



Welcome to Christ Church

May 3, 2015

Easter 5



All Service Notes: The 8 a.m. service uses the readings in the leaflet (service is in the BCP page 323). 10:15 Service is here in the leaflet. **Hymns** are in the larger blue books. **Prayer List** is on the stand. Thanks to 10:15 service participants: Lector: G. Groom Chalicists: D. Flath, W. Danenhower Acolytes: D. Flath, W. Danenhower Altar Guild: A. Sheldon, M. Eichorn Ushers: G. Nichols, P. McCarthy Coffee Hour: Nancy, White Team

We greet one another & Come together in song

448 Processional (in the Blue Book)

Celebrant: Alleluia, the Lord is Risen

People: **The Lord is Risen, indeed. Alleluia**



God Be In My Head (sung together with Fr. Dave)

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

We listen to the story of God's care for us

A Reading from the First Letter from John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In 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. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So 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. Love 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. There 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. We love because he first loved us. Those 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. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

People:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 20:24-30

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

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

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

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

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

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * *the saving deeds that he has done.*

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

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 15:1–8 (Glory to you, Lord Christ)

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

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

We ask God for help

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of the earth, our island home;

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

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or trouble;

For those who care for the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For **Katherine** our Presiding Bishop, and **Ian, James** and **Laura** our Bishops; for David, our priest, and for all other ministers

For all who serve God in his Church.

For those who are in our thoughts this morning.

For ... (*read names from the intercession sheet*)

And for those in the Armed Forces but especially for: Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Tom, Doug, Joel, Jed,



Micah, Bill, Tim and Jay (and any others written in)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life...

For those celebrating birthdays... *Doris von Conta, Katie Humphreys, Yvonne Bessette, Mia Edwards, Seth Galante, Paul Humphreys* (and names from the intercession sheet)

For those celebrating anniversaries... Sky & Melinda Bridgman (and 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, knowing that they are now with You... *Mary MacKay* (read names from sheet)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.



We ask God for compassion & forgiveness

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People with Celebrant: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have not loved each other as sisters and brothers, we have not welcomed all children and so welcomed you. Forgive us our sins, as a mother searching for a cherished coin, as a father welcoming a beloved child home, and hold us in your Spirit that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk with you always. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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 forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

(We listen to our Visions speaker after the Peace)

We give money for God's work as well as bread and wine for our Feast

Offertory Anthem (the ushers pass the collection plates)

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

We Celebrate with a Feast

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. (spoken anthem)

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..... Holy Father, we thank you for this most sacred feast, in which we celebrate who you are and who we are becoming. As your Word spoke the Creation into being, so we lift our voices to say:

Spoken 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. (please all remain standing)

Celebrant continues... Thank you, God, for sending your Son to welcome us as your beloved sons and daughters. Thank you for taking away all obstacles that separate us from you, and making us your friends.

Thank you, dear Lord, for continuing to feed us even as you fed your first disciples on that darkest night, when you took bread, blessed, broke, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is my gift to you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After the meal, you took the cup of wine, blessed, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of our new relationship, which is my gift to you which sets you free from the bondage of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Come Breath of Life and Spirit of Wisdom: in the beginning you hovered over the waters of creation, and called the world into being; so now call us into being as your new creation, Sanctify this bread and wine that, nourished by your Body and Blood, we may work with you in your world in witness of your love. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

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.

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, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

Hymns during Communion (LEVAS 217, LEVAS 221) *(all are invited to communion)*

We Give Thanks for the Feast

Celebrant: Living God, Shepherd of your people, thank you for gathering your flock and for feeding us today. Thank you for the company of faithful friends to share the story and the meal. **Send us on the journey of this week with your power to protect us and your Spirit to inspire us, every step of the way. Amen**



Blessing (and Choral Amen).... Brief Announcements.... Dismissal