



# 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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2025

## 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

**Voluntary** *Prelude on Forest Green*

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

### Welcome and Announcements

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand, as able, and sing*

**Entrance Hymn 423** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

(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. 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.***

*Please be seated for*

## The First Reading

*Acts 16:9-15*

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.

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

*The Choir sings*

**Psalm 67** *Deus misereatur*

Chant: Bertram Luard Selby (1853-1918)

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## The Second Reading

*Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5*

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.

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

*Please stand and sing*

**Gradual Hymn 593** *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

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 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."

*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**

Ruth Beresford

*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.*

### **The Peace**

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

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



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.



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.



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.

*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.***

## **Sending Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts; that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* ***We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.***

## **Presentation of the Colors**

*Spc. Carlton O'Connor, 333rd Engineer Company, United States Army Reserve*

*All sing*

**Hymn 579** *Almighty Father, Strong to Save*

Hymnal 1982

## **A Prayer for Memorial Day**

Almighty God, in whose hands are the living and the dead: we give you thanks for all those in the Armed Forces who died in the service of our country. We remember them *[silence]*. With gratitude for their sacrifice and their example of honorable duty, we pray you will draw them close in your mercy and grant them the perfect peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the People.*

*People* ***Amen.***

*All sing*

**Hymn in Procession 594** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Hymnal 1982

## **Dismissal**

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

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

**Voluntary** *Fanfare*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*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.*

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MAY 25, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

## THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER.** “I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.” (1 Timothy 2:1) – We often consider prayer as a way to communicate our needs to God. As Jesus taught his disciples to pray, Christ Church’s Intercessory Prayer Group has offered prayers for those in need since 1952. All are welcome to join this short service in the Chapel each Tuesday at 9:20 AM, and we invite you to [submit prayers](#) for yourself, those you love, and the world.

## SUMMER WORSHIP AT 9 AM BEGINS TODAY

On three holiday weekends this summer, May 25, July 6, and August 31, worship will be held outside on the lawn at 9 AM. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs for these services of Holy Communion, suitable for those of all ages. On all other Sundays this summer, our two 9 AM congregations combine into one in the Chapel. Our Saturday 5 PM service in the Chapel and Sunday 8 and 10:30 AM services in the Church continue as scheduled each week.

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## ASCENSION DAY CELTIC EUCHARIST ON THURSDAY

In our hurried and noisy world, Celtic Eucharist offers gracious space and time to enjoy the holiness of God, gently touched by candlelight, music, and prayer. Through moments of reflection and calm, quiet words, and the sacrament of Holy Communion, we bring this tradition to Christ Church to celebrate Ascension Day this Thursday, May 29, at 7 PM in the Chapel as we seek to draw more deeply into God’s presence. Join us as we welcome harpist Janet Witman to play during the service.

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## VESTRY MEMBERS ELECTED LAST SUNDAY

At the annual meeting of our parish last Sunday, May 18, it was announced that Shelley Kinsella, Kendall Meldrum, John Olsen, and Wil Stith were elected to serve a 3-year term on the Christ Church Vestry. Ran Barton was reappointed as senior warden, and MJ O’Connor was appointed as youth representative. They join Chuck Arensberg, Cindi Cozza, Barbara King, Thorpe Moeckel, Scott Nickle, Jamie Poston, Jaqueline Whalen, and Alexia Wolf as the group of lay leaders of our parish who work with the rector and her staff in setting the direction and vision for Christ Church. Thanks to Robin Moody, Susan Scott, and Lynette Turner for their willingness to serve on the ballot as vestry nominees and to Audrey Bruce, Ted Ledden, Alexander Maynard (youth rep), Eliza Phillips, and Bart Reese who completed their vestry service this year.

### **THE BISHOP'S VISIT – JUNE 1**

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Brown will be with us next Sunday, June 1, for his annual parish visitation. On this day, he will lead us in worship at 10:30 AM and confirm, receive, and reaffirm new members in The Episcopal Church. Please join us on this special day in the life of our parish and help us welcome Bishop Brown to Christ Church!

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### **SENIOR RECOGNITION – JUNE 1**

Next Sunday, June 1, we recognize graduating seniors at the 10:30 AM service and encourage all those in the Class of 2025 to participate. Contact [Mason Cruz](#) to let him know you will be in attendance. Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

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### **CHORAL EVENSONG – JUNE 1**

Our final Choral Evensong of the 2024-25 season takes place next Sunday, June 1, at 4 PM in the Church with the Christ Church Choir. Music will include works by Howard Helvey, Sarah MacDonald, Charles Villiers Stanford, and Joel Phillips. David Schelat from Market Street Music will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM. Join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

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### **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – JUNE 4**

Those of all ages are invited to join us for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, June 4, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Come enjoy this time of fun and fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

### **A CELEBRATION OF FR. MICHAEL'S MINISTRY – JUNE 8**

Join us on the Feast of Pentecost, June 8, when we bid farewell to Michael Kurth as he leaves our clergy team to become the rector of St. David's Episcopal Church in Brandywine Hundred. He will preach at all services that morning, and we'll celebrate his ministry among us at a reception in the Parish Halls between the 9 and 10:30 AM services. In his five years at Christ Church, Michael has shared his many gifts with us, and we are grateful for our time with him and delighted that he will remain in the Episcopal Church in Delaware. Join us as we give thanks for his ministry and rejoice with him in his new call as we say farewell to him, Sara, Henry, and Clara.

