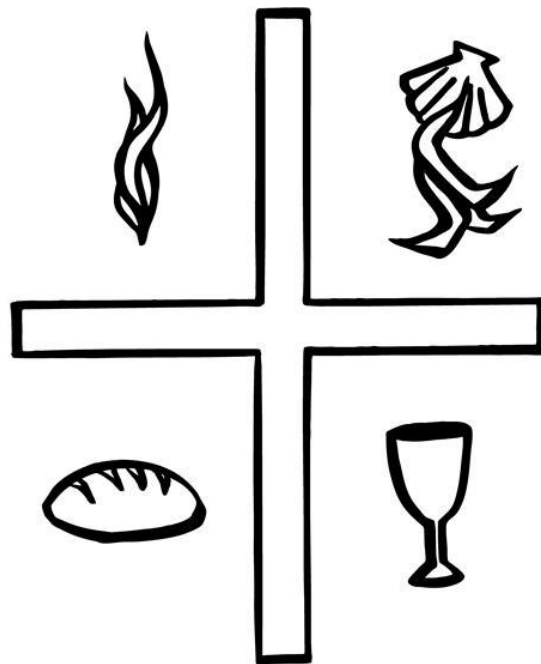


CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL

10:00 AM

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026



WELCOME

Christ Church is an Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of Massachusetts. We welcome and honor the God-given gifts that make us unique as individuals and strong as community. You and your family are welcome regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or prior religious affiliation.

A Note to Parents and Caregivers with Children in Church

Thank you for bringing your children to church. We are so glad you are here!

We know it can be difficult at times to manage little ones during the service.

For that reason, we have provided some resources which we hope will make it easier for you and your family to enjoy worship together.

You will find books and coloring pages at the back of the Mary Chapel. Please feel free to utilize these at any point during the service.

We have installed a TV in the nursery! You are welcome to visit the nursery with your child during any portion of our service and join us via our livestream.

It is okay to take breaks. If you need to step out with your child, our parish grounds are a great place to get the wiggles out.

Above all, please remember: You and your family are very welcome here!

Though your children may be squirming, talking, or making noise, they are also observing, copying, and learning. Children are a gift and an important part of our community; we are grateful to have them worship with us.

Hearing assistance devices are available in labeled baskets by the sanctuary entrances.

The Word of God

PRELUDE

J. S. Bach: Preludio in D Major from 18 Little Preludes and Fugues
Improvisation on the Coburn hymn 363 (Ancient of Days) from The
Hymnal 1982 by Alec Wyton

ENTRANCE HYMN *Alleluia! sing to Jesus* 1982 Hymnal 460

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God

MHSO 11

Cantor



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Congregation



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Cantor

Congregation



To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Group 1



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Group 2 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! *Group 3* Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! _____

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! _____

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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 Lessons

FIRST READING:

Acts 1:6-14

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, “Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?” Jesus replied, “It isn’t for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority.

Rather, 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 end of the earth.” After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. They said, “Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a sabbath day’s journey away. When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James, Alphaeus’ son; Simon the zealot; and Judas, James’ son— all were united in their devotion to prayer, along with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

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

Silence may follow.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Remain seated.

¹Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

²Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of
God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!

⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

⁶God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

¹⁰Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³³Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

³⁴He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

³⁵Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

³⁶How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand.



GOSPEL:**John 17:1-11***All stand.*

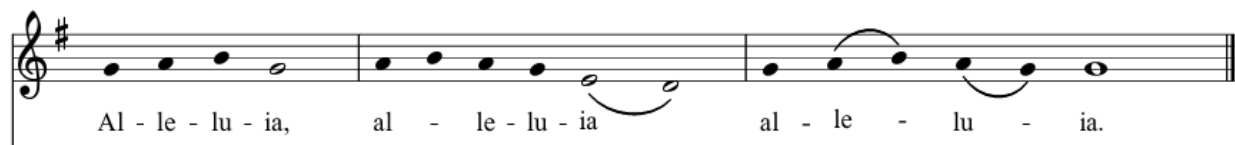
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

When Jesus finished saying these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son can glorify you. You gave him authority over everyone so that he could give eternal life to everyone you gave him. This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I shared with you before the world was created. "I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this 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 comes from you. This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. "I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I'm coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**THE SERMON***Silence may follow.***The Rev. Deacon James Thomas**

THE CREED

All 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

All remain standing.

