

May 12, 2024

Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer Rite II

10:00 a.m.

Prelude: All glory be to God on high

J. Pachelbel

Opening hymn: #450 All hail the power of Jesus' name vs. 1-3, 6

Coronation

Opening Sentence:

BCP pg. 76

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

Confession of Sin and Absolution:

BCP pg. 79

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel, as able

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.

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

The people stand

The Invitatory and Psalter:

BCP pg. 80

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Jubilate: Psalm 100

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Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Psalm: Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

*Antiphon: Splendor and honor and kingly power are yours by right,
O Lord our God.*

**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. (*Repeat Antiphon*)**

**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. (*Repeat Antiphon*)**

**And so to him, who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, be worship and
praise, dominion and splendor, for ever and forevermore. (*Repeat Ant.*)**

The Gospel: John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "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."

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

The Apostle's Creed:

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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.

Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory
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Offertory anthem: King of Glory, King

G. Near

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**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 people stand or kneel

The Prayers

BCP pg. 97

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us say together:

The Lord's Prayer

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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 Suffrages Set B

BCP pg. 98

Save your people, Lord and bless your inheritance;

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;

And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

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.*

A Collect for Sundays

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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 Peace

BCP pg. 99

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

BCP pg. 100

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

BCP pg. 100

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially for Lois Creighton, BJ Wellman, and remember his wife Liza, their two very young children, and his

parents Jerry and Nancy; Debbie R, Shelley and John N, Debra Santi, Kathy Rodgers, Michelle, Chloe Negron, Noreen, Chris S., David Barker, Ignacio, Peggy Van Patten, Paul, Heather Henning, for the safety of the children and families of St. Luke's Church & School in Haiti, and for all who face financial hardship because of the pandemic, and for those we name aloud or in silence here and at home; for clergy and people of St. Mark's, New Britain; Intentional Episcopal Communities in Connecticut, including the Episcopal Church at Yale, Seabury Retirement community, Haven community and All Saints; Parish prayer groups; intercessory prayer chains; healing prayer groups, and parish and community bible studies; and let us join The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

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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.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: #494 Crown him with many crowns vs. 1-3, 5

Diademata

The Dismissal

BPC pg.

102 Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Postlude: *Pièce d'orgue* (G major Fantasy) BWV 572

J. S. Bach

Participating In Today's Worship:



Officiant: Cecilia Parker

Music Director: Mark Sullivan

Psalm & 1st: Dennis Burke

2nd: Kenneth Pelphrey

Usher: Kay Claiborn

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*Coffee Hour Hosts: Gene and Jane Bishop*

*Counters: Melissa Lamoreaux & Julie Gibson (week of 5/13 – 5/17)*

## *Mother's Day Flowers*

*In Memory of:*

*Cynthia Smith Holmes, Margaret Wood Smith,*

*Helen Holmes*

*(from Jennifer Huebner)*

*Jeanne Leidtker, Virginia Heaton, Naomi Rice*

*(from Paul and Rhoda Whitman)*

*Lily Watts Goddard*

*(from Jean Meiselman)*

*Joye Pregnall, Marjorie Uzzell,*

*Marion Pregnall, Corinne Johnson*

*(from Gabrielle Johnson)*

*Ruth Woods Melillo, Fanny Sperry Woods,  
Dorothy Mack Link, Mae Mack, Valerie Goff Hibbard,*

*Loree Wortman O'Brien, Nancy Crook White*

*(from Diane Link)*

*Bev Tafel, Joyce Myers*

*(from Donna Tafel)*

*Gertrude P. Seibert, Winifred D. Rouillion,*

*Polly R. Pitman*



*(from Ed and Winnie Seibert)*

*Phyllis Iaquinto, Mabel Hubbard,  
Eleanor Cappiello, Helen Scorill  
(from Madeline & Leland Hubbard)*



