



*Welcome to Christ Church*  
*April 10, 2016*  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*



**All Services Notes:** 8 a.m. service is in the BCP starting on page 323, 10:15 a.m. service starts on page 299.

**HYMNS:** 632, 529 (1,2&3), (Bap) LEV. 121, 380 (verse 3), S120, S155, 366, (Comm) 341, 577, & (Rec) 182

Thanks to participants: *Peter Lusa, B. Phillips, B. Anderson, P. Mann.* 10:15 service begins on page 299

**Welcome to our newly Baptized member Katherine Susan Douglass**

**Collect and Readings for today**

**Collect:** 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.**

**A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Acts [11:1-18]** Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **People: Thanks be to God.**



Sing to the Lord a new song. Hal-le—lu—jah!

**Psalm 148:7-14**

- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \* *you sea-monsters and all deeps;*
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \* *tempestuous wind, doing his will;* [antiphon]
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \* *fruit trees and all cedars;*
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \* *creeping things and winged birds;* [antiphon]
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \* *princes and all rulers of the world;*
- 12 Young men and maidens, \* *old and young together.* [antiphon]
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \* *for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.*
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
*the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!* [antiphon]

### ***A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Revelations [21:1-6]***

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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### ***The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [13:31-35]*** (People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*)

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord      **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

### ***Announcements for April 24, 2016***

**Welcome to your church! Communion** uses a common cup for wine and wheat wafers. You can take the bread only, if you prefer, or "intinct" it into the wine. Non-gluten wafers? Check with clergy. Thanks to service participants! (the schedule is on the back table and at the top of the leaflet this morning).

**Church School** – Our first organizational meeting for next year will be on **May 1<sup>st</sup>** right after church. We will be looking for feedback on "tuning" and focusing the program. To find out more about the curriculum for next year speak with **Nicole Nichols** [churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com](mailto:churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com) or Liaisons, Kim Bergandahl or Melissa Zahansky.

**Fundraisers for the Pilgrimage:** Starting to look ahead. Our **Rummage Sale** that coordinates with the Town-wide event is on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please start putting items aside which can be brought all the way into the Great Hall starting on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> after church! The following Sunday the J2Aers are doing the **Car Wash** starting at 7:30 a.m.

**Innovation time!** Thanks to all who attended the Convocation meetings, progress has been made

**Relay for Life** is May 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> at the Woodstock Fairgrounds. We are assembling a Team. J2A members are invited to join. If they raise \$100, they can spend the night with us at the Woodstock Fairgrounds. Contacts: Dayna Flath and Ginger Lusa! Special offer from Rev. Dave for J2Aers. He is doing \$25 donations for Relay to every J2Aer who speaks to him about this over the next month.

**Teen Program:** J2A and YAC activities, see separate email notices; J2A students and their parents need to take a look at the **Wonder Voyage** website and check out possible trips; Rite-13 (grades 6-7), J2A (8-9) and YAC (10 grade+); Catherine Bastow: 860-928-3575; [catherinebastow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:catherinebastow@sbcglobal.net)

**Vestry:** Regular Meeting in the Library at 7:00 p.m., May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Vine and Branches Mural:** See Rite-13ers or Jim Goodwin to get your photo taken!

**Women's Spiritual Growth Workshop:** 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** in the library (or larger space) for spiritual exploration and celebrating our Sisterhood! Just bring yourself. Jane Hale at [jclhale@charter.net](mailto:jclhale@charter.net).

**Worship Upcoming:** Wednesday Healing Eucharist at 7:30 a.m. on April 27<sup>th</sup>; Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 & 10:15 services only.