



# Welcome to Christ Church

## May 1, 2016

### Sixth Sunday of Easter



**All Service Notes:** The 10:15 Service is in the leaflet. **Hymns** in the larger blue books. **Prayer List** on the stand. **Participants** are: (8) Peter Lusa; (10:15) M. Bridgman, S. Bridgman, D. Flath,

#### 10:15 a.m. Family Eucharist, Rite II

##### Prelude Music

398 **Opening Hymn** (in the Blue Book; all rise)

Worship Leader: Alleluia, the Lord is Risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia**

5280 **Gloria** (sung together)

**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.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

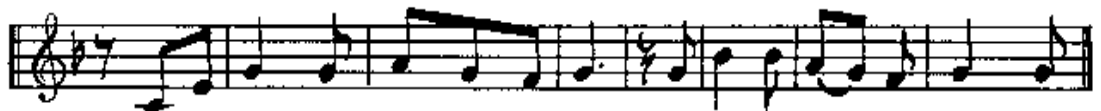
O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

#### **A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Let the peo—ples praise you, O God; let all the peo—ples praise you,

#### **Psalms 67:1-2,4,6-7**

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \* *show us the light of his countenance and come to us.*

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \* *your saving health among all nations.* [antiphon]

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*

*for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.* [antiphon]

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \* *may God, our own God, give us his blessing.*

7 May God give us his blessing, \* *and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.* [antiphon]

**A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Revelations 21:10,22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**505 Gradual Hymn** (*vss. 1 & 2 before, vs. 3 & 4 after Gospel*) (*please all stand*)

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 14:23-29** (People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*)

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**Homily** Dave (*all may be seated*)

**The Nicene Creed:** 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, Form VI** (Lay reader and congregation standing, if possible)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Ian and Laura our Bishops; for David, our priest, for Jane our Candidate for Holy Orders and for all bishops and other ministers,

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For: (names from the intercession sheet)

For those in the Armed Forces but especially for: *Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Tom, Doug, Joel, Jed, Micah, Bill, Tim and Jay* (and names from the intercession sheet)

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays: *Hannah Flath, Hunter Malboeuf, Doris vonConta, Katie Humphreys, Yvonne Bessette, Seth Galante* (and names from the intercession sheet)

For those celebrating anniversaries: *Sky & Melinda Bridgman* (names from the intercession sheet)

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name forever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially for... (names from the intercession sheet) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

Worship Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Worship Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you**

**Offertory Anthem** (the ushers pass the collection plates)

**380 Offertory Presentation Hymn** (verse 3 only) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**The Holy Eucharist: Prayer 2** (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

**S120** *Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**S130** *Together..... 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.*

*Celebrant continues....* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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, ...**

**At the Breaking of the Bread:**

**S155** **Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**513 Children's Entrance Hymn**

**Hymns during Communion** (510, LEVAS 141) *(all baptized are invited to communion)*

**Prayer after Communion:** *Celebrant:* Let us pray together.

*Celebrant 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:** May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all evermore.

**Choral Amen**

**405 Closing Hymn**

**Postlude**