Christ Episcopal Church
Welcomes All
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite II
May 5, 2024
10:00 AM



As Christ does, we will

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WELCOME

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome here at Christ Church, as you are, to receive the blessings of God so freely given, of new and unending life in Christ. We are thankful that you are here today and we invite you to return often.

Children of all ages are welcome at Christ Church.

For more information, please contact the church office at 302-734-5731, or office@christchurchdover.org.

Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

To request prayer for yourself or someone else, please contact the parish office at office@christchurchdover.org or 302-734-5731.

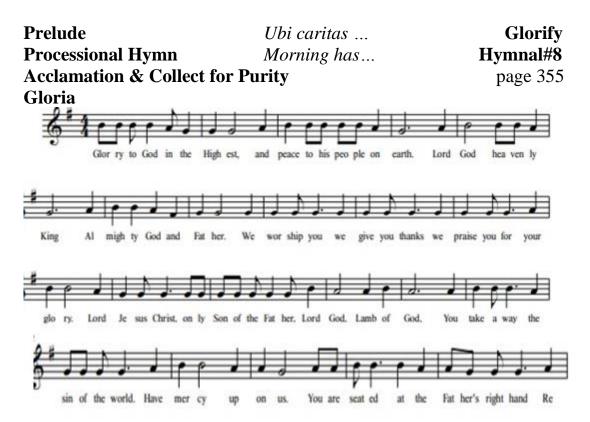
To request private prayers by the Daughters of the King, please contact Ann Hadaway at 302-734-0868.

PREPARE YOUR HEART AND MIND BY READING AHEAD

The readings for May 12 are Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13 and John 17:6-19.

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We Gather in the Name of God





Collect of the Day (Priest)

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*.

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered

them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm 98 (read responsively)

Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we

love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Sequence Hymn

Seek Ye First....

Hymnal#711

The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have 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. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Sermon
Nicene Creed Stand as able

Rev. Henry Galganowicz page 358

We Pray for the Church and for the World

Stand or kneel as you choose

Prayers of the People Form III page 387 **Prayer for the Parish** page 818

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Heal me, hands... WLP#773
Doxology Praise God from ... LEVAS#56

We Share in the Lord's Supper

Stand or kneel as you choose

Eucharistic Prayer A page 361
Sanctus Hymnal#S125
The Lord's Prayer page 364
Breaking of the Bread

The Bread and Cup are given to the people.

- * As the Usher invites you, please move toward the center of the Communion Rail.
- * You may consume the bread and then drink from the cup, tipping the bottom slightly away from you to assist the chalice bearer; you may dip the bread into the wine, being careful to not place your fingers in the wine; or you may cross your arms in front of you to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.
- * If you prefer a blessing rather than the bread and wine, simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest approaches.
- * Once the chalice bearer has returned to the outside of the Communion Rail, that person may stand, and those at the rail follow back to their seats.
- * If you are unable to come to the Communion Rail, but would like to receive, please let an usher know; the ministers will gladly come to you.
- * Gluten Free is Available.

Communion Hymn(s) (1) One bread	LEVAS#151
(2) <i>Alleluia</i>	Hymnal#178
Post-Communion Prayer	page 366
Recessional Hymn <i>'Tis the gift</i>	Hymnal#554

VS. Two

'Tis the gift to be gentle, 'tis the gift to be fair. "Tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air; And ev'ry day to walk in the path we choose, 'Tis the gift that we pray we may ne'er come to lose. *Refrain*

VS. Three

'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the gift best of all, Like a quiet rain, it blesses where it falls; And if we have the gift, we will truly believe "Tis better to give than it is to receive. *Refrain*.

Dismissal – People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia! Postlude

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

Our thanks to Rev. Henry Galganowicz for serving today

Our thanks to Glorify for our music today