

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
 seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa ther: re-ceive our prayer.
 Organ For you a-lone are the ho - ly one.
 You a - lone are the Lord, 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, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth

vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

The Choir sings

Psalm 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

Chant: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:
All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 371 *Thou, Whose Almighty Word*

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

Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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 the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

We pray for the Church, that she may always proclaim the eternal truth of salvation, and the love of God the three in One. Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the peace and unity of the world, as God is three persons and yet a perfect Unity, may all peoples be joined together in peace and may conflict come to an end. Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our President Donald, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority. Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who suffer and for those who care for them, especially *N*. May the love of the Holy Trinity be their hope and comfort. Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have died, that they may enjoy the harmony and happiness of eternal life. Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence

Priest Almighty and eternal Father, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please kneel or stand for

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

People *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.*

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant declares the absolution.

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 using Apple or Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo, a credit/debit card, ACH, 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

John Stainer (1840-1901)

I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face,
and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

And one cried unto another, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

O Trinity! O Unity! Be present as we worship thee,

And with the songs that angels sing unite the hymns of praise we bring. Amen.

Please stand and sing

The Presentation Hymn 380, v. 3 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 361

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 God thanks and praise.**

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

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:

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

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. *Amen.*

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

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

Praise to the Trinity, which is sound and life,

Creator of all things in their own lives;

And the praise of the angelic host,

And wond'rous splendor of the mysteries

That are unknown to all humankind,

And which in ev'rything is life, is life.

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

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.***

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.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

All sing

Hymn in Procession 368 *Holy Father, Great Creator*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Voluntary *Fugue in Eb "St. Anne"*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 and filled you with peace. Ask God to lead you to someone who needs an invitation to worship or encouragement in the blessing of your care. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MAY 31, 2026

TRINITY SUNDAY

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK SALE. St. Michael's School & Nursery was established in 1890 by the Episcopal Church in Delaware to care for children of working parents. At Christ Church, donated books are sold for just 50 cents for paperbacks and \$1.00 for hardbacks with all proceeds—more than \$1,000 each year—supporting the Scholarship Fund at St. Michael's. Stop by the St. Michael's Book Nook, located between the Commons Room and Parish Hall C in the Parish Center, and find your next good read. For more information about this ministry, please call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION THIS WEDNESDAY

Join us this Wednesday, June 3, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room for coffee, tea, snacks, and conversation. Catch up with friends, meet new people, and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

NEXT SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR MOTHER AFRICAN UNION CHURCH

When a church burns down, the congregation grieves its loss, but they are reminded that the church is not the building—it's the people—and those people are connected to the wider Body of Christ who pray, give, and work for the spread of God's kingdom. Next Sunday, June 7, we will receive a special offering for Mother African Union Church so that its congregation knows we support them in this time of loss. You may place your offering in the plate at any service or [give online](#). In addition, the Christ Church Outreach Committee has pledged a \$5,000 donation to Mother African Union to expand our generosity to our neighbors in need. Please give as you are able.

THE BISHOP'S VISIT

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Brown will be with us next Sunday, June 7, 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!

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Next Sunday, June 7, we recognize graduating seniors at the 10:30 AM service and encourage all those in the Class of 2026 to participate. Contact [Mason Cruz](#) to let him know you will be in attendance. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

CHORAL EVENSONG

Our final Choral Evensong of the 2025-26 season takes place next Sunday, June 7, at 4 PM in the Church with the Christ Church Choir. Music will include works by Howard Helvey, Bernard Rose, Herbert Howells, and William Walton, with an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM by David Hearn, retired assistant organist at Christ Church.

SUMMERTIME DROP-IN CHOIR – JUNE 14-JULY 12

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 beginning Sunday, June 14, 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 14 through July 12.