Deacon: Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia! Let us pray, saying, “Risen Christ, hear our prayer.”

Leader: Heavenly Savior, we give thanks that through your life, death, and resurrection, you have offered the gift of redemption to us and to all people. Empower us and all members of your Church to sing your eternal praises with our voices and our lives.

Silence

Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Redeemer, inspire the leaders of our towns, state, country, and world to serve their communities with open minds and hearts, and to promote restorative justice, peace, dignity, and flourishing for all people.

Silence

Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Incarnate Love, bring your transformative and healing presence to all who are grieving, suffering, or in danger. We remember those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

Silence is held for a time as the congregation offers their intercessions.

Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Author of Life, remind us that we are inter-connected with you, with one another and with all living things. Compel us to care for your Creation.

Silence

Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, we give thanks that you have opened heaven’s gate and freed us from the power of sin and death. We pray for the dying and for those who have died. May they forever be united with you in Resurrection joy. We remember especially Helen M. Christian and Ruth E. Beal in whose honor and memory the lamp of presence has been given, and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

Silence is held for a time as the congregation offers their intercessions.

Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect:

Living Christ, you are risen from the dead, and love reigns! You are life stronger than death. Raise our hearts to you as the new day dawns, for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*If you wish to make a gift to support the ministries of Christ Church Parish, you may place your offering in the plate, or scan the QR code to the right to donate online.
Thank you!*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Glory, Glory

Arr. Podd Brothers

DOXOLOGY

1982 Hymnal 380, v3

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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 God thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy

1982 Hymnal S 128

Celebrant and People

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [] and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Leader:



Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

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People:

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

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Leader:

Christ our pass-ov-er is sac-ri-ficed for us. There - fore_ let us keep_ the_ feast._

12

People:

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION

The Presider invites the people to Communion with these or similar words:

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

To receive the Sacrament, come forward in two lines down the center aisle, to either the main altar or the chapel altar rail. Please fill in all the spaces along the rail. Standing or kneeling, hold out your hands. The minister will place the bread in your palm. You may then receive the wine by drinking from the larger cup or intincting (dipping) the bread in the smaller cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms across your chest as the cup bearers come to you. If you would prefer a blessing, come forward to the rail, cross your arms across your chest, and the minister will bless you.

At the main altar, once you have received, stand and exit through the side door closest to you (either left past the organ or right through the choir room) to walk around and back into the sanctuary, using the side aisles to return to your seat.

