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Fifth Sunday of **EASTER**



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Participants in today's service

Celebrant/Preacher	The Very Reverend José Reyes
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Organist & Choir Director	Dr. Colin Britt
Verger	Oswald Howard
Acolytes	Sean Asante & June Watson
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Lectors	Denise McCarthy & Jillian McLeod
Intercessor	Thomas O'Neil
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THE OPENING VOLUNTARY – “What a Wonderful World”

– Bob Thiele & George David Weiss

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN- The Hymnal 1982 - #400 All creatures of our God and King (verses 1-4 & 7)



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

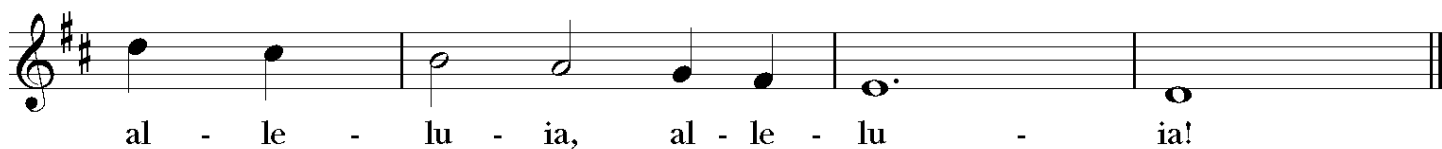


- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

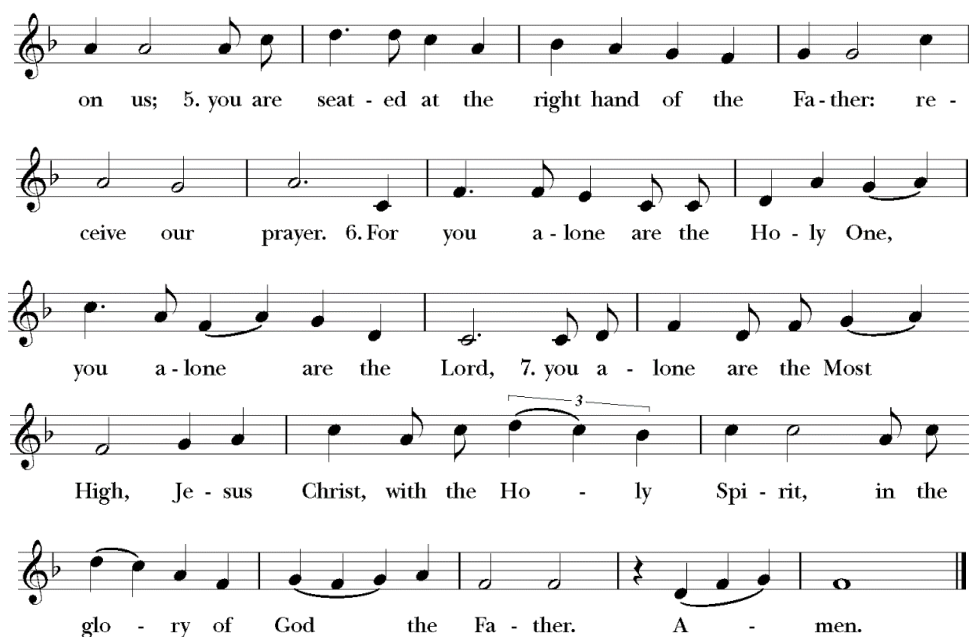
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 GLORIA- The Hymnal 1982, Service Music – S 280 Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 FIRST READING - Acts 11:1-18

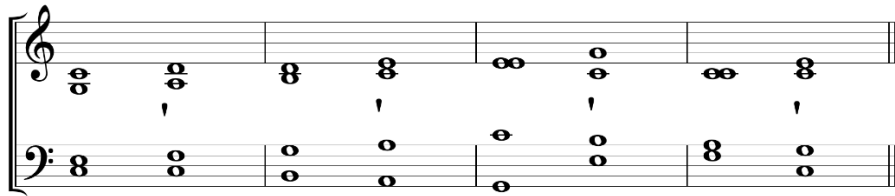
Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to

heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 23



1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the / **heavens; ***

praise him in the / **heights.**

2 Praise him, all you angels of / **his; ***

praise him, all his / **host.**

3 Praise him, sun and / **moon; ***

praise him, all you shining / **stars.**

4 Praise him, heaven of / **heavens, ***

and you waters above the / **heavens.**

5 Let them praise the Name of the / **Lord; ***

for he commanded, and they were cre/**ated.**

6 He made them stand fast for ever and /**ever; ***

he gave them a law which shall not pass a/**way.**

7 Praise the Lord from the /**earth, ***

you sea-monsters and all /**deeps;**

8 Fire and hail, snow and /**fog, ***

tempestuous wind, doing his /**will;**

9 Mountains and all /**hills, ***
fruit trees and all /**cedars;**
10 Wild beasts and all /**cattle, ***
creeping things and winged /**birds;**
11 Kings of the earth and all /**peoples, ***
princes and all rulers of the /**world;**
12 Young men and /**maidens, ***
old and young to/**gether.**
13 Let them praise the Name of the /**Lord, ***
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and /**heaven.**
14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal /**servants, ***
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Halle/**lujah!**

THE SECOND READING - Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said

to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To

the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN The Hymnal 1982 - #529 In Christ There is no East or West

Unison or harmony C Bb F

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of East or the faith, what -
 3 In Christ, now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL - John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend José Reyes

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go.

