

**Christ Episcopal Church
Welcomes All
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite I
May 5, 2024
8:00 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.
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Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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The Gloria

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Collect of the Day

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

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.

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

Rev. Henry Galganowicz

Nicene Creed Stand as able

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Prayers of the People, Form II

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Prayer for the Parish

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Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer II
The Lord's Prayer
The Fraction Anthem

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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.*

Post Communion Prayer *Please stand as able*

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

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

**Our thanks to Rev. Henry Galganowicz
for serving today**

**Please join the Spiritual Formation Group today
after this service in the Parish Hall.**

**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.

Our Worship

Sunday Services at 8 A.M. and 10 A.M. (Eucharist)
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