

# CHRIST CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 16, 2021

*Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.*

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.  
Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

**10:00 AM**

**Prelude**

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*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**The Collect for Purity**

**Gloria In Excelsis**

**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.**

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

**The Collect of the Day**

*The Priest says:* O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen. (Please be seated.)*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

*The full texts can be found on the back page of the bulletin.*

**The First Lesson:** *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*  
**Psalm:** *Psalms 1 (Please stand)*  
**The Second Lesson:** *1 John 5:9-13*  
**The Gospel:** *John 17:6-19 (Please stand)*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Peter Munson

*A period of silence will be kept.*

**The Nicene Creed, p. 358 (Please stand)**

**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 III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (*Pause*)

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **Let us pray for our families and friends at Christ Church, Aspen.**

We pray for our friends, John & Elaine McGovern, Jan & Bob Blaich, Patsy & Darby, Marsha, Peter and Julia Munson, Don, Jessica & Philip, George Baker, Keith Gardner, and Bobbi Ann. We pray for Roger, Joann, Tony, Brad Noel, Susan & Mickey, Petra, Galileo and little Otto. We pray for all who serve this great nation in uniform in nearby and far-off places. We pray for the young people and students of Aspen, for their schools and staff, and for their learning and growing.

*Presider:* 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.*

#### **The Peace All stand.**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Welcome / Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Prayers / Travel Prayers**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### **Offertory Music**

*Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee*, Arr. Heather Sorenson

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#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*The people remain standing*)

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*The Presider proceeds:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...etc. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus**

**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.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...etc. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...etc. ...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. **AMEN.** *[The great AMEN is said as a loud acclamation.]*

*Please stand.*

*Presider:* 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said:*

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

### **Invitation and Distribution of Holy Communion**

*After the Invitation, members of the congregation will be invited to come pick up the blessed elements, one per person, at the altar rail. Please come up the center aisle and return to your seat via the outside aisle. After everyone has returned to their seats we will all receive communion together.*

### **Communion Music**

*How Deep the Father's Love For Us*, Arr. Mark Hayes

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### **Post-communion Prayer, p. 365**

*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.**

### **A Blessing by the Priest**

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Postlude**

*Seek Ye First*, Arr. Molly Ijames

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## LESSONS, PSALM & GOSPEL

### The First Lesson: *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### The Second Lesson: *1 John 5:9-13*

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

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*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Gospel: *John 17:6-19* (Please stand)

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Psalm 1 (Please stand)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*and they meditate on his law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \* everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked; \* they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**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.**

(Please be seated.)