CELEBRATE WITH US AS WE DARE TO DECLARE – JUNE 14

Our nation marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence this year. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, communities across the country will commemorate this milestone. On Flag Day, June 14, Christ Church will honor the tradition of Dare to Declare, during which members of our community will read the Declaration of Independence aloud—just as it was shared 250 years ago before the age of modern communication. Please join us at 11:45 AM in the Church at the conclusion of our 10:30 AM service for this meaningful observance as we reaffirm the enduring principles of freedom, equality, and self-governance. A celebratory reception with hot dogs, birthday cake, and ice cream will follow, sponsored by the Parish Fellowship and Men's Ministries.

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION – JUNE 14 & 21

Christ Church's Men's Fellowship group is sponsoring a donation drive to support St. Michael's School & Nursery in Wilmington this Father's Day. St. Michael's serves children of all ages and their families, including programs to support fathers and grandfathers. We welcome donations of diapers, wipes, infant and toddler clothing, and Target or Walmart gift cards, which will be distributed to families in need. A member of the Men's Fellowship ministry will be available to collect donations before and after Saturday and Sunday services the weekends of June 14 and 21.

JOIN US FOR BASEBALL & FIREWORKS AT THE BLUE ROCKS – JUNE 26

Join us at Frawley Stadium for a Wilmington Blue Rocks game on Friday, June 26, at 6:35 PM versus the Frederick Keys. Our seats are located behind home plate during the 3rd annual Faith & Family Night at the ballpark, with fireworks following the game. Tickets are \$15 each and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. [Reserve](#) your seats today for a night of fun with your Christ Church family.

JUNE OUTREACH COLLECTION

June's outreach collection benefits those participating in programs at UrbanPromise and Family Promise. Disinfecting wipes, bleach spray cleaner, magic erasers and floor cleaner, brooms, dust pans, and sponges, kitchen trash bags, dish soap, liquid hand soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

HOST LEMONADE ON THE LAWN THIS SUMMER

Help us provide hospitality and welcome this summer by hosting Lemonade on the Lawn. These informal gatherings each Sunday between the 9 and 10:30 AM services allow us to catch up with friends, greet new visitors, and nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. Volunteers bring treats and set up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to participate in the life of our parish. [Sign up](#) online.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CHRIST CHURCH'S GOLF CLASSIC – AUGUST 31

Enjoy a day of golf at Hartefeld National Golf Course on Monday, August 31, 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. Those who don't golf 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.

WEEKDAY & SATURDAY WORSHIP

As summer approaches, remember that Christ Church offers several opportunities for worship beyond Sunday mornings. Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Wednesdays at 12 PM, Thursdays at 6:30 AM followed by breakfast and Bible study, and Saturdays at our 5 PM contemporary service. Evening Prayer is also offered every Sunday through Friday at 5 PM. All services are held in the Chapel of the Christ Child and provide meaningful ways to stay connected through Word and Sacrament.

MEDIUM-SIZED VASES NEEDED FOR THE FLOWER MINISTRY

Looking for a home for those floral vases you've been storing in your closet? Donate them to Christ Church's Flower Ministry. Medium-sized vases are especially needed to take bouquets of flowers from the Sunday altar arrangements to those in our parish who are ill or shut in. Donations may be left in the reception area of the Parish Center near the Chapel.

CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAGS & MERCHANDISE

Help us build community as we get to know fellow parishioners and newcomers by wearing your Christ Church name tag when you come to church. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip and may be ordered on our website. Then, show off your church spirit with Christ Church merchandise available for purchase. Choose from baseball caps, water bottles, tote bags, and more. Visit our [website](#) for details and to place an order for a name tag or church merch.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Vida Beard Ruppe

PEOPLE SERVING TODAY

Acolytes: 8 AM Ted Waugh. 10:30 AM Henry Bondi, MJ O'Connor. **Altar Guild:** Nancy Borda, Sue Brandes, Talley Brown, Leslie Davis Guccione, Nan Naeve, Kim Nelkin. **Eucharistic Ministers:** 8 AM Cindi Cozza, Scott Nickle. 10:30 AM Roi Barnard, David Hoopes. **Greeters:** 10:30 AM Peter and Shirley Rigby. **Lector:** 10:30 AM Elaine Olsen. **Ushers:** 8 AM Keith Nilsen. 10:30 AM David Hoopes, Lee Kallos.

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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