for a friend.  
Jesus has said, "Love one another as I have loved you."  
But they who do not love do not know God, for God is love.  
He sent his only begotten Son, so that we might live through Him.  
Peace be with you, my friends."*

- John 4:7, 15:13

## **\*Doxology**

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

# The Holy Communion

## Eucharistic Prayer B

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| <p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>The Lord be with you.</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>Lift up your hearts.</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> | <p><i>People</i></p> <p>And al - so with you.</p> <p><i>People</i></p> <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p><i>People</i></p> <p>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</p> |
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*Celebrant* 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 and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

*8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S-128*

*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.


*Celebrant* 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."

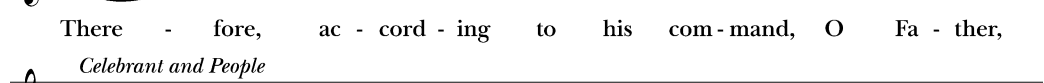
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant*

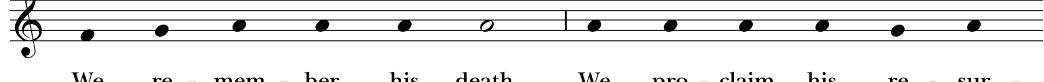


There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

*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.

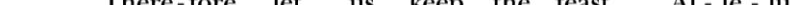
*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new 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.

*People* AMEN.

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

People 

*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 Hymn #487   Come my way, my truth, my life   *The Call*

*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.

\*Closing Hymn #432    O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height    *Laudate Dominum*

*People*            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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## Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Walter Thies

L.E.M.: Andy VanOrden

Ushers: Mitch Hillard

Altar Guild: Gail Orcheski

10:00 am

Lectors: Beth Batastini, Debbie Mello,

Mark Hoyer

L.E.M.: Curt Wilson

Ushers: Mike & Denise Streeter

Crucifer: Tracy Zillmer

## Joining us in worship & fellowship on May 11, 2025

8:00 am: 34

10:00 am: 114

## Christ Church Prayer List

**For those who are ill:** Fred, Jennifer, Gizelle, Carolyn, Madeline, Gloria, Lorraine, Mark, Phyllis, Michael, Antoinette, Albie, Jackie, Carole, Linda, Michael Patrick, Charlie, Derek, Guy, Ryan, Tricia, Lauren, Tony, Sam Marie, Antonia, Michelle, Ronnie, Colleen, Frances, Jenna and Marie

**For those serving in the armed forces:** Dean, Michael, and Angel.

**We rejoice with...** Michael Reed, Rich Ralph, Julianne Seames, Hope Ciccolello, Matt Genung, Patrick Rosica, Mark Dubel and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Tammy & Erik Arfken on their anniversary.

*Please contact Karrie Miller in the church office  
to have names added or removed from our prayer list.*

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