



# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

## 6 EASTER

### MAY 25, 2025

*To Lift People Up As Christ Calls*

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8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Thank you for joining us today. Many of us gathered here today were not raised in The Episcopal Church, but have come to find in this parish a source of spiritual growth. If you are new to St. Christopher's or visiting with us today, please fill out one of the visitor's cards found in the pews and put it in the offering plate or give it to one of the ushers.

Our nursery is not staffed, but feel free to use the facilities with your children. We also offer activity bags in the vestibule for children of all ages.

We invite you to join us for refreshments in the parish hall following the service. Please feel free to introduce yourself to any of us if we don't get to you first.



1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;  
2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;  
3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:  
4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;

kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.  
our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.  
ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.  
come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Saint Agnes*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

THE WORD OF GOD

Versicle and Response

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect of Purity

*The Celebrant says*

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.*



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4, you



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

*People* Amen.

## The Lessons

First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

Insert

Psalm 67

Insert

Let the peo-ple praise you, O God, al-le-lu-ia;

let all the peo-ple praise you, al-le-lu-ia.

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Insert

# Gradual Hymn 533

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!  
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?  
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed*. Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806).

*Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: John 14:23-29

Insert

*After the Gospel, the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

Moment of Silent Reflection

*The people stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

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

Jesus came into the world to give us peace. Let us offer prayers to God  
for the needs of the world, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel our  
Bishop, that we may always be attentive to the creative work of the Spirit  
and open our hearts and lives to make a dwelling place for God. *Alleluia!*  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, especially Hillary and Kristen or priests, that we  
may know that peace which passes all understanding and find strength to  
meet the many challenges that arise in daily life. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our*  
*prayer.*

As we now seek to renew our church home and strengthen our outreach  
partnerships through our Capital Campaign, give our members of this  
parish wisdom, discernment, and generous hearts, so that we may grow  
in our commitment to our mission of Lifting up all as Christ calls. *Alleluia!*  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For Donald our President, Joshua our Governor, and for peace in all  
places of conflict, especially Ukraine, Gaza, Haiti, and South Sudan, and  
for all those who live with fear and danger, hunger and homelessness,  
that God will give them the strength they need as they face daily trials.  
*Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those whose hearts are troubled and fearful, particularly refugees, the homeless, the home-bound and those for whom we ought to pray, remembering especially Richard, Thomas, Catherine, M.L., Darryl, Jenny, Mark, Ben, Melissa, Merrill, Loretta, Monica, John, Heather, Michelle, Harry, Jim, Virginia, George, Samantha, Kristen, and for those we now name either silently or aloud (pause); that God's presence will be real for them and fill them with peace. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially those we now name either silently or aloud (pause); that they may rejoice in that holy city whose light is God's glory and whose lamp is the Lamb. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Saint Christopher 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.*

*Celebrant*            Blessed are you, God of heaven and earth, who gives us the water of life. Hear our prayers for all people and send your Holy Spirit into our lives that we may live in your love and dwell in your peace until all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant*            We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Celebrant and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Absolution

*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.*

The Peace

Welcome and Concerns

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *And I Saw a New Heaven*

Baiton

Presentation of Alms and Oblations

Doxology

*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

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said*

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people kneel*

*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."

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 our Risen Lord and 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.*

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.

Fraction Anthem, *Jesus, Lamb of God*

Hymnal S-155



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that  
 Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with  
 thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

*All who seek a closer relationship with God are invited to receive communion.  
 Congregants are invited to leave their pews starting at the front of the church and  
 working back. If intinction is your preference, please sanitize your hands first.*

# Communion Hymn 345

1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise  
 \*2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;  
 4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day;  
 peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;  
 thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;

guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 from harm and dan - ger, keep thy chil - dren free,  
 peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;  
 then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

that in this house have called up - on thy Name.  
 for dark and light are both a - like to thee.  
 peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove:  
 call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Words: John Ellerton (1825-1893), alt. Music: *Ellers*, Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901).

## Prayer after Communion

### *Celebrant and People*

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 Blessing

### Recessional Hymn 518

*Descant*

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and includes a descant. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with the first part being a descant. The lyrics are: 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of; 1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and; 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of; 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of; 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of.

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

The Dismissal	Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.	
	Alleluia, alleluia.	
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.	
Postlude	<i>Agincourt Hymn</i>	Dunstable