

Christ ☩ Church



Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:00 AM – ZOOM ONLY

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We welcome you today, and always, just as you are: content or wiggly, confused or confident. In this bulletin the whole congregation says the texts in bold.

When praying #togetherapart we recommend that you: sing the songs and say the responses out loud. We invite you to move your body to set your intention at different parts, and we include the directions for sitting and standing which are ‘as you are able’ and willing, because we welcome you just as you are. Use the white space of the bulletin to make doodles. Circle words that leap out at you. We also suggest that you make a home altar space somewhere near the screen you watch on, or near your telephone.

We are currently sharing the classic practice of Morning Prayer as the heart of our life together-apart via Zoom. We have a service of Holy Eucharist, with limited in-person by reservation seating, streaming on our YouTube channel on Sundays at 10am. The Sacrament is distributed at the rear Red Doors from 11-11.30 am. Please mask and distance.

CCRP continues in our mission to be creative compelling witnesses to Jesus Christ. Church is a word that describes a group of people, and our wholehearted ministry continues nonstop. If you would like to know more about Christ Church and how we practice the Christian faith in this time and place, we invite you to contact us.

Military Service:

U.S. Army	Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B.
U.S. Navy	Marshal N., Nicole G., Joshua R.
U.S. Air Force	David B., Tony G., Mark
U.S. Marine Corps	Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin
U.S.M.C. Reserve	Neil S., Rob
National Guard	Evan H., James R., Robert W.

First Responders: Jim N., Rob H., Frank D., Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D., Marianna, Aaron K., Josh P., Doug C., Art R., Lee E., Jesse F., Mitchell H., Wayne M.

This Week’s Prayers Requested For: “Sister Sue”, Grossi Family, Jane B., John E., Sandy T., Karen B., Luke G., GG, Meg H., Katharyn H., Jessica, Little Vincent

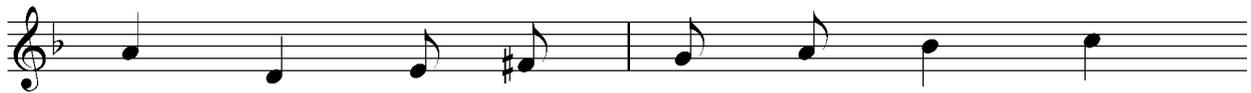
Names will remain on the continuing prayer list for a four-week period.



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

VERSICLE

All stand

Presider Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Now the green blade riseth* (vs. 1,3,4) (Led by Terrance Hart) H 204



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

PSALM: PSALM 22:24-30

Read responsively by half-verse

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

“May your heart live for ever!”

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: 1 JOHN 4:7-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of John.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those 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. ²¹The 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.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Presider and People together, all standing.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Presider and People

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All stand, or kneel, as you are able. In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Deacon: In the beauty of this Eastertide, set our minds on the new life to which you have called us; place on our lips the words of witness for which you have anointed us; and ready our hearts to celebrate with sincerity and truth saying: **God's mercy endures forever.**

For the people of God, brought through saving waters to a land of promise: May we joyfully proclaim, with our lips and our lives, the good news of Christ's victory over sin and death. **God's mercy endures forever.**

For all the peoples of earth during this festival of Christ's resurrection: May the gloom of malice and evil yield to a springtime of sincerity and truth. **God's mercy endures forever.**

For those bound by sin or oppress by evil: May forgiveness of sins and spiritual freedom be theirs with Easter joy. **God's mercy endures forever.**

For those who are sick or homebound or any kind of distress: May the risen Christ visit them with healing power and new hope, "*Sister Sue*", *Grossi Family, Jane B., John E., Sandy T., Karen B., Luke G., GG, Meg H., Katharyn H., Jessica, Little Vincent.*

We give thanks for the birth of Isla Delaney Connor.

We pray for those serving in the military: *Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B., Marshal N., Nicole G., Joshua R. David B., Tony G., Mark, Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin, Neil S., Rob., Evan H., James R., Robert W.* And for those who risk so much as First Responders: *Jim N., Rob H., Frank D., Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D., Marianna, Aaron K., Josh P., Doug C., Art R., Lee E., Jesse F., Mitchell H., Wayne M.*

For all these people and those for whom no prayers are said, let us pray saying: **God's mercy endures forever.**

For this assembly, gathered to celebrate with the risen Lord: May we set our hearts on things that are above even as we bear witness here to the risen Christ. **God's mercy endures forever.**

For those who have died and whose lives are hidden with Christ in God: May they live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection. **God's mercy endures forever.**

Presider: Gracious God, through the presence of every friend and stranger, reveal to us the face of the One who had first to suffer but who has entered now into glory; your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, our Way and our Peace, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OFFERING REMINDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM *Come, We That Love the Lord* (4 vs.) *Soloist Terrance Hart* H 392

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Said in Unison

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

God has raised Christ from the dead and all creation is made new. Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the tomb and became our salvation. Rejoice and be glad!
God's Spirit lives and breathes resurrection into our life. Live with joy!

