# CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



*Live* joyfully in faith

*Connect* with God and one another

*Serve* the local and global community

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. The liturgy today continues to be concerned with exploring the consequences of Christ's resurrection and our new life in him through baptism and Eucharist.

Today's gospel reading is a portion of the discourses between Jesus and the disciples on the evening before his crucifixion. Here Jesus talks about the union between himself and the Father. This union is shared with us so that we can say with St. Paul, "not I, but Christ in me." The source of that union is the Holy Spirit given us in Baptism. The ultimate result of this union is peace; in Hebrew, Shalom. Shalom is the restored unity of the creation with God, and the resultant reconciliation between all peoples.

In the first reading, Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke come to Philippi, the first time the gospel moves from Asia Minor to Europe. There Paul encounters a woman who worshiped God although she was a Gentile. After hearing Paul proclaim the resurrection of Jesus, she and her household were baptized and her house became Paul's center of ministry there and quite likely the home of the church in that city.

It is not the created universe that is the ultimate destiny of the human race but the new, perfect city of God's Kingdom. John, in today's reading from the Revelation, envisions the perfection and peace of that Kingdom.

Shalom—the peace and wholeness of God's Spirit—is our destiny and our present reality. The peace and unity of God's reign is revealed in the inclusiveness of the church as people of every race and nation are called by God. In the Eucharist, we have the foretaste of the new life in the holy city prepared for us by God.

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**Welcome to Christ Church:** If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to a member of the clergy after the service. Welcome bags available in the narthex entrance hall. Books and resources for children are located on the table near the side left door. Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

**Coffee Hour Fellowship:** Please join us in the Parish Hall off the kitchen after the service.

**Communion:** We are returning to the practice of the common cup in addition to the bread for Communion (when we have Eucharistic Ministers scheduled). You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base as a sign of devotion. Intinction (dipping the bread/wafer) is not permitted at this time. Please know that Communion in one kind (bread/wafer only) is sufficient to experience the Real Presence of our Risen Lord. We are also returning to distribute Communion from the altar rails, where kneeling is an option.

#### **The Holy Eucharist**

[10:00 service] Prelude

Prelude in B minor

J. S. Bach

#### Welcome

♥ All stand, as they are able, as the bell tolls.

[10:00 service] Processional Hymn 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

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*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.*People* 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.

[8:00 service]

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. [10:00 service] Gloria S-280



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# The Collect of the Day

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

 $\blacksquare$  The people sit.

# **The First Reading**

# Acts 16:9-15

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Acts

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day

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

Psalm 67 Page 675 in BCP (read responsively by verse)

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \* show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

# 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations.

- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \* for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \* may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. 7 May God give us his blessing, \* and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

# **The Second Reading**

Reader A Reading from the Revelation to John

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the

angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

# Reader Thanks be to God.

*People* The Word of the Lord.

 $\blacksquare$  The people stand as they are able.

[10:00 service] Sequence Hymn 456 vv. 1-2, 4

O love of God, how strong and true

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#### The Gospel

#### John 14:23-29

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to JohnPeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you;

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**  my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

✤ The people sit.

The Nicene Creed (said together)

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

# Please Stand or Kneel

Sisters and brothers, do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. The God of peace has prepared for us such good things as surpass our understanding, so let us rejoice, saying, "Let the peoples praise you, O God; *let all the peoples praise you.*"

By the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, teach your Church to walk in the ways of Jesus. May the gospel be found in our minds, in our hearts, and on our lips.

# Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **Let all the peoples praise you.** 

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. We look for the day, O God, when all the peoples gather around your throne in praise and worship.

# Silence

# Let the peoples praise you, O God; **Let all the peoples praise you.**

O God from whom all good proceeds: bless the earth to bring forth her increase. Guide all your people to honor you by caring for your creation.

Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you.

Give to our city, O God, your peace. Shine the light of your love on those places that are plagued by violence, hatred and sadness. Be merciful to us and bless us.

Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **Let all the peoples praise you.** 

Almighty God, let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Give to the sick and suffering a taste of the water of life.

Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you.

Grant us, O God, by your great mercy, entrance into your heavenly city where we might worship at your throne, see you face to face, and reign with you forever and ever. We remember those who have died.

Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you.

We name, silently or aloud, those who we hold in our hearts. May they receive healing and peace.

Christine, Jessie, Bobby, Erik, Tea, Ina, Amanda Buck, Alex, Calvin, Harrison, Jackie, Bobbi, Phil, Martha, Tom, Pat

Altar Flowers are given in memory of Sarah Miller Codding.

*Presider* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, Ovlover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

♥ The Confession is omitted during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

# The Peace

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

♥ The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# The Holy Communion

[8:00 service at the Presentation of the Gifts]

*Presider* All things come of thee, O Lord.People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

[10:00 service] Offertory Anthem	How Can I Keep from Singing?	arr. Gwyneth Walker	
	Christ Church Choir		

 $\blacksquare$  The people stand for the hymn as they are able.

