

Morning Prayer Rite 2  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021  
Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave

The Entrance Rite  
Opening Hymn  
LYRICS

I am the vine  
And you are the branches  
Live in me  
And you will never die.  
I am the vine  
And my father is the keeper  
Come to me  
Let the Spirit bring you life.  
Like a tree planted by the living waters  
To stretch the fruits into the living stream  
You will show no distress  
In the heat of the drought  
But still bear fruits and leaves?  
Come to me all you heavy laden  
My yoke is easy, my burden is light.  
I will raise you up on the wings of an eagle.  
And through God mountain will fly.  
Come to me  
Let the spirit bring you life.  
Songwriters: John Michael Talbot  
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The Passing of the Peace  
Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture (Easter) BCP 77  
Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a  
copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in  
the presence of God on our behalf. Hebrews 9:24

The Gathering Prayer  
Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your  
creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all  
of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give  
us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit,  
for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

(A Disciple's Prayer Book)

Confession of Sin BCP 79

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All:

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

Officiant:

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.

Invitatory and Psalter BCP 80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is  
now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon (Easter) BCP 81

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum BCP 83

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.  
Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.  
Antiphon (Easter) BCP 81  
Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed  
People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 22:24-30 Deus, deus meus BCP 610  
24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.  
25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"  
26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.  
28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.  
29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.  
30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Acts 8:26-30

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:  
"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed BCP 85

Magna et mirabilia Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*

O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*

for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from John's first letter 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out

fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 18 A Song to the Lamb Dignus es BCP 93

Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*

are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is, \*

and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*

for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation, \*

a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*

and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*

for ever and for evermore.

A Reading from John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon The Rev. Dan Buchin

The Apostles' Creed BCP 96

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

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.  
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. Amen.  
The Prayers  
Officiant: The Lord be with you.  
All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.  
The Lord's Prayer BCP 97  
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 for ever. Amen.

Suffrage B BCP 9  
V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain

Collect of the Day (Fifth Sunday of Easter) BCP 225

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Mission BCP 101

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

A Prayer for the Human Family BCP 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings at this time, either aloud or in their hearts.

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

### Announcements

Dismissal BCP 102

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in  
believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Romans 15:13

Closing Meditative Hymn

Christ in Me Arise

Trevor Thomson

Refrain

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.

Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.

Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.

Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

Showing me all that I must see.

Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.

Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

Taking me where I must go.

Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.

Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

Bridge You know my heart and you know my ways,

You who formed me in my mother's womb.

I live and move in you, my whole being thrives in you.

...Final Refrain

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.

Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.

Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.

Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

Christ in me arise, Christ in me arise,

Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

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UPCOMING SERVICES:

5/9 Morning Prayer Rite II  
5/16 Morning Prayer Rite II

UPCOMING EVENTS:

5/16 Todd & Debbie Johnson's anniversary  
5/18 Debbie Johnson's birthday

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob; Bobbie; Sue; Ed & Audrey; Joyce; Bob & Donna; Jamie & Marvin; Jill; Julie; John; Nancy; Harriet; John; Margaret; Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda; Carrie; Lily & Violet; Al; Vickie; Lonnie; Corky; Sarah; Todd; Tracy & her family; Lonnie

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised  
IN HARM'S WAY our service men & women suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; All Saints', East Lansing; Holy Cross, Santa Fe, DR; St Barnabas', Pizarette, DR

THOSE INVOLVED IN MINISTRY: pray for discernment  
We welcome you to Christ Church, and look forward to meeting together in person for worship and fellowship when the pandemic crisis is over!

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