

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.



THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST: HYBRID MAY 9, 2021

Limited In-person & on our YouTube Channel: CCRP Learning and Info

Worship is like art, it is a representation of the relationship of God, community, and self. So, if it is an art, we should use our imagination and body. First, get ready. Turn off distractions and give the whole time to something greater than ourselves. Second, light a candle, place art, or arrange flowers near your screen. During the prelude breathe deeply and stretch your body. During the service: stand, sit, kneel, make the sign of the cross, and bow. Lastly, find something 'artistic' and not-distracting to do with your hands to keep the tactile part of this blessing real in your body.

PRELUDE

*Congregation share in saying the words in **bold**.
The people stand, as able, during the prelude procession.*

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In unison

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth,
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider says

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

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.*

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.**

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.

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.**

THE HOMILY

The people sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as they are able and say in unison.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *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.*

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.* and 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.**

COLLECT FOR MOTHER'S DAY

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.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a safe sign of reconciliation and care.

OFFERTORY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLOIST

Julie Wickland

THE HOLY COMMUNION

As you are able, please stand

Presider The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

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

**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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

Come: the table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor and suffering; those with whom Jesus identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The people receive communion, or, set their intention toward spiritual communion.

A PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION FOR GUESTS PARTICIPATING ONLINE

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now, has been, or will be celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we call on you to come spiritually into my heart and soul. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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

Deacon Dismisses the people. Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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.

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 connect, love, and care.