*Shirley Chacho, Marie Accrino  
(from Carol Iovanna)*

*Janet Moffat, Jeannette Marquardt  
(from Katherine Frydenborg)*



## *Mother's Day Flowers*

*In Honor of:*

*Morley Huebner van Yperen, Gillian Huebner  
(from Jennifer Huebner)*

*Torrey Pommer, Mandy Whitman, Stephanie Whitman  
(from Paul and Rhoda Whitman)*

*Elizabeth Oshana, Stephanie Oshana  
(from Sarah Oshana)*

*Debbie Benjamin, Colleen Benjamin,  
Kristin Benjamin (daughters-in-law)  
(from Mandy Benjamin)*

*Christ Church Moms  
(from Gabrielle Johnson)*

*Cynthia Link Tangredi, Kathleen Link Aldrich,  
Rebecca Link Patino, Carol Ann Spano Link,  
Carol Link Ude, Judith Woods Scott, Rebecca Aldrich Mclacklan*

*(from Diane Link)*

*Kate Alfieri, Libby Kappler  
(from Ed and Winnie Seibert)*

*Madeline Hubbard, Susan Doria  
Jennifer Herbin  
(from Madeline & Leland Hubbard)*

*Rennie Negron, The Women of ECW  
(Anonymous)*

*Linda Iovanna, Lisa Holloran  
(from Carol Iovanna)*

*Kara Marshall, Ann White  
(from Katherine Frydenborg)*

*Thank you all for your contributions. ECW*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

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### ONGOING EVENTS

- ❑ **Music Meditations** - Every Friday at 12-12:30 pm: Come quiet your mind and feed your spirit with lovely organ music played by Mark Sullivan!
- ❑ **Choir Rehearsal** - Every Thursday at 7pm. All are welcome and can join at any time.
- ❑ **Bible Study** - Join Cecelia Bellomy Parker every Monday at 5 pm. Email Cecelia for the Zoom link at [cbellomy15@gmail.com](mailto:cbellomy15@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** *All welcome in the newly renovated space*

- ❑ Sunday School students will continue studying the Transfiguration of Jesus on a trip to a high mountain. Students will make a special Mother's Day gift.
- ❑ Middle School Students will discuss Ascension Day and participate in various Mother's Day activities.
- ❑ **Looking ahead: Sunday School Schedule: May: 19, June 2, 9**

**Music note from Mark Sullivan:** For the last several years I have been playing special Bach postludes to celebrate the sequence of "Ascension Sunday" (last Sunday of Eastertide),

Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday. **This Sunday's postlude**, the great G major Fantasy BWV 572, which ends with a jaw-dropping sequence of upward-swirling passagework which may suggest Jesus' ascension, is the longest of the year, at just over 9 minutes-which may be more of a commitment than you had bargained for! So here is a reminder: the service is officially over when we all say "Let us bless our Risen Lord" after the dismissal. If you choose to not stay for the postlude, please feel free to grab your coat and join us in the Parish Hall for coffee hour!

**Guilford Pride** on Saturday, May 18 from 12pm to 4pm on the town green. Rain date of May 19.

### **May 19 "Let Your Talents Shine" Event**

Make plans to be part of this event in some way! Show your work, help with set-up or come and admire the creativity and talents of your church family. Contact Carol Iovanna to participate and for more information.

### **Want to help in the nursery this summer?**

We need one more person to help cover summer Sundays with the young kids. Whether you are a high schooler or grandparent, this paid position could work for you. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Lisa Ste. Marie at [warden@christchurchguilford.org](mailto:warden@christchurchguilford.org).

### **ECW News:**

**Annual ECW Luncheon:** Join us for our **Annual ECW Luncheon** on June 13th at Quattro's Restaurant. RSVP should be sent to Co-Chairmen: Jean Meiselman, (775) 527-3622 email: [jeammei1928@gmail.com](mailto:jeammei1928@gmail.com) or Rhoda Whitman, (203) 668-3454 email: [toodotmom@juno.com](mailto:toodotmom@juno.com) **by Sunday, June 9th**. We'll be ordering off the menu with individual checks, but the total bill will be covered with our ECW check. Kindly bring cash or your check to reimburse Rhoda, who will have a calculator on hand to help with tax and tip calculations. Don't forget to bring \$10 for our exchange game! All Christ Church Women are welcome—we hope to see you there!

