

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 7, 2023

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

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Text of prayers and lessons are included here.

Please join us for refreshments following the service, outside the front steps or in the Rowland Davis Hall (weather depending).

9:00 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-366

PRELUDE

Benedictus, by Maurice Duruflé

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 400, *All creatures of our God and King*, Verses 1,2,5,7
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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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**

GLORIA

Hymnal S-280, *Glory to God*

**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 with thy spirit.**

Presider: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Priest says: 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. (Please be seated.)*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM - 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

**Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have
secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

**My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

**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.**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN

Hymnal 488, Be Thou My Vision
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THE GOSPEL *(Please stand)*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:1-14
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Steve Ayres

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

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 God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our Bishop, and Bill, our Priest; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for members of our Christ Church Family, especially for Warren Klug, for Charla Belinski, for Craig, for Joel Shannon, for John, for Sue, for Jenny Treacy, and for Emma Treacy. We pray for Chip Howe, Charlie Flanders, for Lexi, and for Betsy Warren. We pray for Jan, for Robert, for Mindy, Chris, and Jim, for Philip, and for Marilyn. We pray for the continued development of little Otto.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for the family and friends of Dodie Catlett, for Billie Erwin on the passing of her husband Greg Erwin, for the family and friends of Mary Price, and for the family and friends of Bruce Scott.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

THE CLOSING COLLECT

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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Song of the Wanderer, by Dan Forrest

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Tune: Land of Rest

**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.
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*].

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(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!**

THE 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

Partake the Bread of the Word, Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, p. 365 (*Please stand*)

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.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 671, *Amazing Grace*, Verses 1,2,4,5
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THE DISMISSAL

Presider: *Alleluia, Alleluia!* Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

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

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Major, by J. S. Bach

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## *PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE*

***Presider:*** The Rev. Steve Ayres

***Director of Music:*** Molly Noel

***Piano and Organ:*** Molly Noel

***Soloist:*** Scott MacCracken

***Acolyte*** Diana Rumsey

***Reader*** Eric Pelander

***Altar Guild*** Diana Rumsey

***Greeter/Usher*** Peter Grenney

***Fellowship Host*** First Sunday Breakfast

## VESTRY

Lindsay Gorman (Sr. Warden), Joel Shannon (Jr. Warden), Eric Pelander (Treasurer),  
Diana Rumsey (Clerk), Peter Grenney, Jay Webster, Tracy Murtagh, Janice James, Peter Harrigan

## ABOUT OUR SUPPLY PRIEST, THE REV. STEVE AYRES



The Rev. Steve Ayres is no stranger to Christ Church, having served as our bridge priest from February to May of 2020. Sadly, Steve could not meet with many of us face to face, as the initial wave of Covid forced Sunday services online. Steve has worshipped occasionally at Christ Church for over fifty years when visiting his parents, Bill and Becky Ayres, former members of the parish. Becky is still active at St. Peter's in Basalt, which she helped found, originally as a mission of Christ Church.

Steve and his wife Lisa retired at the end of 2019 and have permanently settled in the valley, having purchased a house in Basalt. Their son, Matt, is a senior at CSU.

Prior to retirement, Steve served as vicar of the famous Old North Church in Boston for twenty-two years. In that role, he led both the congregation and the Old North Foundation, which was established to manage the roughly 500,000 visitors who pass through the Old North Campus each year. Among his major accomplishments were changing federal historic preservation policy to enable historic churches and synagogues like Old North to receive federal preservation funding. Steve also expanded Old North educational programming beyond interpreting the events of April 18, 1775, exploring the role of the slave trade in founding the Old North Church in the colonial era, and exploring the abolitionist context of Longfellow's poem, "Paul Revere's Ride", which was published in 1860.

Earlier in his career, Steve served in parishes in Springfield, Missouri, Oneonta, New York and Wakefield, Massachusetts. His retirement goals are to enjoy all that the Roaring Fork Valley has to offer and to assist, where needed, at both Christ Church and St. Peter's of the Valley, giving your hard working clergy time off for rest and refreshment.

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Broadcasting Live at 9:00 a.m. at [ChristChurchAspen.org](http://ChristChurchAspen.org)

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# **The Sunday News Page**

May 7, 2023, THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## **WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH**

We are glad you are here. If you are a newcomer, or a visitor, please fill out the *Welcome Card* in the pew or in the Narthex, and give to an usher. We would love to get to know you better.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

5/11 Parker Klump

## **YOU ARE INVITED! Speakeasy Gala on May 26 - Please RSVP by May 15th!**

To a Speakeasy Gala on Friday, May 26, at 6:30 p.m., honoring Scott MacCracken and Marisa Post who are moving to North Carolina. Attire is "Sinatra", so dust off your dancing' shoes and join the celebration! Please bring a hearty appetizer to share. RSVP: Donna Rowlands via [marisa@christchurchaspen.org](mailto:marisa@christchurchaspen.org). Include how many in your party and what appetizer you will bring to share. Or, you may sign up at the table in the Narthex!

## **Today! FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST May 7 at 10 A.M.**

Join us after the service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 7. Donations are appreciated and everyone is welcome! Some say it's the best breakfast in Aspen...come along and decide for yourself.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY**

The sign up for Altar flowers is on the table in the Narthex. The florist fee is \$203. You are welcome to make a homemade arrangement or share a day with someone. Altar Flowers come with your personal inscription in the Sunday News. For more information, please contact Marisa Post at [marisa@christchurchaspen.org](mailto:marisa@christchurchaspen.org).

## **OUTREACH OFF-SEASON COLLECTION**

### **Collecting Gently Used Camping Gear April 16th - June 1st**

With the change of the season and spring cleaning on the horizon, we want to remind everyone of the importance of giving back to those in need. This off-season, we will be collecting gently used camping gear for the homeless to provide them with essential items to survive in the woods. As you declutter and tidy up your homes, please consider donating tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, and other items. Let's come together to support those who are less fortunate during this time of renewal and growth. Please place items in the collection bins (in the Narthex) and Leone will deliver them to Feed My Sheep.

## **WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP In June and July**

**IN JUNE:** The Women's Study Group will be meeting starting in early June at the home of Jan Blaich. We will be reading and discussing Bruce McNab's book *Believing is Seeing*, a study of the Gospel of John.

**IN JULY:** Women's Summer Bible Study beginning **Wednesday, July 12 through August 2**, with a closing luncheon at the home of Charlotte Tripplehorn on Wednesday, August 16. We've prayerfully chosen to study the four books of *Colossians*.

**Place:** Christ Episcopal Church, 536 W North Street

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., with an intro by The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer, the Rector at Christ Church.

Please let us know if you are interested in joining us this summer. It is not necessary to make each Wednesday, just come when you can! Feel free to share the information. RSVP to Elizabeth at [elizklump@gmail.com](mailto:elizklump@gmail.com).

## **TO CONTACT FR. BILL**

Fr. Bill will be away from the Parish until May 22. If you need to reach him, please email him at [wlupfer@christchurchaspen.org](mailto:wlupfer@christchurchaspen.org). Please note: Fr. Bill cannot receive text messages at this time. For more information, contact [marisa@christchurchaspen.org](mailto:marisa@christchurchaspen.org).

## **ON-GOING AT CHRIST CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School and the Nursery are available on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 8 A.M. at the Mountain Chalet**

Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m. for breakfast and men's Bible Study. Email Warren Klug, [warrenklug1@gmail.com](mailto:warrenklug1@gmail.com), for details.