

Christ Church *Episcopal*

Follow Jesus // Love People // Change The World

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 3, 2026

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, y los que no hablan inglés. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion." We've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts, and you!

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God, your Son Jesus Christ promised to be with us whenever we gather together in His name. We thank you for Christ Church and the love that holds us together. Make us eager to gather for worship. Inspire us to learn and grow spiritually, as individuals and as a faith community. We seek knowledge of Your will for us. We pray for the strength and courage, the wit and wisdom, and the humor and creativity to follow Jesus, love people and change the world. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION

(9:00) Hymnal #487 *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Light*

(11:00) *Here I Am To Worship*

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.**

Any children wishing to go to Children's Chapel and Godly Play may follow the procession out of the back of the church at this time.

THE GLORIA

(9:00) Hymnal # S-280 Glory to God (Canticle 20)

Powell

(11:00) Glory to God

LEVAS #243

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

1. Glo-ry to God — in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, — we give you thanks, — we praise you for — your glo-ry.

Unison

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 4. You

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,
Unison
 7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
 praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
 Praise your Ho - ly name.
 A - - - men.

THE 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.**

The people are seated for the reading of the Lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of

Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able for the Sequence Hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

(9:00) Celtic Alleluia

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ____



THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Wise

THE NICENE CREED

All stand and say together.

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 human. 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant:

Standing or kneeling, let us offer our prayers for the church and for the world.

Intercessor:

The risen Christ walked with his disciples on the road to Emmaus, even when they did not recognize him as the Lord. For those who are walking the road toward recovery, wholeness, and mental health; may they know that the same Christ walks with them. May they sense the comfort of his presence. Bring to them the hope, peace, and consolation of a journey taken with a Lord who listens to what weighs on the hearts of those he loves and who knows the road ahead. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

For all persons who face discrimination and stigma due to mental illness, may they find welcome and inclusion as branches of Jesus' vine. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer**

Walk with the homeless, the destitute, the fragile, the missing. Thank you for those who have angels unaware intervening in their lives. May we come to know their names and remember that each one is someone's child, someone's brother or sister, someone's friend. May we recognize the Risen One in all the wounded of our world. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the citizens and leaders of this land, this state and this city ... that we may unite to provide for and protect the poor, the homeless and those who suffer in mind, body and spirit. May we act with justice to ensure the availability of necessary supportive services to aid in their recovery. Empower us to speak up for those whose voices are tired; save us from making peace with the injustices in the systems that have failed them. Forgive us for our indifference. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We lift up those who shoulder the care of the vulnerable – social workers, counselors, mental health professionals, nurses, doctors, and their caregivers – strengthen them to remain soft in the face of life’s hardest moments so that they may bear witness to God’s spirit of love. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant patience and courage to the families and friends of those who are ill. Increase their perseverance and networks of connection to one another. May the Church be ready to support them as they face challenges to the physical, mental, and social health of their loved one. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

The Risen Christ promised his followers that they would never be alone and that each time two or three came together in his name that he would truly be present with them. Let us prayerfully remember Christ’s living presence among, between, and all around us. In the Anglican Cycle of prayer, we offer our prayers for The Church of North India. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks for the clergy and people of St. Augustine’s in Oklahoma City and St. Michael’s in Norman. We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week...and for those who are expecting, ... Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We lift to you all who have asked for our prayers, especially.....; and those on active duty in the military: ... Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember before you those who have gone before us, (especially...) May we, like them, share in the fruits of the victory of Christ over the grave, the Paschal lamb who has taken away the sins of the whole world. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes:

To the one who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand as they are able.

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.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Table

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) *Come, My Way* by Schweizer

(11:00) *Near The Cross*

Jesus, keep me near the cross
There resides precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flowing down from Calv'ry's mountain

Chorus
But in the cross, the cross
Be my glory ever
'Til my weary soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

Near the cross, a trembling soul
Love and mercy, they have found me
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its radiant beams around me

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Doxology, The Old 100th

Please stand as you are able, as all sing together.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing.

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant.

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

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift ¹⁰ them to the Lord.

Celebrant

The Celebrant continues

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:

THE SANCTUS

(9:00) *Hymn S-129 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias)*

(11:00) *Mass of the Desert - Sanctus*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God,
Lord God, Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - high - est.

The People remain standing or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

(9:00) *Hymnal S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God*

(11:00) *Mass of the Desert - Fraction*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,

have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Celebrant invites the congregation to receive the Sacrament saying these or similar words

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love and for those who want to love more. So, come: you who have much faith, and you who have little; you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow,

and you who have fallen short, come. Because it is the Risen Christ who invites you. It is the Risen Christ who wants to meet you here.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. You may stand or kneel at the railing and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine and then consuming it. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive in your chair, please let an Usher know, and a clergy person and Eucharistic Minister will bring the consecrated bread and wine to you.

