



Seventh Sunday of Easter | Ascension Sunday
May 12, 2024
Eleven o'clock

A generous heart is always open, always ready to receive one's going and coming. In the midst of such love, we need never fear abandonment. This is the most precious gift true love offers—the experience of knowing we always belong.

-bell hooks

Humans are amphibians, half spirit and half animal. As spirits they belong to the eternal world, but as animals they inhabit time.

-C. S. Lewis

Entrance

PRELUDE Trois Impressions, Op. 72, No. 1 Harmony du soir Sigfrid Karg-Elert

INTROIT Rejoice in the Lord, O Ye Righteous Ludovico da Viadana
Based on Psalm 32:11; 33:1-4

Exsultate justi in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in cithara. In psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei canticum novum. Bene psallite ei in vociferatione quia rectum est verbum Domini et omnia opera ejus in fide.	Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones: it is fitting for the upright ones to give praise. Acknowledge the Lord with the harp. Sing to him with a psaltery of ten strings. Sing to him a new song. Sing praises to him well with a loud voice, for the word of the Lord is right, and all his works are done in faithfulness.
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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister:	Easter people, raise your voices, for you belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ!
People:	We belong to the Christ whom death could not hold and who now reigns in glory!
Minister:	Easter people, worship and rest in the knowledge that your deepest belonging is found in Christ and his transforming love.
People:	He knows us, and we belong to him. Let us offer songs of praise to the Risen and Ascended Christ!

1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heav - en in
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -

earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er

heav - en - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heav - en - ly throngs.

Words: William James, 1979
 Music: Henry Smart, 1867

REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER FOR CENTERING

Minister: The One we worship offers a grace that is far greater than our sin. Knowing this, let us be truthful together about our lives.

People: Holy God, amend our lives by your grace that we might grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different, and that it is easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who do not look like we look, love like we love, or think like we think.

We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

Forgive us, and remold our hearts that we might be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Minister: In Christ Jesus, God has delivered us from captivity to sin and reconciled us to one another!

People: In Christ Jesus, we belong to a grace that sets us free!
 Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

For Everyone Born

Music: Brian Mann,
arr. Tom Trenney
Text: Shirley Erena Murray

The Christ Church Parish Choir and Children's Choir

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace.

For young and for old, a place at the table
A voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free!

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace.

*THE PEACE

Children are invited to Sunday School on the 3rd floor; nursery care on the 5th floor.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Margaret Mathews

Open our hearts and minds, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, and grant us wisdom and revelation through the reading of this your Word. Through Jesus, your living Word, we pray. Amen.

A READING FROM THE PSALTER, PSALM 1

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

ANTHEM

Locus iste

Will Todd

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
Inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, 17:6-19:

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.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

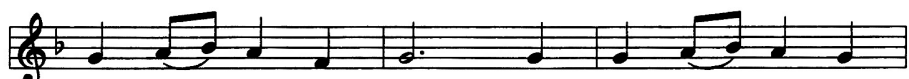
*HYMN We Are God's People



1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our
 3. We are the bod - y of which the Lord is
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing



Lord, born of the Spir - it, es -
 Lord, for we have known it, the
 Head, called to o - bey Christ, now
 place, formed in great weak - ness, a



tab - lished by the Word. Our cor - ner - stone is
 love of God out - poured. Now let us learn how
 ris - en from the dead. God wills us be a
 cup to hold God's grace. We die a - lone, for



Christ a - lone, and strong in Christ we stand; O
 to re - turn the gift of love once given; O
 fam - i - ly di - verse, yet tru - ly one; O
 on its own each em - ber los - es fire; yet



let us live trans - par - ent - ly and
 let us share each joy and care and
 let us give our gifts to God and
 joined in one the flame burns on to



walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
 live with a zeal that pleas - es heaven.
 so shall God's work on earth be done.
 give warmth and light and to in - spire.