To you we offer praise eternal,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Incarnate Love, where hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, call forth new life by your touch. Bring forth life in the desolate places of this world.

To you we offer praise eternal,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Author of Life, you are the ruler of creation. All things created on Earth sing to your glory.
From death of the winter, raise the fair beauty of earth.

To you we offer praise eternal,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Living Savior, you hold the future. You bless and restore our families, our communities
our world. Though we face uncertain days, we trust our future to the certainty of your
endless and eternal love. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially,
The Reverend Joel Martinez, Yolanda Berberana, Ruben A. Reyes, Brandon Straughter,
Marion Stevens, Emily Gonzalez, Charlotte Carrington, Nathaniel Green, Julianne
Dulude, Richard Authier, Harley Dulude and The Reverend Barbara Thrall. We pray
for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Janet & Rick Shepard and
Delphine & Haven Williams. We give thanks for the flowers on the altar today, given to
the Glory of God in thanksgiving for Charlotte Carrington's birthday.

To you we offer praise eternal,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus, the health of the world, pour out your balm on our souls and the souls of all in
pain or sorrow. Be the source of life for all people. We pray for those we name in
silence or aloud now: Cecily Perez, Maria Lamoutte, Sherry Brandstatter, Karen and
Bob Soderstrom, Kathy & Jim McBride, Monique Ray Burwell, Milagros Lopez,
Charlie Murrin and his family, Robert Jewell, Sr. and his family, Charlotte Carrington,
Todd Shepard, Beverly Rourke, Ann Lincoln, Joyce Howard, David and Kathy
Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Louise Amerman, Eleanor Parke, Blaise and her
family.

To you we offer praise eternal,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Purify us O Lord, from all of the evil that we may rightly see you in the eternal light
of your resurrection. By your victory, bring us from death to life eternal.

To you we offer praise eternal,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us pray for God's providence in the calling of our next Diocesan Bishop.
**Gracious God, we give you thanks for the ministry we share in the Diocese of
Western Massachusetts. In this season of discernment, we ask your blessing
and the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we prepare to call our next Bishop.**

Guide us in this important work, that your mission may be furthered, and your Gospel proclaimed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the Offertory, the Altar is prepared. People may place pledges and donations in the collection basket during the offertory. You may also donate, and pledge online, just point your phone at the QR code.



THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM - “City Called Heaven” – Gospel

- arranged by Poelintz

THE OFFERTORY HYMN- The Hymnal 1982 - #300 They’ll Know We Are Christians (Glory to God)

1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, we will work with each
4. All praise our Cre-a-tor from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ
Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-
oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, and to-gether we'll spread the news that God is in our
oth-er, we will work side by side, and we'll guard each one's dig-ni-ty and save each one's
Je-sus, God's on-ly Son, and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us
stored: And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our
land:
pride:
one:
love, yes, they'll know we are Christ-tians by our love.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #120 The Holy Eucharist II, Lift up your hearts

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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- The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #130 The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the 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 God, 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 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE FRACTION ANTHEM The Hymnal 1982, S- 164 Fraction Anthem:
Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Gifts of God for you, the People of God.

Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion. Our practice is to stand or kneel at the altar rail in front, where the clergy will give you the host and then will give you the chalice. If you desire only a blessing and not the Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. If you prefer Gluten-Free wafers or non-alcoholic grape juice, please tell the eucharistic ministers.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM – “If Ye Love Me” – *Thomas Tallis*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you life everlasting. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE RECESSION HYMN- The Hymnal 1982 - #379 God is Love, let heaven adore him

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with the piano accompaniment on the right. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and harmonic support.

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY – “Improvisation on ‘Abbot’s Leigh’”



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WRITING WORKSHOP

Would you like to write a book? Not sure how to get started? Free workshop in person here at Christ Church Cathedral.

Saturday, June 28, 2025 from 1-3pm.

Please reserve your spot by calling the Main office by May 23, 2025 at 413-736-2742





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The 4th Annual Springfield Pride Parade is on Saturday, June 7th 2025!

Please join **Christ Church Cathedral** as we show our love and support for the LGBTQIA+ community by setting up a table along the parade route and handing out waters, flags and other PRIDE items, while encouraging the community to find their spiritual homes here at CCC!

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