### **Sweet Treats & More**

Look for the ECW table in the parish hall and find for sale: **graduation cardholders, \$2.00 each and available for several area high schools and college colors**, sweet treats galore, handmade notecards with card holders, and gift card holders. Monies can be placed in the box on our table. Checks made payable to Christ Church ECW.

### **Announcing the ECW Scholarship for Christ Church Graduating High School Seniors!**

We're delighted to offer this opportunity to active members of Christ Church who are graduating this year and have been accepted into higher education, whether academic or vocational. To apply, please email or mail a letter to Mrs. Diane W. Link at [dwlink118@gmail.com](mailto:dwlink118@gmail.com) or 118 Michael Drive, Guilford, CT 06437. Include your Christ Church participation, the school you've been accepted to, and your future goals. The deadline to

apply is Wednesday, May 29th, and scholarships will be awarded during the 10:00 AM Service on June 9th.

**"Pearl of Great Price" awards:** These awards, initiated by ECW in 2016, honor individuals for their selfless dedication to our parish. The awards will be presented during the June 9th service, alongside the scholarship presentations. The name of these awards is inspired by a biblical passage. Recipients receive a framed award, and their names are displayed in our parish hall.

The Outreach Committee is organizing an outing to the **New Haven Botanical Garden of Healing Dedicated to Victims of Gun Violence**. The garden, created by the mothers of victims of gun violence as a special place to remember their loved ones, is a place of hope and healing on Valley Street in New Haven. With each new tree and flower planted, the mothers are taking positive action to build public awareness of the magnitude of the problem of gun violence and invest in the future of their community. We will meet on Tuesday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m., at the church and carpool to the garden. If you would like to participate, please contact Bobbi Stuart ([stuartbarbarara48@gmail.com](mailto:stuartbarbarara48@gmail.com)) or Caroline Herrick ([caroline.herrick@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.herrick@gmail.com)).

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### ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES to CONNECT

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**Newcomers:** If you are visiting Christ Church for the first time (or perhaps have been coming regularly) please fill out the Welcome form in the pew holder. We would also ask that you sign the guest book at the rear of the church before you leave.

**Altar Flowers:** If you would like to offer flowers on a Sunday in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the church office. You may purchase & bring them, have a local florist deliver, or offer flowers from your garden.

**Home Communion** is available to those who are not able to attend church in-person. Please call the church office at 203-453-2279 to schedule a Eucharistic Visit.

Whether you're new to Christ Episcopal Church or you've been coming a long time,

**WE WANT TO CONNECT WITH YOU! *Just scan the QR code with your phone's camera, click on the link, and complete our quick and easy Parish Connect Form.***

You can also fill out a hard copy on the table in the back of the church.

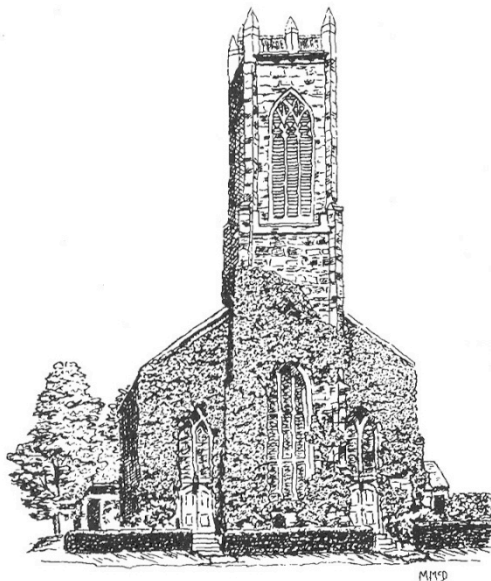


*Christ Episcopal Church, on the Guilford Green since 1744*

*Our Mission Statement: To welcome all, to provide hope, and express gratitude for God's love and creation, while nurturing our community and celebrating our faith.*

# *Happy Mother's Day*

*We pray for Mother's Day: On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. Amen*



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