

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

Welcome and Concerns of the Parish

Prelude

Processional Hymn (*Wir pflugen*)

Hymnal 291

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

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 in excelsis*

Hymnal S-280

*Celebrant* "The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson

The Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

- <sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to God, \*  
who has done marvelous things.
- <sup>2</sup> *With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, \**  
*you have won for yourself the victory.*
- <sup>3</sup> You have made known your victory; \*  
your righteousness have you openly shown in  
the sight of the nations.
- <sup>4</sup> *You remember your mercy and faithfulness to*  
*the house of Israel, \**  
*and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*
- <sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to God, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- <sup>6</sup> *Sing to God with the harp, \**  
*with the harp and the voice of song.*
- <sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn, \*  
shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.
- <sup>8</sup> *Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \**  
*the lands and those who dwell therein.*
- <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before God,  
who will come to judge the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> *God shall judge the world in righteousness \**  
*and the peoples with equity.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen*

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson

The First Letter of John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

The Gospel of John 15:9-17

*Celebrant*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.*People**Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Chrysanne Timm, Rector

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Brazil  
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Calvary, Hillman - Dana Howard, Sr.  
Warden and Vestry  
Emmaus Monastery, Vestaburg – Srs. Diana Stier and  
Linda Susan Beard

We pray for your faithful people and our leaders, that your love may be the foundation of their common lives and at the heart of their ministry. *Silence*  
O Lord our God ***Teach us to abide in your love.***

We pray for your world filled with creatures and spectacular plant life and grandeur beyond words. *Silence*  
O Lord our God ***Teach us to care for your creation with love.***

We pray for the peoples of the world, that we may honor them as those you have made and cherish. We pray for all who are endangered by war, famine, and natural disaster. We pray for Joseph our president and Gretchen our governor. *Silence*  
O Lord our God ***Teach us to reach out to all your children with respect and love.***

We pray for healing for those among us who are ailing, aching, or anxious, especially those on our prayer list:

Lisa and John, Joy, Rich, Barbara, Ron, Janie and Bob, Lee, Craig,  
Tom, Jeff, Jim and Ellen, Jennifer, Vicky, Monique, Lisa, Marian,

Tracey, Royce, Wesley, Leland, Ezemae, Donna, Ryan, Bill, Amy,  
Joe, Cindy, Carol, St. Christopher's Church

For whom else shall we pray? *All may name persons aloud and silently.*

For what are we grateful? *All may name reasons for gratitude. Silence*

O Lord our God ***Teach us to respond to their needs with love.***

We pray for those who are at the end of their earthly lives, and for those  
who have recently entered eternal life. *Silence*

O Lord our God ***Teach us to remember them with love.***

*Celebrant:* Uphold us by the riches of your grace, loving God. May your  
lessons of love continue to inspire and guide us as we move through this  
world and into the next. *Amen*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against

you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the  
power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

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

*People* *And also with you.*

The Anthem

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn

*Carlisle*

Hymnal 592

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer D

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also 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.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing: Hymnal S-130

*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 Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom;

to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 all people for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*                      *We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth, and grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *Amen*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Holy Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*

Hymnal 313

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* 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.

*The Celebrant pronounces the seasonal blessing.*

Recessional Hymn      *Lasst uns erfreuen*      Hymnal 618

*Celebrant*      Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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



Welcome to all who are visiting with us today. Please sign our guest book  
and join us again for worship and fellowship.

We encourage and mutually respect all to use language for scripture, liturgy  
and prayer most fitting for them.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table to share the Holy Communion  
with the St. Christopher's parish family.

Gluten-free wafers are available for Communion upon request



Serving Today

Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Dr. Chrysanne Timm

Pianist: Kathy Will

Greeter: Chuck Dickerson

Lector: Ruth Bombaugh

LEM: Jill Foerster

Coffee: Susan Husken

Altar Care: Jill Foerster/Janie Neuharth

Our thanks to Janet Dickerson for placing flowers on the altar this  
morning.

To Join Worship via Zoom... **NOTE: the link below is new as of March 1st!**

1. In your computer browser, sign on to St. Christopher's Zoom account:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7926686808?pwd=TWthemk2SEZ5VGdzSVZ0c2pyMm1Sdz09&omn=82806780609>

2. Call in (these are not toll-free numbers; a call from a landline may incur long distance charges) 1 (646) 876-9923 or 1 (301) 715-8592  
Meeting ID number\*792 668 6808\*Password: \*273667\*

You are invited to prepare for next Sunday's Holy Eucharist by meditating on the readings appointed for the day:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26      Psalm 1      1 John 5:9-13      John 17:6-19

During the Easter Season, we are exploring  
THE WAY OF LOVE  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

**TURN** Pause, listen and choose to follow Jesus

**LEARN** Reflect on Scripture each day, especially Jesus' life and teachings

**PRAY** Dwell intentionally with God each day

**WORSHIP** Gather in community weekly to thank, praise and draw near  
God

**BLESS** Share faith and unselfishly give and serve

**GO** Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus

**REST** Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration

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Clerk: Susan Husken

Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

<b>Sundays</b>	<b>9am</b>	Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>at 2 pm</b>	Bible Study resumes May 21st
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	Nurturing Knitting/Crochet at Bethany
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>at 1 pm</b>	Piece-makers gather in the Parish Hall

Monday, May 20th      Monthly Vestry Meeting at 10 am at the church

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*Walking with Christ + Welcoming All*

The Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday, May 5, 2024  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter