



CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED

WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2025

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Service Music from *The Christ Church Mass*, Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Voluntary *Passacaglia* from *Sonata No. 8*

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 410 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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.***

All sing

God's Paschal Lamb

from *Wonder, Love, and Praise*



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

The Choir sings

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum*

Chant: Henry Aldrich (1647-1710)

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.
He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, old and young together.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord,
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 529 *In Christ There is No East or West*

Hymnal 1982

The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

The Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

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

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Homily

Michael Kurth

Please stand for

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God:

People ***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.*

A member of the parish leads

The Prayers of the People

In mercy hear our prayer, gracious God, for the church and for the world.

Pray and praise God from whom all blessings flow. Bless the fruits of the earth, the trees of the forest, and all the animals of the field; let all creation give you praise. That we may see your glory in all the world,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray that the whole church may proclaim Christ as the Lord of life. Pour upon us the grace to live in unity and love. Bless Sean, our presiding bishop; Kevin, our bishop; and our clergy; our preschool and parish. We lift up N., and we give thanks for our outreach partner, N. That we may make Christ known in all we say and do,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray that nations and peoples may be brought together to live in freedom and peace. Guide us to share the resources of the earth. Guard all those in diplomatic and military service and all who defend and protect the welfare of others. That there may be justice and peace on earth,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray for those who live with grief or pain, those suffering from any need or trouble and for those who minister to them. We remember N. and those we name now. That we may be agents of your healing grace,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray for all who have died and now rest in the hope of eternal life. We remember N. and those we name now. That we may entrust them to your never-failing love,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray and praise God, from whom all blessings flow. We thank you for the forgiveness we have received in your mercy, for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the life we live in Christ Jesus, our Lord. That we may share our faith, our hope, and your love,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please be seated as those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month stand to be recognized; then all say

People O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand for

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation of the Table

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.

Anthem

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

You, living Christ, our eyes behold, amid your Church appearing,
All girt about your breast with gold and bright apparel wearing;
Your countenance is burning light, a sun resplendent in its might:
Lord Christ, we see your glory.

Your glorious feet have sought and found your own of every nation;
With everlasting voice you sound the call of our salvation;
You search us still with eyes of flame, you know and call us all by name:
Lord Christ, we see your glory.

O risen Christ, today alive, amid your church abiding,
Who now your blood and body give, new life and strength providing,
We join in heavenly company to sing your praise triumphantly:
Lord Christ, we see your glory, Lord Christ, we have seen your glory!

Please stand and sing

The Presentation Hymn 193 *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

adaptation, (red) Book of Common Prayer 369

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
Celebrant and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, saying

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may
worthily serve the world in his name.

Celebrant and People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

The Celebrant concludes

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to
generation.

Celebrant *People*
A-men.

The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

The Lord's Prayer

*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

We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.

Organ Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our pass-ov - er is
sa - cri - ficed for us; There fore let us keep the feast. Al - le -
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem

arr. John Dixon (Contemporary)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, O my soul!

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

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

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

All sing

Hymn in Procession 432 *O Praise Ye the Lord! Praise Him in the Height*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

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

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

Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with joy. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



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