[10:00 service]		
Offertory Hymn 705, vv. 1-2	As those of old their first fruits brought	Forest Green

#### The Great Thanksgiving

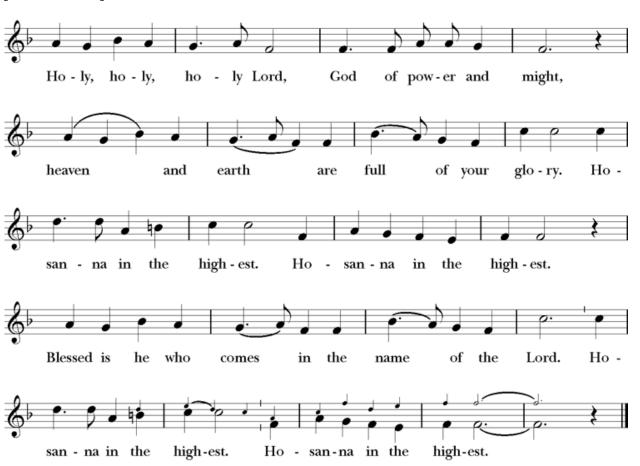
Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### The Presider continues

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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

[8:00 a.m.] Presider and People
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.



[10:00 service] Sanctus S-125

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#### ✤ The people kneel or stand as they are able.

#### The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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*.

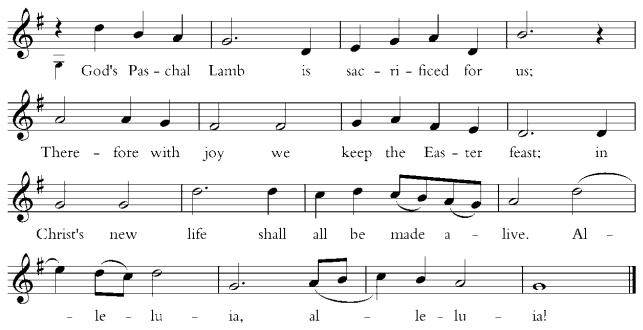
# People and Presider

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

 $\blacksquare$  A period of silence is kept.

[8:00] Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**  [10:00 service] Fraction Anthem



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# **Invitation to Communion**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# **Instructions Concerning Communion and Healing**

You are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those seated in the side sections please come forward for communion beginning with the front pews using the diagonal aisles and returning by the outside of those sections. Those seated in the center sections please come forward beginning with the back pews using the center aisle and returning to their seats using the diagonal aisles.

*Communion may be received kneeling or standing at the altar rails.. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available).* You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base as a sign of devotion. Intinction (dipping the bread/wafer) is not permitted at this time.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

*Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy.* 

The Healing team is available to offer healing prayers at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both.

[10:00 service]Communion Hymn WLP 765O blessed spring

Berglund

 $\blacksquare$  The people kneel or stand as they are able.

# 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. **An Easter Blessing** $\blacksquare$ The people stand as they are able. [10:00 service] **Recessional Hymn 423** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* St. Denio

# The Dismissal

[8:00]	
Priest	Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

# [10:00]

Priest Deep peace of the running wave to you; Deep peace of the flowing air to you; Deep peace of the quiet earth to you; Deep peace of the shining stars to you; Deep peace of the gentle night to you; Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you; Deep peace of Christ to you.

And now let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! *People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

[10:00 service] <b>Postlude</b>	Allabreve	J. S. Bach
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The worship is over.  $\blacksquare$  The service begins.

# Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher: The Rev. Alanna Van Antwerpen Presider: The Rev. Mark Pendleton 8:00 a.m. Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Lucia Savage Lector at 10:00 a.m.: John Woodard Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.Sue Ingram Greeter/Usher: Live Stream: Leslie Pendleton Altar Guild: Carla Ranks, Shannon Tosatti Flower Delivery: Priscilla Santiago Altar Flowers Given by: Anthony Codding

#### This week at Christ Church May 22-28

Sunday	Annual Parish Picnic 11:00 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.	
Tuesday	PSP Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Scouts 6:00 p.m.	
Wednesday	Oasis Sisters 10:30 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.	
Thursday	NHCC Board Meeting - outdoors/hall 9:30 a.m.	

**Sunday Counters:** Do you have 15 minutes to spare on an occasional Sunday morning after the 10 a.m. service? We are in need of two volunteers each Sunday who will confirm the contents of the collection plates. If you are able to help with the small task, please contact Darla or Mark in the office, or Lucia Savage at Luciasavage@gmail.com

**Usher/Greeter - Readers Needed:** With more and more folks attending in-person church, we are building up our **Usher/Greeter** and Lector team. Would you be willing to serve as a friendly welcoming face? Contact Mark for instructions to get on the list. Would you like to **read** a lesson at the 8 or 10 a.m. service. See Mark for instructions to get on the list.

**VBS (Vacation Bible School)** has been postponed this June until next June.

Auditions for the **Pine Street Players' production of William Shakespeare's** *The Tempest* continue this afternoon. Performances will be the weekend of July 8-10, on our outdoor stage. Bring a camp chair or blanket, and enjoy some Shakespeare en plein air this summer. Mark your calendars!

**Do you speak or read a language other than English?** The Feast of Pentecost is June 5 and we would like to include the readings of the Acts passage in various languages at the 9:30 a.m. service. So dust off that Arabic, Greek, Latin, Spanish, German, or any other language ancient or modern. Reach out to Mark if you'd like to participate. *Gracias.* 

**Healing team** is available to offer healing prayers during the Eucharist, at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both. **The Oasis Sisters** gather to share life experiences, prayer concerns, praises and studying the word of God. Our meetings are on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. We currently meet in person on the first Wednesday of each month in the Dodd Room and the remainder of the month we meet via Zoom. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Kim Storms at 817-905-8987 or stormspk84@gmail.com

**HONORING GRADUATES ON JUNE 12:: IS SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY GRADUATING** from high school or an institution of higher learning? We would like to list them in the bulletin and celebrate with them on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 a.m. service. Please submit the following form (information) to: Darla at office@christchurchexeter.org *Please note that the deadline is June 5..* 

Name:	 	 
Parents:	 	 

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