



The Holy Eucharist
According to the Book of Common Prayer
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026, 10:00 am
The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher, *Celebrant*
Mr. Jeffrey J. Ford, *Organist-Choirmaster*

Welcome to Christ Church

We are thrilled you have joined us for today's celebration. You are encouraged to participate fully in our worship service. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. This service leaflet contains all that is necessary to participate in the worship services today. Please silence all cell phones.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY: *Jubilee Suite: Promenade*

Gordon Young

All stand and join in singing.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION, NO. 525 *The Church's one foundation*

Tune: Aurelia

Verse 1 everyone; vs. 2 men; vs. 3 everyone; vs. 4 trebles; vs. 5 everyone

The Rite of Confirmation

Book of Common Prayer, p. 413

THE ACCLAMATION

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
<i>Celebrant</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People	There is one hope in God's call to us;
<i>Celebrant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People	One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 357

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON | Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together

against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

BCP, p. 622

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 **Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.**
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.**
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 **My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your lovingkindness save me.

THE SECOND LESSON | 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE ANTHEM *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

Arr. Joe Cox

CHERUB AND CAROL CHOIRS

Olivia Ford, Jack Houlette, Dorothy Mayes, Genevieve Mayes, Evelyn Meals, Katie Meals,
Sofia Tenorio, Ivy Wait, Connor Whitten

THE HOLY GOSPEL | John 14:1-14

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

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

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher, *Bishop Suffragan*

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Confirmation

Book of Common Prayer, p. 415

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenter I present these persons for Confirmation.

I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Prayers for the Candidates

BCP, p. 305

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says

BCP, p. 418

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFIRMATION:

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. **Amen.**

REAFFIRMATION:

N., May the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

THE GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

Bishop's Discretionary Fund

Today, the undesignated offering goes to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

The Holy Communion

THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY: *O How Amiable*

R. Vaughan Williams

THE PRESENTATION HYMN, No. 380

Old 100th

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, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

BCP, p. 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

Celebrant Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS, S-114

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues, the people kneeling.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Celebrant & People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE AGNUS DEI, S 158

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP, p. 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION WELCOME

In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation, are invited to receive Holy Communion. To receive the host, place one hand over the other with palms facing upward. If you prefer not to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

VOLUNTARY AT COMMUNION *Panis Angelicus*

César Franck

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant & People

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.

THE BLESSING

Following the Blessing, the People respond: Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Following the Dismissal, the People respond:
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Setting on *Lyons*

Johann Michael Haydn

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lisa Joan Sweeney, given by Rob Sweeney.

Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Stine

Lay Ministers Today

Verger/Chalicer: Jerril Burnette; **Intercessor/Lector:** Jolana Damkroger; **Chalicer:** Dan Toney

Bishop's Chaplain: Claire Godbold

Acolytes: Evan Birdwell, Jake Godbold, James Meals, Gavin Johnson

Greeters: Katie Birdwell, Trudy Shuttlesworth, Linda Harvin

Ushers: Tom Ridley, David Stiles, Mark Shuttlesworth, Dan Toney

Altar Guild Team 3: Leigh McClendon



SUMMER
SCHEDULE

DOWNTOWN only
begins May 3, 2026

7:30am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Christian Formation
10:00am Holy Eucharist

[South Campus times do not change]

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This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, May 3 *Service Time Change through Labor Day Downtown*

- 7:30am Holy Eucharist Rite I | CCD
- 9:00am ~~Adult Christian Formation~~ | CCD resumes next week
- 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I | CCD Confirmation
- 10:00am Christian Formation CCS
- 11:15am Confirmation Reception | CCD
- 11:05am Holy Eucharist | CCS

Tuesday, May 5

- 8:00am Men's Bible Study with the Rector | CCD

Wednesday, May 6

- 7:15am Men's Bible Study | CCD Undercroft
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal | CCD
- 6:00pm EYC | CCD
- 6:00pm Women's Depth Group | CCS
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | CCD

Thursday, May 7

- 10:30am Women's Bible Study with the Rector | CCD
- 6:00pm Loaves & Fishes Team 1 | CCD Undercroft

Sunday, May 10 — YOUTH SUNDAY —

- 7:30am Holy Eucharist Rite I | CCD
- 9:00am Christian Formation | CCD
- 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I | CCD
- 10:00am Senior Reception | CCS
- 11:05am Holy Eucharist Rite II | CCS
- 11:15am Senior Reception | CCD

Tuesday, May 12

- 5:30pm DOK Potluck Social | CCS



Orders are placed the first Monday of the month.

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions.

Let us remember those who celebrate the anniversaries of their births, especially:

5/3 Hannah Allen-Rosser, 5/3 Mia Fair, 5/3 Cody Maher, 5/3 Sheryl Richter, 5/3 David Stiles, 5/3 Sarah Stiles, 5/3 Bob Wilkins, 5/5 Hamp Williams, 5/5 Carol Lee, 5/6 Anne Jones, 5/6 John Self, 5/6 Ivy Wait, 5/7 Eleanor Albea, 5/7 Jack Bergfeld, 5/8 Vivian Willis, 5/9 Jerry Head

And those who celebrate the anniversaries of their marriages.

5/8 David & Silvia Luckenbach, 5/9 Allen & Cindy Bell

And also those with special needs and concerns, especially:

Luba, Maria, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Lisa, Anna Marie, Fred, Owen, Jennifer, Cindy, Earl, Linda, Mike, Mark, Dalton, Marian, Jerry, Stella, Dale, Kirby, Patty, Sarah, Ben, Joshua, Helen, Brinley, Cooper, , Hans, Sarah, CF, Chris, Peggy, Heidi, Luke, Jessica, Rick, Kay, Amber, Tabitha, Mike, Sydney, Barrett, Martha, Kendall, Kitty, Colleen, Lee, Cody, Lorrylei, Thomasine

Prayer Requests

*If you would like to add or take off a name on the prayer list, parishioners should notify
The Rev. Stephen Stine at ssti@tjc.edu.*

Welcome

We are happy you have joined us today.
Are you NEW to Christ Church? If yes, so that we may get to know and serve you best, please complete our newcomer card by scanning the QR code or filling out a card from the pew back.





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