

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024, 8:00 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist - Renewed Ancient Text

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Processional Hymn *I sing the almighty power of God (v. 1-2)* Hymnal 398

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity (*in unison*)

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.

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
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Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** 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.**

First Reading *(all be seated)*

Isaiah 45:11-13, 18-19

Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Will you question me about my children, or command me concerning the work of my hands? I made the earth, and created humankind upon it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host. I have aroused Cyrus in righteousness, and I will make all his paths straight; he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward, says the Lord of hosts. For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and

made it (he established it; he did not create it a chaos, he formed it to be inhabited!): I am the Lord, and there is no other. I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in chaos.' I the Lord speak the truth, I declare what is right.

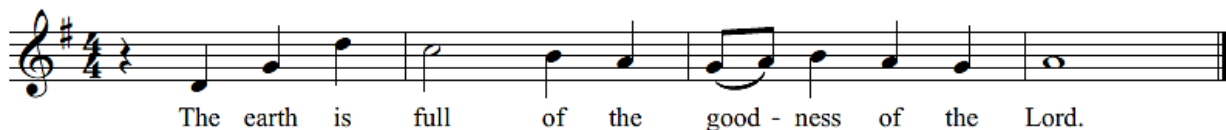
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual (*all remain seated*)

Psalm 33:1-8

Response: (Cantor sings once, then all sing)



Verses: (Cantor sings Verse, then all sing Response)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; it is fitting for the just to be thankful.
Praise the Lord with the harp; sing praises unto him with the ten-stringed lute.
Sing unto him a new song; make skillful melody and cry aloud with joy.
For the word of the Lord is true, and all his works are faithful.
(Response)

He loves righteousness and true judgment; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath
of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together, as in a heap,
and lays up the deep, as in a treasure house.
Let all the earth fear the Lord; stand in awe of him, all you that dwell in the world.
(Response)

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate

their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(all stand)

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

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

Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed *(all stand and recite in unison)*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 *(please kneel)*

The Deacon says:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.”

Please offer your prayers this morning, either out loud or silently.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession *(in unison)*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

Peace (*all stand*)

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with your spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Presentation Hymn (*all stand*)

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

The Celebrant says:

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

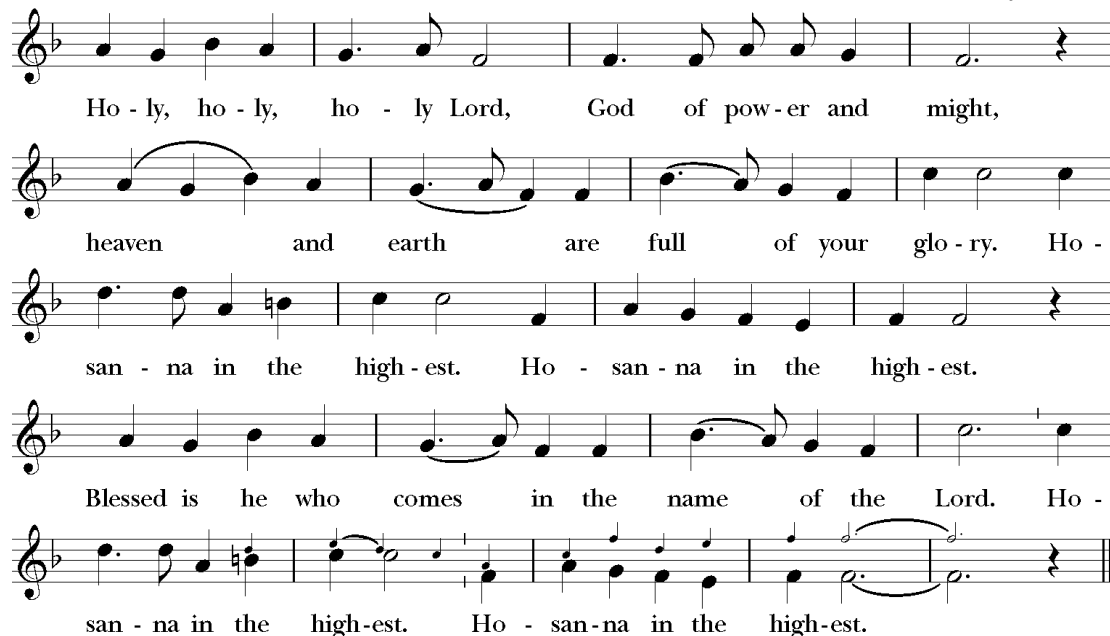
It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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 et Benedictus

Hymnal S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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 Prayer of Consecration *(all kneel)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 Lord's Prayer

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

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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Prayer of Humble Access (*in unison*)

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **grant us your peace.**

Celebrant says:

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

All baptized Christians who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church. All who do not wish to receive are still welcome to come forward to the altar rail. You may cross your arms across your chest as an indication you do not wish to receive, and a prayer of blessing will be offered for you instead.

