

Before & After Services

You may join others in the Parish Hall for Coffee & Conversation before the service and after the service. Please maintain social distancing protocols, as set by the CDC & the Diocese.

Always keep conversations to the Narthex and Parish Hall. Please maintain a quiet, contemplative space in the worship area

Upcoming Events!

Sunday, May 23rd - Pentecost Sunday! We will be opening our Time Capsule from 1996, having an outdoor worship, and some treats and eats along with some LIVE music from Richie West's band! We will also have a mini Outreach Auction in the Parish Hall!

Sunday, June 20th - Bishop Hector Monterroso will be visiting. Anyone who would like to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed should contact the church office for more information.

Saturday, September 25th - Our annual Outreach Auction will resume! The theme is "Feelin' Groovy". More info to come!

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:30 a.m.

May 16, 2021
The Sunday After The Ascension



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Prelude "Seek Ye First" **Organ**

Processional "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (vs 1,3,5) **Hymnal 494**

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing, of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. **BCP 355**
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.**

The Gloria - sung **BCP 356/Hymnal S-280**

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 Blessing **BCP 835**

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (vs 1-3) **Hymnal 686**

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet" **Organ**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (vs 1-3)

SOP 410

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(Refrain)*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow-
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Refrain)*

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
People: *Have Mercy Upon Us*

BCP 356

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 225

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 First Lesson

See insert

Reader: A Reading from Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

After the reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

BCP 585-See insert

The Second Lesson

See insert

Reader: A Reading from 1 John 5:9-13

After the reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional “Be Thou My Vision” (vs 1,2) **Hymnal 488**

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

The Gospel **John 17:6-19** **See insert**

At the Gospel reading:

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

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

After the Gospel is read:

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Recessional “Be Thou My Vision” (vs 3) **Hymnal 488**

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

The Sermon **Fr. Steve Karcher**

A moment of reflection follows

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries/Deployments

Celebrant: These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.
Draw near, *either in spirit or in person*, and receive
them in remembrance that Christ died for us. Let
us feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(Please come to Jesus' table for Communion or a Blessing.)

Communion Hymns

“They’ll Know We Are Christians” (vs 1-4) SOP 239

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *(Refrain)*

We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
We will work with each other, We will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. *(Refrain)*

All praise to the Father, From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, Who makes us one. *(Refrain)*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

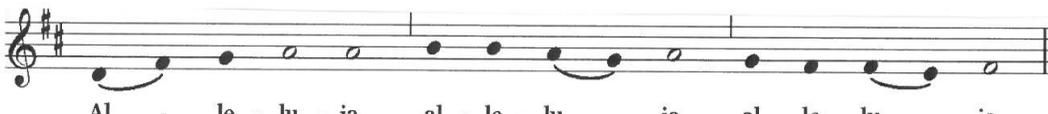
**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**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

Hymnal S-154

Celebrant:

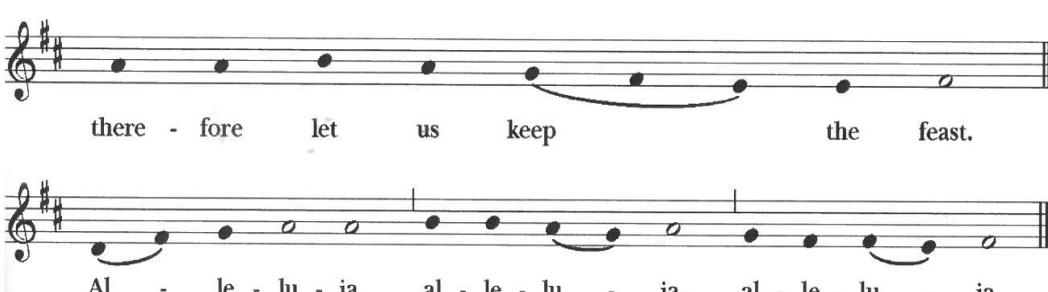


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People:



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand (as you are able) and say:

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 worshipped 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 - Form V

BCP 389

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "**Lord, have mercy**"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kathryn, our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

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.**

Sanctus

(Sung)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel (as you are able)

The Celebrant continues

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."

Hymnal S-130

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Bill and Bonnie Chamberlain, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Christopher and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

