



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Service of Holy Eucharist, 10:00am, May 5, 2024

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*We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.*

*The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my wife Marnie and Robert and Donalda Sherburne, Agnes and Milton Stamos, and Sean and Stephen from Douglas.*

### Welcome to Christ Church

*If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask our sides people. All kids are welcome to come forward for the children's talk and afterwards to join our volunteers for Sunday School. Restrooms and the nursery are in our hall (accessed through the side door to the right of the brass eagle lectern).*

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Prelude: Praeludium in C Major, BWV 553 - J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn: #412 O God, Beyond All Face and Form (Please stand)

### The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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: #366 Glory, in the Highest Glory

## The Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

## Children's Talk

### First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 98

Robert Hobby

Sing a new song to the Lord, God to whom won-ders be - long; re - joice in God's  
6 tri - umph and tell of God's power, O sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things.

whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

O Lord, you have made known your victory;

You have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel,

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **R**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

shout with joy before the King, the Lord. **R**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
who comes to judge the earth.  
The Lord will judge the world with righteousness.  
and the peoples with equity. **R**

**Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader     The Word of the Lord.

**People     Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual Hymn: #476 God, You Have Caused to Be Written vs. 1 & 2**

**The Gospel Reading**

Gospeller   The Lord be with you.

**People     And also with you.**

Gospeller   The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. John (15:9-17).

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

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.  
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## The Gradual Hymn: #476 God, You Have Caused to Be Written vs. 3

Sermon

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
All **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

**Prayer Cycle** Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island: the Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop. The retired clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton: Elizabeth Metcalfe, Rita Milne, Charles Mortimer, Ann Marie Nicklin, Helen Northcott, Susan Ormsbee, William Patterson, Bob Peel, David Pickett, Jane Piercy Ballard. Buyé Diocese, Kigufi Parish: Ezechiel Hatungimana, Rector. Ermineskin Cree Nation.

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #52 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

## Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God of glory,  
All accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.  
Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer #3 BAS, pg. 198*

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth...Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heave, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

## #719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation...Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all...all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

All **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lord, we have died with you on the cross.

**All Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

**All Now we share in your resurrection.**

## The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Please come forward to receive communion. You may receive both the bread and the wine, or if you prefer, you may receive in one kind only, the bread. Intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted. A gluten free option is available. To receive a blessing from the priest in place of communion, please come up to the communion rail and cross your hands over your chest.*

## Music During Communion

**Agnus Dei: #745 Lamb of God**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Choir: If Ye Love Me - Thomas Tallis

Choir: We Will Take What You Offer - John L. Bell

## Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God of love,

**All you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

## The Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

**All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

## Announcements

**Recessional Hymn: #368 He Came Down**

## The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Fugue in C Major, BWV 553 - J. S. Bach

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

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## Announcements

### Spring Garden Clean-Up

Mark your calendars to help out at our annual spring garden clean up on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 9am. Coffee, tea, water, and muffins will be provided. This event is the first step in ensuring the beauty of our grounds this summer!

### Parish Engagement Session

Please join us on Thursday, May 23, 2024 from 7-9pm in the church hall when the Diocesan Parish Engagement Team will facilitate a session with parishioners of Christ Church. Thank you to all who provided feedback by completing the online survey. This engagement session is the next step in the listening process. Have your voice heard by attending.

### The Second Annual Parish Olympics and BBQ

Come join us on May 26, 2024, after the 10am service, for a BBQ hosted by the Men's Group and a friendly competition amongst our Christ Church family with games on the lawn! Pre-registration is greatly encouraged so that we can form teams before the event and build some team spirit! Sign-up forms are in the hall. All ages are welcome and there will be various activities for all different abilities. Prepare to have a blast!



### The Summer Garden Concert Series

Mark your calendars for this 'must attend' event on Wednesdays at 7pm in July and August. More information regarding the schedule of performers will be provided when the musicians are confirmed.

Rector, The Venerable Susan Oliver  
Music Director, Tammy-Jo Mortensen  
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