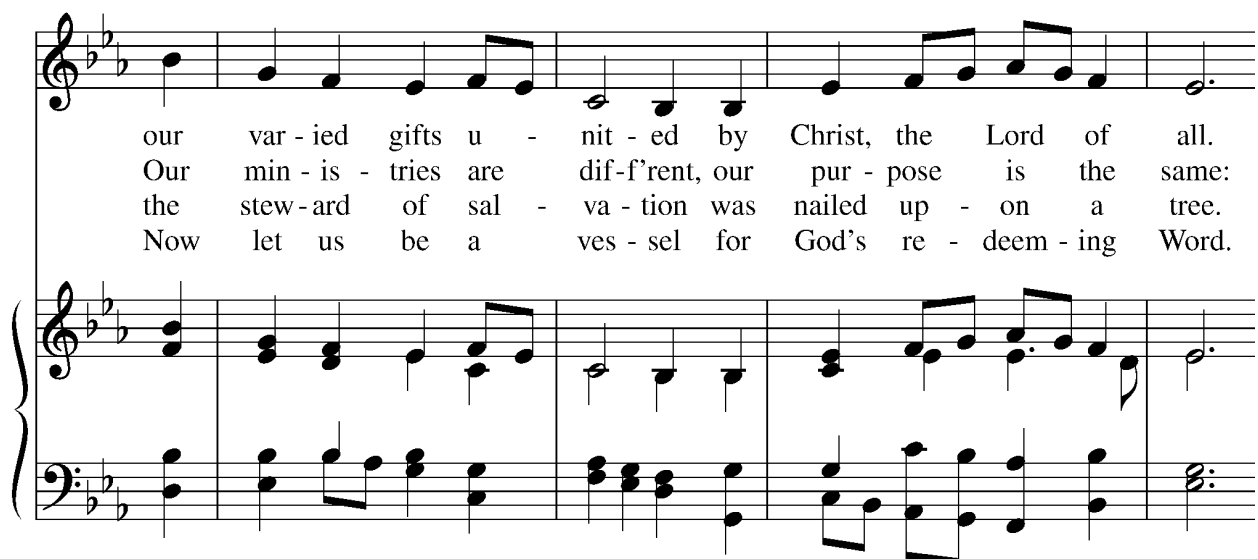
COMMUNION HYMN

We all are one in mission

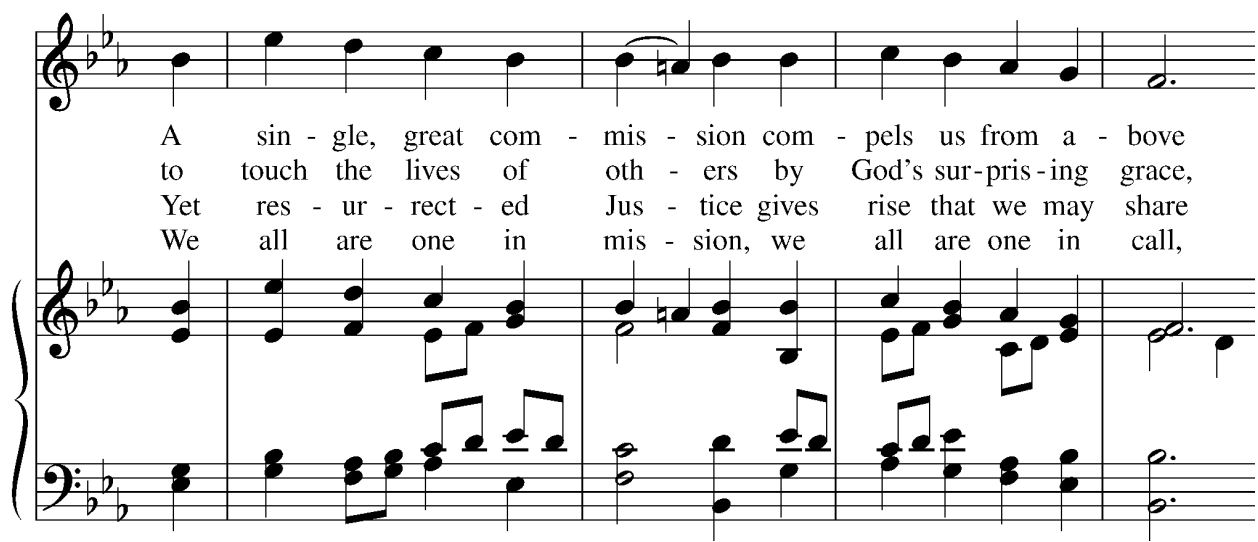
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1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

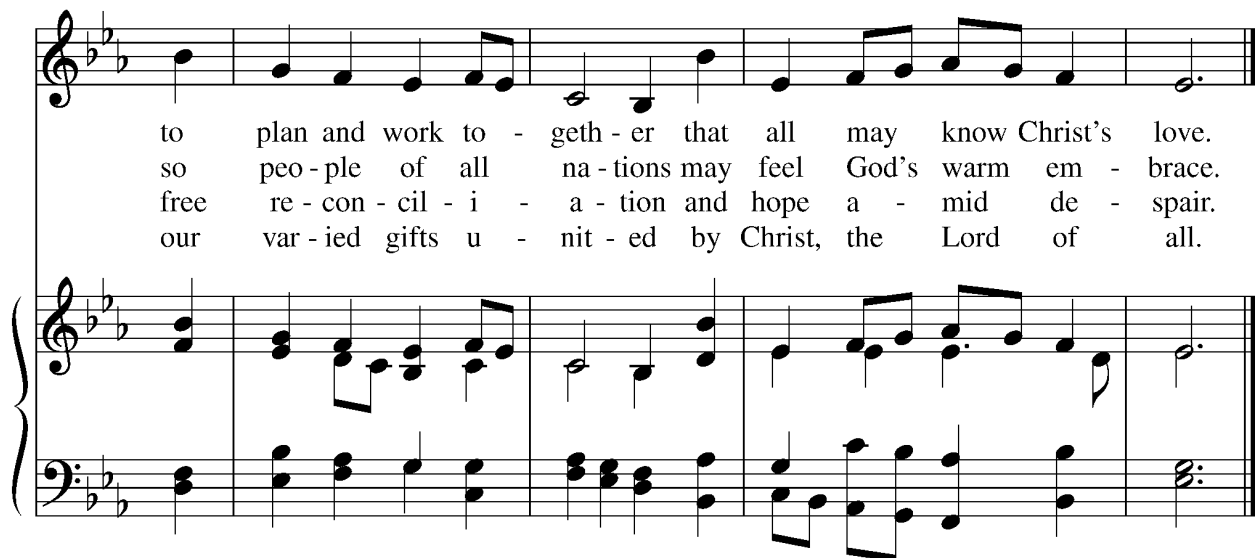
The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support through chords and moving lines in both hands.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
 the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.**

