

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 22, 2022

8:15 a.m.



WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

The mission of Christ Church is to be a diverse, inclusive community, which, through its lively worship of Jesus Christ and witness in His name, serves the Christ in all persons and stands as a beacon of hope in the heart of Detroit.

We have been at this location in the city since 1845 and continually strive to be a beacon of hope through our outreach, worship, and hospitality. A number of Detroit's founding families established this church. Today, we are a contemporary, open and affirming, multi-racial, multi-ethnic congregation, enlivened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ in the world around us. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some were received into it as adults, and some of us are just discovering or exploring it now. We are straight and LGBTQIA+, single, married, divorced, and remarried, with and without children. We are a neighborhood church for city residents, and also a destination congregation for those from surrounding areas or across the Canadian border. We are all here because prayer and worship strengthen us in our daily lives, and because we have found community, acceptance, mission, and love. We hope you too will find a home among us.

If you would like to know more about Christ Church, we'd love to talk with you after the service, or you can explore our website at christcd.org. Feel free to sign up for our weekly email update (use the "Contact Us" web page or call the church office) which provides more information about Sunday worship, Christian education for all ages, and other upcoming events. If you need anything else, please speak to an usher or fill out one of the welcome cards in the pew.

All blessings,
The People of Christ Church Detroit

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HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

As the Ministers enter, all stand.

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 299

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People sit.

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

Lector A reading from Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

read together

Psalm 67

- 1 **May God be merciful to us and bless us, ***
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 **Let your ways be known upon earth, ***
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 **Let the peoples praise you, O God; ***
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, ***
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.
- 5 **Let the peoples praise you, O God; ***
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 **The earth has brought forth her increase; ***
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 **May God give us his blessing, ***
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10,22—22:5

Lector A reading from Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

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

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Lukens
Chaplain, Canterbury House, University of Michigan

A period of silence is kept.

At the invitation of the Celebrant, all stand as able.

NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Celebrant Let us affirm the faith of the Church, saying the Nicene Creed.

All **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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 392, adapted

Reader Let us pray for the church and the world, to God who raised Jesus to new life.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world,
especially Joe our President, Gretchen our governor, and Michael our mayor;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister with the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie our Bishop;
for Emily and David our priests; for Matthew, Donna, and Ben our guest clergy,
and all who support young adults; and for all who minister.
For all who love and serve the Lord.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Holy Spirit, Carreras, Dominican Republic; St. Mark's, Haina, Dominican Republic; St. Luke's, Allen Park; and the campus ministries at Michigan State University, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Henry Ford College, and Wayne State University.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those who celebrate birthdays this week, including *Bob Brown, Laura Sanom, Gina Walker, Greg Williams*, and those we now name. *(People may add names silently or aloud.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially *Ali, Ismat Begum, Allie Brown, Maura Campbell, Catherine, Miriam Costandi, David Dieter, Debbie Faust, John Keils, Lauren Keils, Nan Keils, Kelly, Matthew Klein, Madelyn Lenhard Laurer, Sue Ann Parkinson, Irene Ryke, Art Shably, Tom Solomon, John T., Mimi Van Scoter, Bob Vitolins*, and those we now name.

(People may add names silently or aloud.)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
We pray especially for Suzy Adams (niece of Bob & Mary Vitolins) who died on
Monday, May 16th, and for those we now name. (*People may add names silently or aloud.*)

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant Through the resurrection of your son, O God, you destroy the power of death
and remove your people's shame. By the power of the Spirit, raise us from sin
and seat us at the paschal feast, that we may rejoice in the gift of salvation that
Jesus has won for us.

All **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People share signs of Christ's peace, and then are seated.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Representative and Chaplain

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

All stand as able.

AT THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord;

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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: but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

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 Celebrant continues

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 to 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.

All **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
All **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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!**

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.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament in one kind.
If you desire a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP 366

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.**

BLESSING

Celebrant May Christ,
who out of defeat
brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now
and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Ben Adams, Chaplain <i>All.together Campus Ministry: Wayne State, Henry Ford College, U-M Dearborn</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Matthew Lukens, <i>Chaplain</i> <i>Canterbury House, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor</i>
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Jon Miller
<i>Vestry Representative</i>	Caroline Widak
<i>Usher</i>	Patrick Warner
<i>Floral Iconographer</i>	Richard Thomas

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of lifelong parishioners Moses and Deanna Esse
with heartfelt love by Douglas, Rosemary, Richard & Joyce Esse
on behalf of Michelle (Esse) & Sam Oropallo, Michael & Lisa Esse, and their families
who are visiting this weekend from Chino Hills, California.

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