

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH!

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

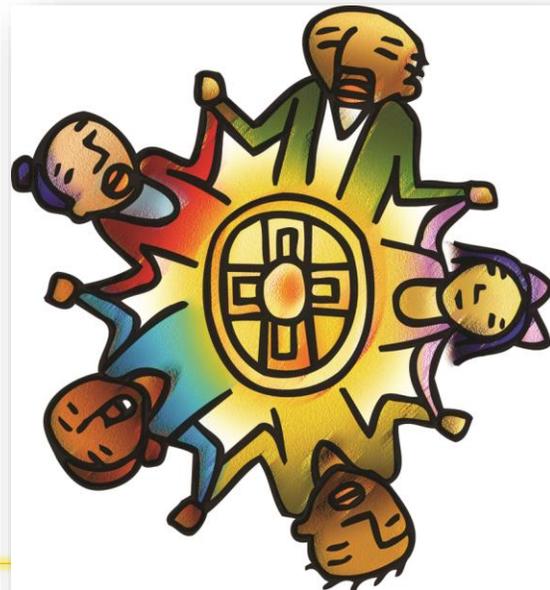
BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)



Welcome to Christ Church. We begin today the final week of Easter. Last Thursday we celebrated Jesus' ascension to the Father and his glorification. The Gospel reading today is a portion of the prayer he prayed on the night before his death, in which he consecrated his offering of himself to God, and prayed for us that we might be made part of his offering. In baptism we have, in fact, received the benefits of that prayer.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles is the beginning of that book. Luke describes Jesus' ascension and the promise that he would shortly empower his friends with the Holy Spirit. We are told that the disciples, including Jesus' mother, then spent the re-maining days together in prayer waiting for that gift of the Spirit, which would come upon them on the Day of Pentecost.

In the passage from 1 Peter, we are exhorted to live lives in keeping with our vocation given in baptism. If we are to suffer, let it be for doing good, not because of wrongdoing. Such righteous suffering deepens our union with Christ. We are already assured by Jesus' resurrection that no suffering can destroy the eternal life we have been given.

We gather week by week to celebrate the Eucharist. The Ascension reminds us that in the Eucharist Jesus is not made present by being brought down to us; he is present because in the Eucharist we are taken up to where he is. For a moment, we are not only in the world but we become citizens of the eternal Kingdom.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TOGETHER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God of our fathers

HYMN 718

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Celebrant + Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Celebrant and People

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.

PASCHA NOSTRUM — Christ our Passover

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.*

*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.*

THE COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (7:55-60)

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

¹Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *

let those who hate him flee before him.

²Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *

as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *

let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *

YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!

⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows, *

God in his holy habitation!

⁶God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *

but the rebels shall live in dry places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, *

when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *

you refreshed the land when it was weary.

¹⁰Your people found their home in it; *

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³³Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *

sing praises to the Lord.

³⁴He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *

he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

³⁵Ascribe power to God; *

his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

³⁶How wonderful is God in his holy places! *

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

THE EPISTLE

A reading from the first letter of Peter. (*1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11*)

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The people stand as they are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

We are marching in the light of God

WLP 787

*We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of,
The light of God,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of,
The light of God,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God*

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

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

¹[Jesus] looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit.

THE SERMON

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people stand as they are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;***

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
+ the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Knowing and believing the love God has for us, let us offer prayers in the name of Jesus, saying:
Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

LEM: For the Church, especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton our Bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Washington, and for Chris our Priest. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for St. Augustine's Church, DC, Seabury Resources for Aging, Friendship Terrace, St. Mary's Court, and Collington Episcopal Life Care Community. Pray for all Seniors and their Ministries in the Church. We pray that we may give testimony to Christ's mission of bringing hope and healing to those in need. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we who are separated in distance may find strength and hope in our common bond as sisters and brothers in the Risen and Ascended Christ. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For leaders at all levels, that they may develop wise practices as public gatherings resume, and that hearts and minds may be open to finding new ways so that everyone may be safe. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are waiting: for an end to isolation, for renewal of health, or the return of a job or loved one, that they may experience God with them in this time and draw strength from the prayers and concerns of others. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer. Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our Prayer List. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* May they cast all their care on Christ who cares for them. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, especially those who have served our nation. *(The people may add petitions either silently or aloud)* We pray that God will welcome them into the company of the saints forever. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all the blessings that we have received. *(The people may name their thanksgivings.)* We give thanks for Joe Drumgoole, Brenda Monshower, and Ava Ciabattoni who are celebrating their birthdays this week. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the Mother of Jesus and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.***

All: Faithful God, because of your Son's great love for us, we stand redeemed as your holy people; hear our prayers and help us to embrace the name of Jesus that we may glorify you in the world and bear witness to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *In Christ Alone*

Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty and Vocal Arrangement by David Wesley

This virtual choir a cappella performance features the voices of 48 singers from 14 countries. It was a labor of love lasting 5 months, and many dozens of work hours. We pray that you are blessed by the music and the message of this modern hymn.

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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

Celebrant and 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.

The people remain standing

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

People and Celebrant

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My, Jesus, I know that you are present in the Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Celebrant Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the grave. *Amen.*

COMMUNION HYMN

How great thou art

LEVAS 60

Solo by Scott Wesley and David Cook

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.*

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Send him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what you shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.*

Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Church of England*)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
*Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE BLESSING FOR EASTERTIDE (*Church of England*)

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you,
and remain with you always. *Amen.*

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - ci - ous skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
 and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

THE DISMISSAL

LEM He is not here. He is risen.
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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11:00 a.m.—Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom Conference)

Weekdays (M-F)

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer (Zoom Conference)

Thursdays

6:10 p.m.—Meditative Music streamed live

6:30 p.m.—Evening Prayer or Compline streamed live

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