

Christ Church *Episcopal*

Follow Jesus // Love People // Change The World

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 10, 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 tune 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 #292 O Jesus, crowned with all renown

(11:00) I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus

Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
tho' none go with me still I will follow

The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me

Chorus

I will follow wherever You lead me,
I will go, wherever You go
You're my Master and my Savior,
take me Lord, forever I'm Yours

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 - might - 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.

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.**

The people are seated for the reading of the Lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

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."

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

THE GRADUAL

Psalm 66:7-18

Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**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.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.

**Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.

**If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.**

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

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! _____

(11:00) Mass of the Resurrection, Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia! _____ Al - le -

lu - ia! _____ *D.S. ||* lu - ia! _____ *to Verse |*

THE 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.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Bill Smith

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:

On this day of celebration, we praise God for the dying which destroyed our death, and we pray for our world in need of life, saying: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

The risen Christ was present with the disciples even when they did not recognize him as the Lord. May the church find, even in our weakness and fear, Christ's call to healing, mission, and the sharing of good news for all. In the Anglican Cycle of prayer, we offer our prayers for The Church of Pakistan. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks for the clergy and people of All Saints' in Duncan and St. John's in Durant. Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Christ showed wounded hands and feet to his beloved apostles. May we recognize the Risen One in all the wounded of our world. Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Christ calls us each by name so that we might more fully know his resurrection. Let us and all in authority heed his call for justice in the church, in our community, and in our nation. Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

We are saved by a God who is always at work redeeming the world. Let us ask for God's light in those places of our lives which seem darkest. Let us ask God to enlighten all who inflict darkness on others. Let us ask that God shine on those who are victims of evil. 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. We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week...and for those who are expecting, ... Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

In the power of Christ's resurrection, we experience healing. Let us recall 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) If Ye Love Me by Tallis, arr. Thoburn

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.
That he may abide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.

(11:00) Found

Take me to the church
And I'll pray I'll pray
Take me to the river
And I'll wash my sins away away
Take me to the church
And I'll pray I'll pray
Take me to the river
And I'll wash my sins away away
I'll dance in the water there
I'll hardly come up for air
'Cause in the waters of new life I'm found
And all the world is right

Would You go with me
As I walk this road
Take me by the hand
And lead this wanderer home home
Would You go with me as I walk this road
Take me by the hand

And lead this wanderer home home
There's still so far for me to climb
If I forget that You are mine
When the road in front of me
Gets hard it can seem so far
But in the promise of Your light I'm found
And all the world is right

When I leave this world
There's nothing I'll bring
But a whispered hallelujah
As I hear the angels sing sing
I'll stand with you in the end
I'll hear You call me your friend
'Cause where my faith
Becomes sight I'm found
And all the world is right

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.**

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 OFFERING OF HOLY UNCTION (9AM ONLY)

Anyone wishing to receive personal prayers (one-on-one) with Holy Unction (anointing with holy oil) may do so immediately following Communion. These prayers are offered during the 9AM liturgy in The Rev. Dr. Everett Lees Chapel by a trained member of Christ Church. Simply head back to the Chapel after receiving the bread and the wine and a prayer team member will be stationed and awaiting you there.

THE MUSIC DURING THE MINISTRATION

(9:00) Hymnal #324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

(11:00) Lay It All Down

Bring your worry, grief and pain
Every cause you have for shame
Lay it all down, lay it all down
When your cares have buried you
And theres nothing left to do
Lay it all down lay it all down
At the feet of jesus, at the feet of jesus

Chorus

Lay it all down lay it all down
Lay it all down lay it all down (3X)
At the feet of Jesus
At the feet of Jesus

Carried on but your heart was tired
Feared the worst and felt the fire
Lay it all down, lay it all down
Filled with all those anxious thoughts
All your doubts became your god
Lay it all down, lay it all down
At the feet of jesus, at the feet of jesus

When we've given up on better days
There are memories we can't erase
Lay it all down, lay it all down
We've come to fear what we can't explain
There's nothing here that can ease the pain
Lay it all down, lay it all down
At the feet of Jesus, at the feet of Jesus

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 #705 As those of old their first fruits brought
(11:00) This Little Light of Mine

This Little Light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This Little Light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This Little Light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let It Shine, Let It Shine, Let it Shine.

Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine
Let It Shine, Let It Shine, Let it Shine.

All down the Road I'm gonna let it shine
All down the Road I'm gonna let it shine
All down the Road I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

This Little Light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This Little Light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This Little Light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let It Shine, Let It Shine, Let it Shine.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*The flowers this week have been given by Lorra Plummer
in thanksgiving for Sara Plummer's birthday.*

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.

PERSONAL PRAYER MINISTRY WITH HOLY UNCTION

Personal prayer with Holy Unction is offered each Sunday during the 9am liturgy directly following Communion in the Rev. Dr. Everett Lees Chapel. Upon initiating this ministry, Fr. Everett wrote: "Holy Unction is a sacrament of the Church and is a rite in our Book of Common Prayer. As Episcopalians, we have retained the sacrament of anointing for healing since the Reformation (the only Protestant branch of the Church to do so). For four and one-half centuries, we have been anointing people for healing. It is a profound heritage."

If you feel called to offer this ministry during the 11:00 AM liturgy, or if you'd like to be trained to offer it during the 9:00 AM liturgy, please speak with Fr. Matt.

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.

EPISCOPALIANS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT: A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

- Sundays, May 3, 10, and 17
- 10:00 a.m.

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" – John 20:22

Join us for a three-week seminar exploring the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of the Church. Together, we'll reflect on topics including:

- The New and Eternal Pentecost
- Scripture and the Holy Spirit
- Singing in the Spirit
- The gifts and ministries of the Spirit
- Prayer groups as places of practice and growth

Participants will receive handouts, and Fr. Clyde's booklet - featuring classic and contemporary readings - will be available in hardcopy or electronic format.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

- Sunday, May 17th, 2025
- 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services

Graduates of high school, college, and graduate school from the **Class of 2026** will be recognized on **Graduation Sunday, May 17th**, during both worship services.

If you are a parishioner and are a graduate of the Class of 2026, please fill-out a quick information form on the Church App, so you can be recognized on Graduation Sunday. Thank you!

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.

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