THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

May 14, 2023 8:00am and 10:30am and Livestreamed on Facebook



We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. For ease of use, this bulletin contains most portions of the liturgy. Scripture texts are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary. We use the red Book of Common Prayer, the blue 1982 Hymnal, and the Lift Every Voice & Sing II hymnal, all located in the pew racks.

In the time before our worship begins, please be mindful of those who need this time for quiet prayer and meditation.

Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.

May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.

The mission of Christ Church Episcopal is to live, love, and serve boldly together in the name of Jesus Christ.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn Coronation Hymnal #450

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant and People say together

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

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.

Gloria (8am only) BCP p. 356

Gloria Hymnal #S280

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.*

First Reading Acts 17:22-31

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O¹God, have¹proved us; *
 you have tried us¹just as¹silver is¹tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens up on our backs.
- †11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *

 which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *

 I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
 and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
 the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- †18 Blessèd be God, who has not re'jected my prayer, *
 nor with held his love from me.

Second Reading

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts

sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn Kingsfold Hymnal #480

When Jesus left His Father's throne

All remain standing.

Holy Gospel John 14:15-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Irma N. Guerra

All stand

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

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

Celebrant

During this Eastertide, in the power of the resurrection, let us give thanks to the Lord, saying: Alleluia, He is Risen!

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In this blessed season of hope, let us offer our thanks to God for all our blessings, either silently or aloud.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created yet so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia. He is risen!

For the altar flowers given by Connie Leff in Love, Honor, and Remembrance, let us give thanks to the Lord. We pray especially today for our mothers and those who serve as mothers; for the mothers who are still with us, and for those who have gone on before us. *Alleluia*. *He is risen!*

For all nations and peoples of the earth, and for all in high places of authority, especially Joseph, our president, and Brian, our governor, Nicole, our county chair, and Craig, mayor of the City of Norcross, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

For the holy church, especially Rob, Don, and Paul, our bishops, and Liz and Mimi, our clergy, our staff, forum chairs, and all our faithful volunteers, whose lives are hid with Christ in God, that in all its diversity, witness may be made to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia. He is risen!

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia. He is risen!

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, especially for Busy, Michele, Mike, Jack, Sara Jean, Heather, John, Mary Ann, Mellie, Jenny, Debanhi, Dick, Nancy, Holly, Judy & Richard, Laura, Graham, Lance, Barbara, and Val, and for those we name now either silently or aloud, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, let us give thanks to the Lord. *Alleluia. He is risen!*

The people may add their own petitions.

For all who have died; for those we remember now either silently or aloud; that in Christ who triumphed over death, they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us give thanks to the Lord. *Alleluia, He is risen!*

The people may add their own petitions.

For those who reach out in the name of Christ to others, especially the parish of St. Joseph of Arimathea in Haiti, and their rector, Père Markendy, the Neighborhood Co-Op, Rainbow Village, our Thrift Shop volunteers, our Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care, for our Search Committee and for our Vestry, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

For all gathered in this assembly, that we, like all the disciples, may believe the empty tomb, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us give thanks to the Lord. *Alleluia, He is risen!*

For members of our parish that we pray for this day:

Jeff & Teri Wynia;

Marisol Yahuitl:

Ovandy & Zayra Yanez; and

Andrew & Yamileth Yen:

and for those who serve in the Armed Forces: Jeff and Daniel, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever. *Amen*.

All stand.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

Mission of Mercy Recipient

The Mission of Mercy Recipient for May is the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

As we prepare for Holy Communion let us listen attentively with an open heart to the music of the anthem.

We have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who requests them. Please ask the priest for them when you are at the altar rail.

Offertory Anthem

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Presentation Hymn

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Hymnal #493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

The people remain standing.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

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.

Then facing the Holy Table, 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 are we 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:

Sanctus (8am only) BCP p. 367

Sanctus Hymnal #S125

The people remain standing

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [______ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

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A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem Hymnal #S154

The Celebrant says

Invitation

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.

Communion HymnDulce CarmenHymnal #559

Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us

Communion Hymn Land of Rest Hymnal #304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen*.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Postcommunion Hymn

*Marion*Rejoice, ye pure in heart

Hymnal #556

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Paying the tithe first is a sign of the giver's priorities.

