

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH TRINITY SUNDAY JUNE 15, 2025

To Lift People Up As Christ Calls

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II HOLY BAPTISM of Flsie Estella Grace Webb

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. Opening Prayer Processional Hymn 362



Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: Nicaea, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

THE WORD OF GOD

Versicle and Response

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever. People

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us; People One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; Celebrant

One God and Father of all People

Celebrant The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

People

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. People

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

People Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Insert Psalm 8 Insert

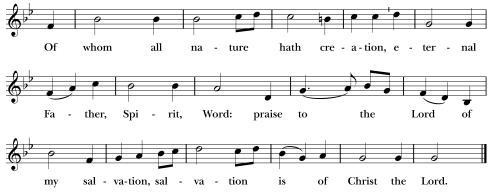


Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5 Insert

Gradual Hymn 370







Words: Att. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: St. Patrick's Breastplate, Irish melody; adapt. Charler Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); St. 6, Deirdre, Irish melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

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 16:12-15

Insert

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Elsie Estella Grace to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces

of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world

which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you

from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as

your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your

Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father? People

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant

People

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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.

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, People

> the holy catholic Church. the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body.

and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and Celebrant

fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the

prayers?

I will, with God's help. People

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever Celebrant

you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help. People

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good

News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,

loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all

people, and respect the dignity of every human

being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your

holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen*.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant

Elsie Estella Grace, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

When these actions have been completed the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Elsie Estella Grace, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen*.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace
Welcome and Concerns
Offertory Sentence
Offertory Anthem

Psalm 8

Hancock

Presentation of Alms and Oblations

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 2

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars:

earth, winds and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways,

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

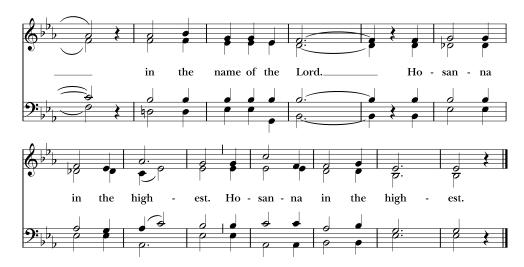
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:





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The people kneel

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
That they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, With Saint Christopher and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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.

Fraction Anthem, Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S-164





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Celebrant

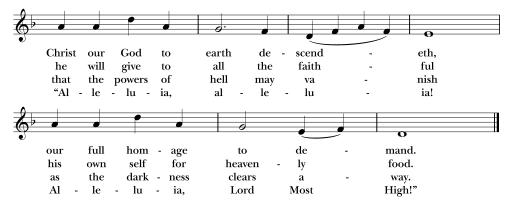
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 324





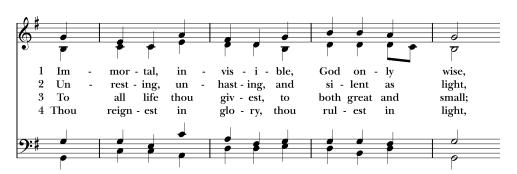
Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant and 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.

The Blessing Recessional Hymn 423





Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

The Dismissal Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Ricercare Frescobaldi



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