

# Christ Church Episcopal

*Reading, Pennsylvania*

*Christ Is All and In All*

**The Fifth Sunday  
in Easter**

**May 15, 2022**



## **The Holy Eucharist**

**Services at 8:00** (spoken) and **10:30 am** (with music) following *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)* - *the black book in the pew racks*  
*Service music (preceded by "S") is located at the FRONT of The (blue)*  
*Hymnal 1982*

## **VESTRY**

**Senior Warden:** Rick Wolf, **Junior Warden:** Wayne Fanning, **Secretary:** Carolyn Handy, Mary Boggs, Connie Fegley, Ashleigh Hoelscher, Diane Morris, Chris Spohn, Terry Rowles, June Tull, Michael West, and Pam Wheat.

**Organ Prelude: Prelude on Two Folk Hymns** *Lee Hastings Bristol*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

**Processional Hymn: 432**

*Laudate Dominum*

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP p. 355**

**Collect for Purity**

**BCP p. 355**

**Hymn of Praise: S 278** (*Gloria, BCP p. 356 @ 8am*) *Gloria in excelsis*

### **Collect of the Day**

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.*

### **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."

## Psalm 148



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;

**REFRAIN**

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

**REFRAIN**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

**REFRAIN**

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.  
Hallelujah!

**REFRAIN**

**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."

**Gospel Anthem:** Prayer of St. Francis

*Searle Wright*

**Gospel**

**John 13:31-35**

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."

**Homily**

**Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

**Prayers of the People**

**BCP p. 388**

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**Confession and Absolution**

**BCP p. 360**

**Peace**

**Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn 304**

*Land of Rest*

**Hymn at the Presentation 380, vs. 3**

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

## **Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP p. 361**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*spoken at 8am*) S-128**

*Sanctus*

**Lord's Prayer**

**BCP p. 364**

**Fraction Anthem S-155**

*Christ our Passover*

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All baptized Christians are invited to received.*

**Communion Hymns**

**Hymnal 604, 581**

**Post-communion Prayer**

**BCP p. 365**

**Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: 610**

*Blaenhafren*

**Dismissal**

**Organ Postlude: All Glory Be to God on High**

*J.S. Bach*

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. J. Douglas Moyer

**Deacon:** Rev. Midge Pendergast

**Organist/Choirmaster:** James Wilson

**Postulant:** Michael Molina

**Lectors/Prayers of the People:** Beverly Flatt (8:00AM)

Donna McLay/Runette Gabrielle (10:30AM)

**Ushers:** Terry Rowles/Chris Spohn (8:00AM)

Walt Frankowski/David Thun/Larry Whalen (10:30)

**Altar Guild Team:** Linda Jones (captain) Linda Lacey/Sally Wilcox

**Altar Candle Memorials** for **May** to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of: **Lois Feick** by David & Judy Feick, **Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hoare; and In Thanksgiving for  **blessings received** by Susan Frankowski.

**Altar Flowers for today** are given to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Almeta Feick, Frances Hartman, and Janet Moyer** by David and Judy Feick.

Anyone interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers, Columbarium Flowers, Lectern Flowers, or Altar Candle dedications should please contact Nancy Shelly @ **610-375-7925**. Thank you!

### **Weekday Worship Services**

**Zoom Bible Study**, Wednesday @ 8 am; **Zoom Centering Prayer sessions**, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 A.M.; **Morning Prayer**, Thursday @ **11:00 am** at Red Bridge Park (led by David Emes)

**We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Chris Spohn (5/10), Cynthia Pipkin (5/15), Emiliana Lundy (5/16), Demarco Lundy (5/16), Michele Uhrich (5/17) and Quinn Hatch (5/20), with joy, gratefulness and thanksgiving for your gifts of unconditional love and the life given.**

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Monday: 8:00 am - 12:00 PM; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Closed Friday

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Sharing God's Love with All**

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