Stewardship Quote



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Prayers for Members of Our Parish

Busy Belden, Michele Berrell, Mike Breedlove, Jack Brocksmith, Sara Jean Davies, Heather Emery, John Emery, Mary Ann Fair, Mellie Fitten, Jenny Ham, Debanhi Hernandez, Dick Kohlhausen, Nancy Maxwell, Holly Moore, Judy & Richard Moore, Laura Nurse, Graham Perrins, Lance Wenger, Barbara Wessel, and Val Wilson.

Prayers for Members of our Military

Jeff Jennings and Daniel O'Keefe.

Prayers for Friends and Family

Jane & John Atkinson, Pam Barnett, Elaine Black, Sharon Blalock & Family, Catherine Brack, Irene Brown, Brad Burns, Sophia Crawford, Bill & Debbie Crenshaw, Will Drummond, Fran Dunning-Webb, Mary Guerra, Diane Hill, Robin Hippel, Martha Gilbert Holmes, Betty Ann Hudgins, David Hyers, Lynn Catherine Jester, Eileen Kelly, Val McCall, Kathleen McCarron, Juanita McClusky, Bill McMillan, Martin McRoberts, James Marshall, John Mocharski, Judy Strickland Myers, Anne & Marty Nordland, Anita Oliver, Bonnie Pitman, Gary & Cindy Russell, Tom Shaw, Andrew Thompson, Pete Van Zant, Lindsey Wengenroth, Noah Withrow, and Catherine Wright.

Please call 770/447-1166 or e-mail the church office at office@ccnorcross.org to add or remove names from the prayer list.

TIME-SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read This Week At Christ Church or watch TWACCation on Facebook for announcements.

PARISH PROFILE AND APPLICATION NOW ON WEBSITE

The Search Committee is pleased to announce that the Parish Profile has been approved by the Diocese and has now been posted to the national sites for priests seeking a new position, and on our website under "Rector Search."

CALLING ALL TRIVIA BUFFS; FRIDAY, MAY 19th, AT 7PM

As a finishing and fun exercise to the confirmation classes we had this spring, we are having a TRIVIA night on Friday night, May 19th, beginning at 7pm. Trivia questions will be on the bible, Book of Common Prayer, the videos we watched during the classes and information from the instructed Eucharist that was held on May 6, (handout is available in the TWACC for download). Please form your own team, members can be any number of people, or join a team when you arrive. The goal of this event is FUN!! Refreshments will be served And prizes will be awarded. Our own TRIVIA QUEEN, Karen Bass, will serve as MC. Nursery will be available, but kids are welcome to join the fun!

SENIOR SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

We will be honoring all of our graduating Seniors from high school and college at the 10:30am service on May 21st. Please contact Karen Bass so that we have a complete list of our Seniors.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28TH

If you speak a foreign language, please consider being part of our Pentecost Sunday Gospel reading at the 8:00am and/or 10:30am service on May 28, 2023. Contact Beth Holland at office@ccnorcross.org or call 770/447-1166 before 9:00am on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, and let us know at which service you would like to read and in what language.

The English text of the Gospel will be provided after you respond, so that you have time to translate it into the language you will read.

ADULT EDUCATION: EASTERTIDE; ACTS: CATCHING UP WITH THE SPIRIT BEGAN APRIL 23, 2023, AT 9:15AM

Each week will include a short video and discussion taking the class through 'the Acts of the Apostles, the experiences of the early church and its original mission. See the TWACC for a brief description by the book's author.

DOK BRUNCH AND BOOK SWAP,

All women of Christ Church are invited to a Daughters of the King brunch and book swap at the home of Ben and Sharon Pitman's house on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 10am until 12 noon. You don't need to bring anything except your book, which should be wrapped like a present. RSVP to Sharon for more details.

GWINNETT PRIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH

Volunteers needed to help with set-up booth work, and take-down on Saturday, June 10th from 12pm until 5pm. Please email Wes Quesenberry WesQ.Vestry@gmail.com if you can help or if you need more information about the event.

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Liturgical Participants for 8:00am & 10:30am May 14, 2023

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Liturgical Participants for 8:00am & 10:30am May 21, 2023, Senior Sunday		
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