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent out to bring the Sacrament to those who cannot be with us in-person, the following is said as the Visitors are handed the bread and wine:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread and one cup.**

CLOSING HYMN

Crown him with many crowns

1982 Hymnal 494

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Reflections by Thelonious Monk

After the ministers pass by, the congregation may be seated for a time of reflection during the postlude, or may depart. All are welcome to coffee hour upstairs in our parish hall.

Announcements

**Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week.
Any names added this week are in bold.**

For the repose of the soul of Anita Chase; Anita Trottier; Barbara Hulme; Carol MacPhee; Christ Church Thrift Shoppe; David Flynn; David Mann; Donna Eby; Dorothy Smith; Elizabeth Liuzzi; Ellen Nordquist; Evelyn Ferioli; Francis Ferioli; Forrest Berardi; Greta Couter; Heidi Hunter; James Elksnin; Jim Kelly; John Powderly; John Steele; Karen Guerra; Katharine LiBretto; Kathy Rust; Kenny Blackwell; Kesha Nielsen; Kim Stevenson; Kristin Denker; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Quigley; Mark Ouellette; Mark Poster; Peter Trenouth; Polly Chadwick; Raymond Reid; **for the repose of the soul of Ruth Ghelfi**; Sandy Underhill; Skip Nielsen; Stephanie "Petie" Blanchard; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Sylvia Wade; Theodora DeGaust; Tom Perry; Valerie B. Pflock

We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families:
Aidan McKinney, Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Harry Morini, Joel Carveiro, Josh Zabin, Peter Leone

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for:

Churches of the Concord River Deanery
St. John's Chapel, Groton School, Groton
St. Michael's Church, Holliston
St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton
St. Luke's Church, Hudson

Please help us with SUNDAY PARKING - On Sunday mornings, please be mindful of one another and leave the main church lot for those who need it most, as accessible parking spots for people with disabilities and families with infants are limited.

Additional parking is always available on Lothrop Street. The Cartmell-Davis lot across from the church on Grant Street is also available to Christ Church worshipers on Sundays. Thank you!

Global Disaster & Humanitarian reality – 2026 Two weeks ago, we hosted a presentation by Bill Schmidt (ret., FEMA) and Paul Bolton (senior scientist, Johns Hopkins; ret.; formerly with USAID). Following the presentation, we asked Bill and Paul to provide a brief written summary of their key talking points to share. You can find that summary along with sample letters to Congress in Keeping Connected. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Anne McManus mannereggiestir@gmail.com or Connie Melahoures conmel@aol.com.

Week At - A - Glance * May 17, 2026 – May 24, 2026

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Seventh Sunday of Easter
	9:00 AM	Church School, Grades PreK-5
	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Youth Formation
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Seventh Sunday of Easter
	11:30 AM	Ice Cream Social and Celebration of Church School and Youth Group's Year of Learning
	4:00 PM	Confirmation and Reception
MONDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	5:00 PM	Parish Ministry Network
THURSDAY	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Food Pantry
	1:00 PM	Faith Based Book Study
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Food Pantry
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Food Pantry
	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – Pentecost
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – Pentecost
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II + Baptism – Pentecost
	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour

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All the people of Christ Church Parish

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