Responding

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have made known to us our deepest sense of belonging. Since we already belong to you, we dedicate these gifts and our lives to your purposes, praying that they will bring glory to your name. In and through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERING ANTHEM Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
The Christ Church Bell Choir

arr. Michael Heimen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God, in your grace,
People: **Hear the cries of our hearts.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

Going Forth

*HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voice,
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;

who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinkart, 1663; tr. Catherine Winkworth
Music: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

NUN DANKET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

May is **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** in the United States. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are a diverse and growing group of people in this country. The scope of cultures represented among this designation is broad, as it includes people with origins in the Far East, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands. With such diversity, there is much to celebrate. Not only have our Asian American and Pacific Islander siblings made life richer and deeper in the United States, but they have also substantially enriched the ministry of The United Methodist Church, sharing with us an entire collection of cultural gifts and values that strengthen and intensify our denomination's sense of community, connection, and global perspective.

Interfaith programming with Temple Emanu-El - Our neighbor Temple Emanu-El is offering a variety of programming opportunities to connect with folk from across faith traditions through dialogue groups about everything from meditation to making meals together. Christ Church NYC is partnering to host the monthly Queering the Bible & Beyond dialogue group; below is information about each of the upcoming opportunities. For more information, contact Dr. Alyssa Cady, Director of Center for Interfaith Dialogue, at Alyssa.Cady@emanuelynyc.org. For a full schedule please scan the QR code



Morning Prayer - Daily, **Monday through Friday at 8am**. Everyone is invited to join the Christ Church family for a short time of prayer and reflection each morning. Join the call via the events page on our website!

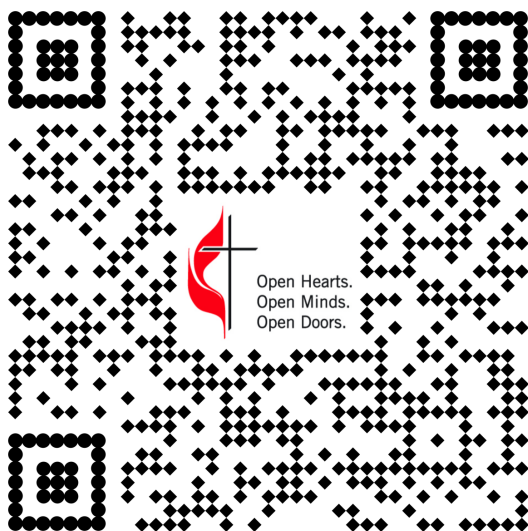
Children and Families - **Every Sunday** during the **11am** Service, preschool through fifth grade children are welcome to join us for Sunday School on the third floor. Nursery Care is available on the fifth floor.

Vacation Bible School at Christ Church! - Kids ages 3 to 11 are invited to join us, **August 26-30**, for a week long camp called Hero's Hotline. Our Heroes, the kids, will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook, the Bible! We will discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of Bible Heroes with stories from the Old and New Testaments. We will learn to work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us! All are welcome! More details to come. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, reach out to Lydia Prather, Lydia@christchurchnyc.org.

Sharing Table Outreach - Sharing Table serves a hot meal and toiletries to over 130 guests each week, and we always need new volunteers! A lead volunteer will give you an orientation on-site. Volunteers arrive at **3:00pm** to help make sandwiches and prepare for guests' arrival. Doors open to guests at 4:00pm and dinner is served at 4:30pm. If you'd like to sign up or get more information, please see our website!

Useful United Methodist Church Links:

The following code provides access to a variety of links related to the ministry of that portion of the Christian Church called United Methodism, including information about the denomination's work in disciple-making, spiritual formation, global missions, disaster relief, reconciling ministries, and the dismantling of racism. We invite you to explore the various websites and to utilize them in your personal spiritual journey.



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The Mission of Christ Church

We seek to love God above all things, and our
neighbors as ourselves.

*Christ Church Is A Reconciling Congregation:
Open, Welcoming, And Affirming.*

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