Gluten-free wafers are available. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, simply ask the priest.

Additional prayer is offered by our Altarside Prayer Team to the side of the altar, if you are in need of specific prayer, they would be happy to pray with you after you have received communion.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer *(in unison)*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Holy God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim, all in heaven above adore thee;
infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: holy, holy, holy Lord!

Lo, the apostolic train join, thy sacred Name to hallow;
prophets swell the loud refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Today

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Celebrant:

The Reverend Bree Snow

Preacher:

The Reverend Chase Campbell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating God's Goodness

Join us in the Parish Hall after the 10:30am service today for a feast to celebrate God's Goodness and Faithfulness to us! Do you have a story of something our Lord has done for you that you would like to share? Has He strengthened you, rescued you, provided for you, comforted or encouraged you, healed you, or given you joy, peace, or freedom in a specific way? Lunch will be provided, and those who want to share aloud can share for a few minutes each. Or, simply come and hear others' stories and celebrate with them!

Summer Theology on Tap Begins This Thursday, May 9!

Join us this summer for a pint and a conversation about the fiction of the well-beloved J.R.R. Tolkien. Our first meeting will be led by Dr. Jonathan Olson on Tolkien's famous short story, "Leaf by Niggle." **We will meet in the Parish Hall at CCA this Thursday, May 9, from 7-9 PM.**

CCA Lawn

If you noticed that the lawn is looking browner than usual, it is because we just had fill dirt and seed added to level areas that were uneven. Hopefully this prevents ankle twisting falls into unexpected holes that always seem to catch us off guard. We hope to see Bermuda growing back in the next 3-4 weeks.

Ministry Partner Days with UCCI

In just a few weeks, we have a unique opportunity to partner more closely with the United Christ Church of India (UCCI), a vibrant part of our church planting efforts. On **May 19th, join us in the Parish Hall between services** where Fr. Suresh will share an inspiring update on UCCI's journey. You'll hear the compelling story of their beginnings and discover the exciting directions God is leading them next.

Then, on **May 26th**, we'll experience something truly special—**a combined service with UCCI at the 10:30 AM service**. This isn't just another Sunday. It's a chance to blend our talents and hearts in worship, to deepen our connection with this incredible congregation that we are privileged to support. Don't miss these moments to engage with our broader church family and see firsthand how together, we're making a difference in lives around the world.

Presentation by Keilah Thurman, May 19

Keilah Thurman is planning on taking a gap year this coming year after she graduates from Cicero Preparatory Academy in May. For her gap year she plans to do two different young adult discipleship programs. First is with an Antioch Network partner ministry in North Cyprus: Exile. It is a three-month intensive program where she will read the entire Bible and Qur'an (Koran) and focus on Inter-Cultural Ministry. While working side-by-side with Muslims, she will learn how to relate and communicate the gospel in a receivable way. The second is a Youth With A Mission's (YWAM) Outdoor Discipleship Training (ODTS) program. Both programs will equip her with the characteristics of a disciple as well as practical training for ministry. **Please join us in the Nave after the second service on May 19th** for a presentation from Keilah. During that time, you will hear more about her gap year and learn how you can spiritually and financially partner with Keilah in this transformative experience.

VBS Registration & Volunteer Sign-Up **Camper and Volunteer Registration is OPEN!**

Join Mary, Jesus' Mom, and her friends on June 24 through June 28 from 9 AM to Noon as we learn about when Jesus was a kid!

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Prices increase after May 27. Register today using the QR code below!



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Spiritual Gifts Discovery Assessment

This is a simple tool designed to highlight your unique gifts and discover your place among our ministry teams. It takes about 5 minutes to complete. We encourage you to take your test today!



Livestreaming

Our 10:30 a.m. service is now livestreamed. Subscribe to our YouTube channel @christchurchanglican8173 and you will receive notifications when the service is live or you can access the recorded sermon later.

Morning Adult Formation, 9:15-10:15 AM

Via Catechesis | Room 7 | January 7-May 26: Via Catechesis is our two-semester journey through the Christian faith. This Spring, those who attended Via in Fall 2023 will complete the course, culminating in their confirmation or reception as members of Christ Church Anglican and the Anglican Church in North America. Interested in joining Via in Fall 2024? Contact Mtr. Bree at bsnow@christchurchphoenix.org for more information.

Staying in a Leaving Culture | Parish Hall | April 14 & 28, May 5 & 12

Join Donna Otto in an examination of what it takes to stay in a leaving culture. One feature of the American culture is leaving when things get tough. We are called to be counter-cultural.

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