

The mission of Christ Church is to offer hospitality,
healing, and hope in the name of Jesus Christ.



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The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

May 12, 2024 – 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

All are invited to gather quietly and enjoy today's organ prelude.

Prelude: *Ciacona*

Pachelbel

The chimes will ring. Please stand, in body or spirit.

Hymn 460: *Alleluia! sing to Jesus!*

HYFRYDOL

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.***

Hymn S 280, Glory to God in the highest

Robert Powell

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.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.***

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

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.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 1

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.

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.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, in body or spirit.

Instrumental

The Gospel

John 17:6-19

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Instrumental

A Homily

AN AFFIRMATION

Please stand, in body or spirit.

***Christ Jesus, though in the form of God,
did not exploit equality with God
but emptied himself,
in the form of a slave,
born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,***

***he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.***

***Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God, the Father.***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Not belonging to the world, we intercede for the world. Let us offer prayers to God for all persons everywhere, to protect them from the evil one.

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; Stephen, our Bishop Provisional; Kara, our Bishop Elect; and Troy, our Rector.

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For those who are sick or recovering, especially: Beth DiLauro, Marilyn Nehring, Mike McCarthy, Barbara Cook, Bobby Rockwell, Ted Heagle, Gary Herrlich, those on our prayer chain, and those the congregation may wish to remember either silently or aloud at this time (pause).

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

For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, especially: Nancy Douth, Maeve Hill, Linda Leibhart, Ed Fairbrother, Mary Franklin, Juan Jones, Abbey Wentzel, Daniel Hulme, Phil & Cathy Hubbard, and those the congregation may wish to remember either silently or aloud at this time (pause).

We will exalt you, O God ***and praise your Name for ever and ever.***

For all who are in sorrow, we raise up those who have died, especially: Kathy Reagan, B. Clark, David J. Dick, Cameron Duke Stebbins, and those the congregation may wish to remember either silently or aloud at this time (pause).

Lord let your loving kindness be upon them ***who put their trust in you.***

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who sent your Son into the world. Hear our prayers for all your creation and sanctify us in the truth of your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A PRAYER ON MOTHER'S DAY

Loving God, look gently upon mothers of newborn and young children, give them energy, patience, gentleness, and happiness in these fleeting days of sticky hands, messy houses and ever flowing laundry.

Bless mothers who are raising school-aged children and teenagers, give them peace and joy in parenting in moments that seem both hard and wonderful all at the same time.

Bless mothers who from afar watch and wonder about their adult children, give them perspective and wisdom as their children make choices and live their own lives.

Healing God, comfort all people who mourn the absence of their mother today from death or illness or because of broken and challenging relationships.

Comfort those who had hoped to be mothers but have been unable to do so and those who continue to hope to become mothers.

Ever present God, embrace and comfort those mothers who mourn over the loss of their own children.

Gracious God, help us to recognize all the people who have guided us and loved us like mothers, shining forth as an example of the deepness of the love you offer each of your beloved children.

Bless us and keep us today in that love and always. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet others to extend the peace.



In honor of Mother's Day, a gift has been given to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Through a partnership with the United Way of the Southern Tier, the Imagination Library mails free books to children in Chemung and Steuben counties from birth until they turn 5, no matter their family's income.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offertory: *My Heart Ever Faithful*

Bach

Linda Leibhart - soloist

Please stand, in body or in spirit.

Hymn 380 (Stanza 3): *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymn WLP 858, *Sanctus*

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (x 2, if sung)

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things under the care of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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.
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 Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

ALL are welcome to receive communion.

*Please come forward to the altar rail and the Priest or Paten Assistant will place the bread on your hand. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please extend your hands palm down to receive the bread. Cross your arms over your chest to receive only a blessing. After you have received the bread, you may receive the wine or immediately return down the side aisle to your seat. Communion in one kind (bread or wine) is considered a full communion. **Notify an usher if you need communion brought to you.***

Communion Music

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel, in body or in spirit.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Hymn 484: *Praise the Lord through every nation*

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: *Agincourt Hymn*

Dunstable

ALTAR FLOWERS & COMMUNION ELEMENTS

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for our daughter, Maeve, on her 16th birthday
by Candice & Vince Hill
and
in loving memory of David J. Dick and Cameron Duke Stebbins
by Carla and Rowland Stebbins III

Today's communion elements are given
to the Glory of God and in celebration of Mother's Day
by The Very Rev. Troy Preston



BULLETIN INSERTS

May 12, 2024 – Easter 7 (B) Ascension Day

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ is celebrated 40 days after Easter Day, marking the conclusion of Jesus' postresurrection appearances and his ascension into heaven. This year, Ascension Day fell last Thursday, May 9.

Celebration of this holy day dates back at least to the late fourth century, and scriptural references to Jesus' ascension occur in both The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Mark:

“So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven’” (Acts 1: 6-11, NRSV).

“So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God” (Mark 16:19, NRSV).

The Ascension of Jesus is also professed in the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed: “He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father” (Book of Common Prayer, pp.120, 358).



The Ascension. Hans Süss von Kulmbach, 1513. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, N.Y.

Collect for Ascension Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 226).

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

CLERGY

The Very Rev. Troy Preston

8 O'CLOCK LECTOR

Brent Underwood

10 O'CLOCK LECTORS

The First Lesson/The Response/The Chalice – Rich Grzybowski

The Second Lesson/The Chalice – Jan Farnsworth

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The Prayers of the People – Nancy Douth

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Lizz Jones (2nd Alt.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hosting today's Coffee Hour will be the Men of Christ Church and friends. Please join them for an assortment of refreshments immediately following the 10 o'clock service in Houghton Lounge. If you would like to host one of our coffee hours, either individually or with others, please sign up on the clipboard in Houghton Lounge.



Help Wanted: Due to our growing congregation and increasingly younger membership, we are currently recruiting for additional help with our children's ministries. Opportunities are now available for nursery care providers and church school teachers. \$20 per hour. 2 hours (9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.) on Sunday mornings. Nursery Care Providers are responsible for the care of children in the Sunday Nursery program while their parents or guardians attend church. Children are generally aged 0-3. Church School Teachers help to organize church school and lead children in fun and educational activities during the Sunday service. Children are generally aged 4-8. If you are a friendly and reliable individual who enjoys working with children, please call (607-937-5449) or email (cepiscopal@yahoo.com) to apply or for more information. *A background check and safe church training are required.

The PRIDE Festival will be taking place on June 8, from 11am – 5pm, on Market Street in Corning. Christ Church will have a table set up for the festival. We also have PRIDE shirts available for order. If you would like to order a shirt, please use this link, [pride day shirts](#), or scan the QR code. We hope to see you in your Christ Church PRIDE shirts at the festival!



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PRIDE FESTIVAL

JUNE 8
MARKET STREET,
CORNING, NY
11AM - 5PM

THIS YEARS THEME:
**TAKE UP
SPACE**

**LIVE PERFORMANCES, ART,
VENDORS, AND 21+ GARDEN**

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The poster features a retro, bubbly font for 'PRIDE FESTIVAL' set against a background of horizontal stripes and a rainbow. The event details are presented in a clean, sans-serif font, and the theme 'TAKE UP SPACE' is written in a large, bold, blocky font.