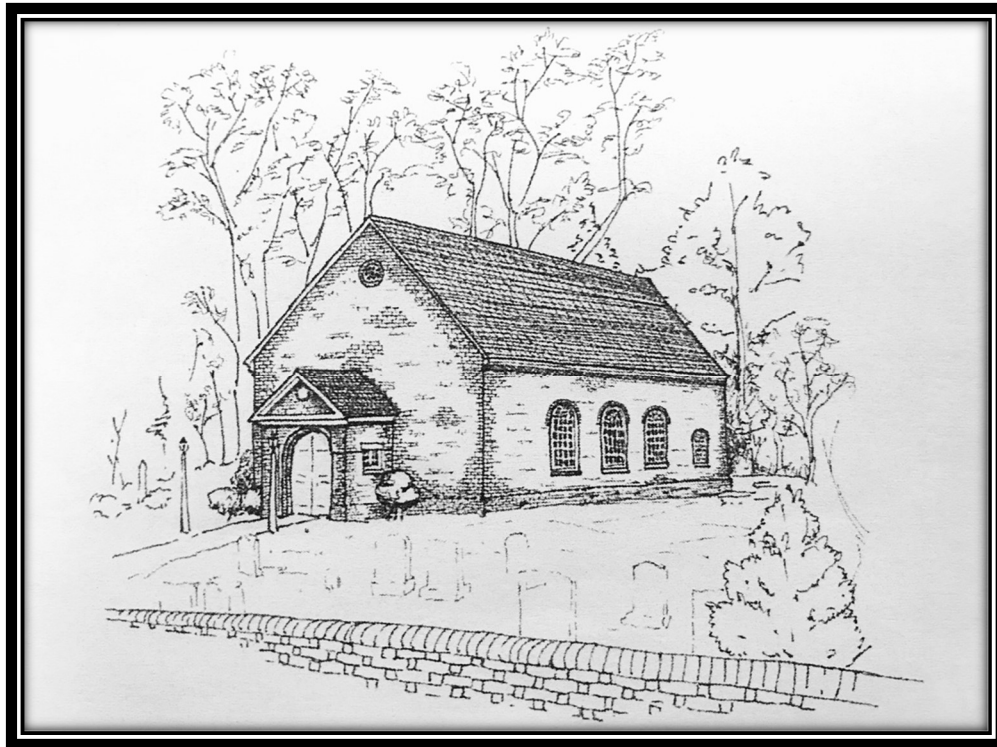


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)
May 7, 2023
10:30 a.m.
The Fifth Sunday Of Easter*



Founded in 1666

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.
During the service, let God speak to you through
Word and Sacrament.
After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are a family of faith,
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and
service, who strive to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

The Fifth Sunday Of Easter
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – May 7, 2023

One cannot be Christian alone; apart from the Body, we can do nothing.

Opening Vol. Four Variations on “*Westminster Abbey*” Richard Proulx
Processional Hymn **518** “*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*”
Opening Sentences BCP Page 355
The Gloria (Hymnal **S-280**) BCP Page 356

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (*The 5th Sunday Of Easter*) BCP Page 225
First Lesson Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 BCP Page 622
Second Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10
Sequence Hymn **457** “*Thou Art the Way*”
Gospel John 14:1-14
The Sermon The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
The Nicene Creed BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People Insert
The Confession and Absolution BCP Page 360
The Peace BCP Page 360
Offertory “*The Chief Cornerstone*” Bradley Ellingboe / Gracia Grindal
Presentation Hymn **554** “*Tis the Gift to Be Simple*”

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.
People **Amen.**
The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A BCP Page 361
Sursum corda (Hymnal **S-120**)
Sanctus and Benedictus (Hymnal **S-129**) BCP Page 362
The Lord's Prayer BCP Page 364
The Breaking of the Bread:
Officiant Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
People **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**
Officiant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
Officiant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Agnus Dei (Hymnal **S-164**)
Communion Music “Land of Rest” Pamela Decker
“Land of Rest” Charles Callahan

Post Communion Hymn 304

"I Come With Joy"

Post Communion Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP Page 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 688

"A Mighty Fortress"

The Dismissal: We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

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.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In te, Domine, speravi

- 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 loving-kindness save me.

The Epistle

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.

The Gospel

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "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."

The Prayers of the People

Let us call upon God to hear our prayers and to grant us those things that are in accord with the divine will, responding, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

For Christians who are imprisoned and persecuted for their faith that, like Stephen, they may follow the light that casts out all fear; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That we may do the works that Jesus revealed in his ministry, the healing of the sick, the raising up of the lowly, the giving of sight to the blind, and the blessing of the poor and the grieving; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For those who are spiritually lost, or who question their faith, or whose souls are wrapped in the shadows of doubt, that they may share their misgivings with Jesus, who gently unfolds the truth and reveals a way; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That the Church, the community of the baptized, may vigorously proclaim the alleluias of Easter, revealing the light of Christ, whose victory over death breaks the chains of darkness and despair; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

In thanksgiving for the beauty that is set before our eyes, and for the mysteries yet unseen, that we may honor the expansiveness of creation and be guardians of its splendor; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

In thanksgiving for missionaries throughout the world, who reveal God's Word in challenging times and places; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That the Lord may comfort those in the waning days of life, and bring to life eternal those who have died in the hope of the resurrection; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

As a chosen people who share the royal priesthood of Christ, let us add to these petitions.

We pray for healing, strength and comfort for those on our prayer list; for those suffering from the pain of grief and loss brought about by violence and war in the world; and for those who are rebuilding their lives and homes due to the destructive power of severe weather; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Gayle our Assistant Bishop, and for all who serve God in his Church; in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of Christ Church – Charlottesville, St. George's – Fredericksburg, St. Paul's Memorial – Charlottesville, and Ware - Gloucester; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Suzi Hutchens; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

(The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)

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Please remember in your prayers those on our Prayer List:

Barbara Cockrell, Kathy Page, Zubin, Merri Hanson, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Dick Debnam, Janet Lunden, Lucille Redmon, Bernie Whittkamp, Page Whittkamp, Jenny Wright, Marty, and Valerie Shostak.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of Christ Church – Charlottesville, St. George's – Fredericksburg, St. Paul's Memorial - Charlottesville, and Ware – Gloucester.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Acolyte / Lector	Jody Anglin
Usher	John Quilter

Morning Prayer: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Organist	Libby Boyer
Gosp. Bk. / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Sharon Colston
Eucharistic Minister	Grace Parker
Lector	Miles Libbey
Crucifer / Acolyte	Ann Padgett
Ushers	
Altar Guild	Cean Cawthorn, Barbara Shaw, Lydia Dudley, Grace Parker, and Linda Irwin
Flower Guild	Cean Cawthorn, and Sheila Gammel
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler

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Scott Holt – Junior Warden ‘25	
Betsy Evans ‘23	Ann de Peyster ‘24
Mike Gorin ‘23	Bill Budd ‘25
Clayton Neal ‘23	Henry Moncure ‘25
Karen Brown ‘24	