### **PLANNING AS WE AGE – JUNE 14, 28, & JULY 12**

Christ Church is pleased to host this 3-part series on Planning as We Age on Saturdays, June 14, 28, and July 12, from 9:30 to 11 AM in Parish Hall A. Designed for those who would like to know more about managing changes later in life, each morning includes an opening talk followed by Q&A and material relevant to each session for participants to take home. For details and to register for each session, visit our [website](#). Questions? Contact Fr. [David Beresford](#) or [Jaq Whalen](#).

- **June 14**—Estate Planning, led by Will Lunger
- **June 28**—Downsizing, led by Nancy Sproesser Martz
- **July 12**—Transitioning to a Retirement/Life Care Community, led by the Rev. John Pumphrey

### **SUMMERTIME DROP-IN CHOIR BEGINS – JUNE 15**

Join your voice with members of the Christ Church Choir by singing in our Summertime Drop-in Choir. Gather with us at 9:45 AM in the Church during June and July on whichever Sundays work for you. We will review the hymns for the day and learn an anthem. Come once, twice, or every Sunday from June 15 through July 13.

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### **A FEW SPOTS REMAIN AT MEMORIAL HOUSE – AUGUST 1-8**

Join fellow members of Christ Church for a week of fun and fellowship at Memorial House, the Episcopal Church retreat center nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth—from Friday, August 1 to Friday, August 8. Enjoy homemade meals, nature, and meaningful connections, just two blocks from the beach. For more information or to make a reservation, visit their [website](#).

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE CHRIST CHURCH GOLF CLASSIC – SEPTEMBER 8**

Hit the links at Hartefeld National Golf Course on Monday, September 8, with all proceeds benefiting children's programs for our church and preschool. Your participation includes a round of golf, player gifts, a buffet lunch, use of the range and putting green, a cart, and "19th hole" drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Even if you don't golf, all are welcome to attend the evening's reception with cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, raffle drawings, the presentation of prizes, and the coveted Al Smith Cup. Several levels of sponsorship opportunities are available as well. Link your business identity to Christ Church and its preschool while enjoying the opportunity to network, entertain clients, and have fun. Visit our [website](#) for details and to register as a golfer, sponsor, or for the reception.

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### **MAY OUTREACH COLLECTION**

This week, we complete our outreach collection for children and youth in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware and in the village of Jalonga, Dominican Republic. Donations of athletic equipment for those 4 and under, baseball gloves, bats, balls, and jump ropes for older children, water bottles, granola bars, pop tarts, and small boxes of cereal may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

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### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God  
in loving memory of  
Richard A. Dobbs  
Elizabeth T. B. Pierson  
Roger A. Fenimore

*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.*



**NEW HERE?** Scan the QR code to let us know or complete the card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

#### **PARISH CLERGY**

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*  
The Rev. Michael Kurth, *Associate Rector/Preschool Chaplain*  
The Rev. David Beresford, *Interim Associate Rector*  
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

#### **LAY MINISTRY STAFF**

Sheila Abio, *Head of School*  
Bruce Barber, *Director of Music*  
Mason Cruz, *Minister for Children & Youth*  
Jo Harney, *Director of Choristers*  
Cameron Kuzepski, *Organ Scholar*

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE & FACILITIES STAFF**

Sherry Lawton-Fasic, *Parish Administrator*  
Terri Carpe, *Finance Manager*  
Jennifer Fordham, *School Administrator*  
Deb Piper, *Philanthropy/Stewardship Associate*  
Jane Rubini, *Administrative Associate*  
Nigel Sanderson, *Livestream Technician*  
Michael Sayer, *Facilities Manager*  
Deborah Webb, *Communications Associate/Graphic Designer*  
Leroy Folks, Andy Marine, Charles Parfitt-Simpson, *Sextons*

#### **VESTRY & OFFICERS**

Ran Barton, *Senior Warden*; Alexia Wolf, '26, *Junior Warden*  
Mark Parsells, *Treasurer*; Bob Reardon, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Jennifer O'Connor, *Clerk*; MJ O'Connor, *Youth Representative*  
Chuck Arensberg, '26; Cindi Cozza, '27; Barbara King, '27  
Shelley Kinsella, '28; Kendall Meldrum, '28; Thorpe Moeckel, '27; Scott Nickle, '26  
John Olsen, '28; Jamie Poston, '27; Wil Stith, '28; Jaqueline Whalen, '26

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