THE MUSIC DURING THE MINISTRATION

(9:00) *Stacey Lewald*

(11:00) *Wonderful*

He is wonderful
Oh, yes he is
He's really been, he's really been, he's
really been
Really been wonderful
He's wonderful
I'm a witness tonight that
He's really been wonderful
The Lord is my shepherd
And the Lord is my guide
He told me whatever should I need
Ooh, he would provide
That's why I'll praise his holy, holy, holy
name

He's really been wonderful
Oh, yes he has
Mmm, he's wonderful
Oh, yes
Oh, yes he is
I'm wondering tonight
Is there anybody else who knows, no, no,
no, no
That the Lord is wonderful?
He's wonderful
I'm a living witness tonight that
He's really been wonderful

Listen
When I get sad
To him I go
Nobody
No, no, nobody else
Who can cure my soul
That's why I will
Praise his name
Ooh, that's why I will
Mmm, that why I will, I will
Every time I
Praise his name

He's really been
He's really been
He has really, really, really,
really been
He's really been wonderful

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

The Priest offers a seasonal blessing upon the people.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION

(9:00) *Hymnal #518 Christ is made the sure foundation*

(11:00) *Your Love Keeps Lifting Me Higher*

Chorus

Your love keeps lifting me higher
Than I've ever been lifted before
So keep it up, keep lifting me higher
And I'll be at your side forever more

I'm so glad I finally found you
Yes, that one in a million, yeah
And with your lovin' arms around me
I can stand up and face the world

Once, I was downhearted
Disappointment was my closest friend
But then you came and it soon departed
You know he never showed his face again

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Upcoming Opportunities to Connect & Grow

If you are a guest with us today, please take a moment to fill out the "I'm New" card (located on the seatback in front of you) and place it in the offering basket. A member of our clergy or staff will be happy to connect with you this week.

FOUNDATIONS 101: A WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

- Sundays, April 12th - May 17th, 2026
- 10:00 a.m. in the PAC

This 6-week Christian formation course will serve as an introduction to Christ Church as well as the Episcopal church overall. We will discuss our community of faith, answer your questions and introduce how you can become involved in our ministries here. It's designed especially for those who are new to Christ Church or haven't taken the Foundations course before (or in a while), but anyone is welcome to join at any time! We look forward to some wonderful conversations and questions. Taught by Dr. Blake Connelly. Register on the Church Center App.



SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP

This summer, our students will be going on a work mission trip to Parsons, Kansas from July 5th - 11th, and you have the opportunity to become a Shareholder! For \$50/share you are paving the way for practical needs to be met in the community of Parsons, and transformation to happen for our EYC students and volunteers. For more information, please talk with one of our youth representatives or with Lyndsay Hightower.



CONCERT AT THE FARM: JOSH GRIDER

- Saturday, May 9, 2026
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30pm

Concerts at the Farm are back! Join us on Saturday, May 9 at the back of our campus under the stars for an evening of live music, great food, and community - all open to the public. Bring your own camp chairs/picnic blankets. The youth will be grilling and selling hamburgers as a fundraiser for their mission trip this summer.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST Sunday, May 24, 2026

On May 24th, to commemorate the Feast of Pentecost, we will have one combined service at 10:00 a.m outdoors (weather permitting). Please dress casually and comfortably, and wear RED to mark the coming of the Holy Spirit as “tongues of fire.” After we gather around God’s table for Eucharist, we will continue to break bread together in a parish wide picnic! Bring your own lawn chairs and/or picnic blankets for the service and for lunch.

Weekly Offerings

MONDAYS

10:30-11:30am

Women’s Bible Study @ Christ Church

Led by Pam Dean

7:30-8:30pm

Pub Theology @ McNellie’s South

TUESDAY

7:30-9:30am

(every other week)

Men’s Breakfast Group

@ Apple Barrel Café on Mingo & 61 st

Led by Larry Comstock

9:30am – 12:00pm

MONOS Contemplative Prayer Group @ Christ Church

5:45-6:45pm

Yoga and Meditation @ Christ Church

WEDNESDAYS

10:00am-12:00pm

6:00-7:30pm

Yarnsters @ Christ Church

Youth Group (6th -12 th grade) @ Christ Church

THURSDAYS

7:00-8:00pm

6:00-7:30pm

(first week of the month)

Southside Traditions AA (meets @ Christ Church)

Thursday Night Light

@ The Caring Center, Downtown Tulsa

FRIDAYS

8:00-9:00am

Men’s Prayer Group @ Christ Church

Led by Don Dyer

SUNDAYS

9:00am

10:00am

11:00am

7:00-8:00pm

Traditional Eucharist with Choir

Formation for all ages

Contemporary Eucharist with Band

Southside Traditions AA (meets @ Christ Church)

