

Christ ☩ Church

Gathering God, **thank you**
for the **loving-kindness** of all
mothers, those who have **held us**,
blessed us, and **taught us**,
in **whatever** manner or relationship
we **found** them.

Be with those who are **grieving** or
struggling with the **remembrances**
of this **day**.

Let your **mercy** be present
in every space and **home**,
and **help** your church have the arms to
welcome all whom you send for us to
steadfastly **care** for;

we **ask** this
in the name of **Jesus Christ**
who told us that God **desires**
to **gather** us like a mother hen,
with all her **beloved**
under her **tender** wings.
Amen.



Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 9, 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.

PRELUDE

HYMN *New songs of celebration render* (vs. 1, 2)

H 413

1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to him who
2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery
has great won - ders done; awed by his love his
in - stru - ment and voice peal out the praise of
foes sur - ren - der and fall be - fore the Might - y One.
grace a - bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
He has made known his great sal - va - tion which
Trum - pets and or - gans set in mo - tion such
all his friends with joy con - fess; he has re - vealed to
sounds as make the hea - vens ring: all things that live in
ev - ery na - tion his ev - er - last - ing right - eous - ness.
earth and o - cean, make mu - sic for your might - y King.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

All stand.



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 98

Said responsively by half-verse

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

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

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

4 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. Alleluia.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

HYMN - SOLO *Descend, O Spirit, purging flame*

(Julie Wickland)

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GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-17

All stand.

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

A reading from John.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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 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.

FIRST COLLECT

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.*

SECOND COLLECT

Gathering God, we thank you for the loving-kindness of all mothers, those who have held us, blessed us, and taught us, in whatever manner or relationship we found them. Be with those who are grieving or struggling with the remembrances of this day. Let your mercy be present in every space and home, and help your church have the arms to welcome all whom you send for us to steadfastly care for; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who told us that God desires to gather us like a mother hen, with all her beloved under her tender wings. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY REMINDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Presider and People

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 *Christ is made the sure foundation* (vs. 1-2) (Led by Alice Berry) H 518

Descant

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano, Alto, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two verses of the hymn. The second system contains the third and fourth verses. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, and the bass line is written on a separate staff at the bottom of each system. The word 'Descant' is written above the first staff of the first system.

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

POSTLUDE

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.

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

Book Collection Challenge- CCRP has been challenged by St. James, Prospect Park & St. John's, Essington! We will be joining forces with The Celebration of New Ministry for the collection and accepting donations of new & gently used books on 5/15 from 12:30-1:30p at the Inside-Out After Party. Every book is worth a point value: **5 Points-** *Religious/Spiritual* **4 Points-** *Kid's Educations & Biographies* **3 Points-** *Young Adults & How To's (fix it, cooking, gardening etc)* **2 Points-** *Kids Picture & Easy Reader* **1 Point-** *Adults Fiction/Non Fiction*. The results of our collection will go to the Kara Barnard Youth Literacy Fund & CCRP's Little Library. Please leave any encyclopedias and books with damaged or missing pages at home. Thanks!

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.

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.

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. Fresh ways to share the love of God.

WONDER WORKER

in this
YEAR

WHEN everything CHANGED,
when we felt
WORRIED AND WEARY

when we wailed and wondered,

YOU GAVE US A PROMISE.

— NOTHING —

can separate us from

YOUR LOVE.

And nothing will be wasted.

WITH YOU AT WORK,

LIGHT, LIFE, LOVE, & LIBERATION

ALWAYS WIN.

amen.