And the blessing of our wondrous God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and renew you, now and for ever. *Amen*

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people. Thanks be to God Alleluia

CLOSING HYMN *Now thank we all our God (vs. 1, 3) (Led by Dan Rosen)*

H 397

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed between the staves. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the continuation of the hymn, including the phrase 'who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;'. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be distributed at the Red nave doors (on Sellers Ave.) following this service From 11 till 11.30am. Please mask, and care-fully distance. All are welcome, it is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

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CCRP EVENTS & INFORMATION

Whoever you are, for whatever draws you to join Christ Church today, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about how to connect and grow through the ministries of the Episcopal Church in this region, and Christ Church, Ridley Park, please send us an email: office@christchurchridleypark.org.

Join our weekly e-newsletter by texting CCRPLOVE to 22828. The parish-wide emails will be in your inbox every Friday evening and have our most updated announcements and access to important links.

Reserve a spot at Holy Eucharist- Go to www.TinyURL.com/CCRPworship or call our office.

Red Door Communion Distribution- If it is safe for you, we are offering in-person communion after the 10am livestreamed Holy Eucharist service. After participating at home, you may come by the church **between 11-11:30pm** to receive communion outdoors at the rear of the nave, red doors. Please remain masked and social distanced from other households outside.

Deppich Scholarship applications are due May 9th!

Celebration of New Ministry for Rev'd Jane Gober will take place May 15th. The Liturgy will happen over Zoom at 10:30am, followed by an Inside-Out After Party from 12:30-1:30pm (drive & walk-by).

Instead of gifts Rev'd Jane requests that we collect **four items that connect** with the celebration of new ministry liturgy and will be shared with the world:

- Stole = New **T-shirts** for ST. James School (Youth and Adult sizes)
- Prayer Book = New **Books** for the Kara Barnard Youth Literacy Fund
- Water = **Soaps** and Shampoos for Pantries
- Wine = **Juice Boxes** for summer lunch programs

Episcopal Handbook- Are you wondering what we do and why we do it? All adults are invited to join the Episcopal Handbook class just to learn, or to prepare for reaffirmation, reception, and/or as a part of preparation for baptism. Most Wednesday Evenings in May and June at 7pm on Zoom, hopefully/maybe shifting to hybrid as weather gets nice outside. *To register get in contact with Rev'd Jane by May 2nd.*

Young Adult Book Group- Begin reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson on your own time. We will be meeting to discuss on May 26 (first half of the book) and June 9 (second half). Young Adults are 18-30-ish.

Five Sunday Challenge- If the 10am limited in-person Holy Eucharist meets the sign-up capacity for 5 weeks in a row, we will begin a conversation about providing a second limited in-person service monthly on Wednesday evenings. If careful in-person worship feels safe for you, we encourage you to sign-up and review our safety protocols.

Outdoor Worship- Save the date, Tuesday May 25th at 6:30pm.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Take A Rest: Bench Fundraiser! We are thrilled to have raised enough to bring multiple benches to Christ Church property.

By the Grace of God
The Right Reverend Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania
and the people of
Christ Church, Ridley Park
Invite your prayers and virtual presence at the

Celebration of New Ministry

with the 17th Rector
The Reverend Jane Gober

10.30 am, Saturday, May 15, 2021

Christ Church, Ridley Park
104 Nevin Street Ridley Park, Pennsylvania 19078
Liturgy on Zoom

Inside-Out After Party begins at 12.30 pm at CCRP



Liturgy Zoom Details

GO TO: WWW.TINYURL.COM/JANEGOBER
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MEETING ID: 857 3726 9218
BULLETIN AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Inside-Out After Party

Following the liturgy we will have a Drive-By & Walk-By Celebration on the CCRP Lawn. Wear your mask and come care-fully say hello! 12.30-1.30 pm

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Financial Gifts toward these tokens of celebration are also welcome.
(Donate on our Website or Checks to Christ Church.)