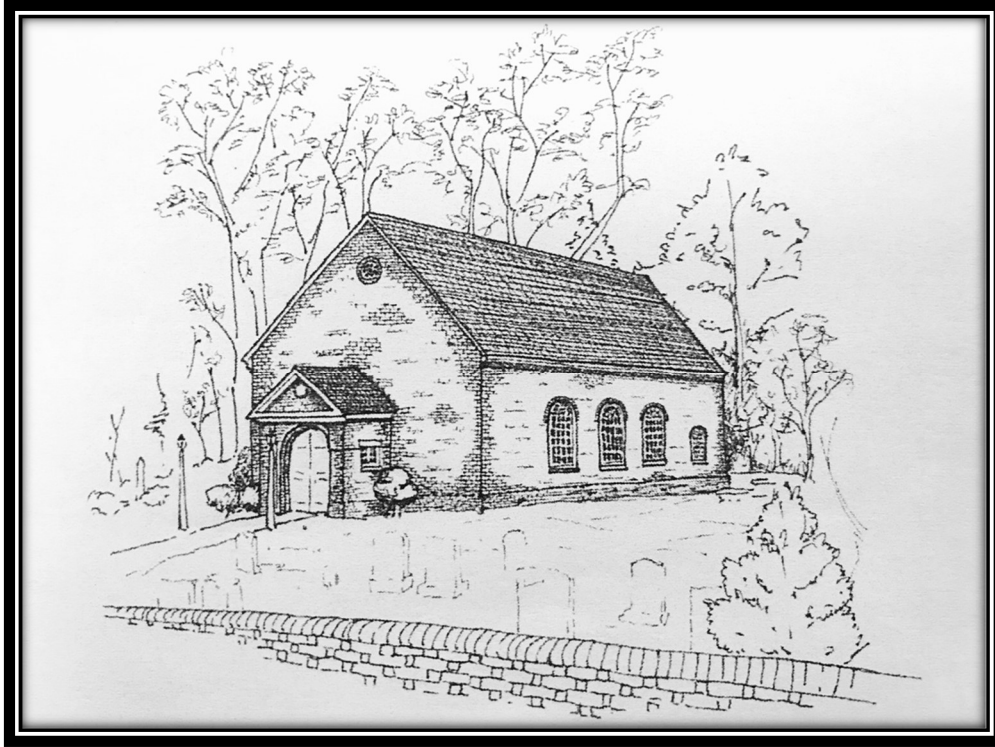


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish  
(Episcopal)  
May 21, 2023  
10:30 a.m.  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter*



*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 Seventh Sunday Of Easter  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – May 21, 2023

*The church consecrated as the Body of Christ.*

Opening Voluntary	Meditation on “ <i>Llanfair</i> ”	Brenda Portman
	Intrada on “ <i>Diademata</i> ”	Christopher Tambling
Processional Hymn 494	“ <i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> ”	
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
The Gloria (Hymnal S-280)		BCP Page 356

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day ( <i>The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter</i> )		BCP Page 226
First Lesson		Acts 14:6-14
Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35		BCP Page 676
Second Lesson		1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Sequence Hymn 307 (1,4,5)	“ <i>Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor</i> ”	
Gospel		John 17:1-11
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	“ <i>Simple Gifts</i> ”	David Schelat
Presentation Hymn 554	“ <i>Tis the Gift to Be Simple</i> ”	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

<i>Officiant</i>	Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.	
<i>People</i>	<b>Amen.</b>	
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:		
<i>Officiant</i>	Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,	
<i>People</i>	<b>we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.</b>	
<i>Officiant</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.	
<i>People</i>	<b>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</b>	
<i>Officiant</i>	The Gifts of God for the People of God.	
Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-164)		
Communion Music Chorale Prelude on “ <i>Werde munter</i> ”		Charles Callahan

Post Communion Hymn 336 "Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus"

Post Communion Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP Page 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 214

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

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

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Voluntary

"Lanfair"

Robert J. Powell

## 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.**

## The First Lesson

**Acts 14:6-14**

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

*Exsurgat Deus*

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*

**let those who hate him flee before him.**

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*

**as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*

**let them also be merry and joyful.**

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;

exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*

**YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*

**God in his holy habitation!**

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*

**but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*

**when you marched through the wilderness,**

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,

at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*

**at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*

**you refreshed the land when it was weary.**

10 Your people found their home in it; \*

**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*

**sing praises to the Lord.**

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*

**he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

35 Ascribe power to God; \*

**his majesty is over Israel;**

**his strength is in the skies.**

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*

**the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!**

**Blessed be God!**

## **The Epistle**

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Gospel**

**John 17:1-11**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"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.”

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## The Prayers of the People

Let us offer our prayers in the Name of Jesus, who dwelt among us, died and rose again for our salvation, and ascended into the heavenly realm, responding, “Hear us, ascended Lord.”

That we may place our lives in the sacred heart of Jesus, who claims us as his own, and reveals his glory through our lives; let us pray. **Hear us, ascended Lord.**

That our hands may feed the poor and tend the sick, that we may create a church where all are welcomed and where visitors are seen as blessings, and that we may ascend beyond earthly hesitations to grasp the divine inspiration that is implanted within us; let us pray. **Hear us, ascended Lord.**

For those who fear the discovery of secret sins and the private guilt that has many names, that they may have confidence in the priestly gift of reconciliation, the courage to admit their shortcomings, and the greater courage to accept God’s tender forgiveness; let us pray. **Hear us, ascended Lord.**

For an end to violence and abuse, and to all things that harm God’s creation and rob humanity of its inherent dignity; let us pray. **Hear us, ascended Lord.**

That our President, members of Congress, and those who sit on the Supreme Court may take seriously the authority invested in them, leaving partisanship behind, and exercising leadership that best responds to the people of our nation and world; let us pray. **Hear us, ascended Lord.**

For those who have died, and whom we commend to eternal life, remembering especially those who have lost their lives through the violence of others; let us pray. **Hear us, ascended Lord.**

In thanksgiving for our families and friends, and for the communion of saints, we continue our prayers.

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 the senseless violence and war in the world; and for those who are rebuilding their lives and homes due to severe weather; let us pray. **Hear us, ascended Lord.**

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 St. Jame’s – Richmond, and St. Stephen’s – Richmond; let us pray. **Hear us, ascended Lord.**

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: The Rev. Elisa Wheeler, and The Rev. Bob Phipps; and those celebrating their anniversaries: Charles & Jeannette Adkins, Gibbie & Mavis Mangum, Howard & Joyce Reisinger, and The Rev. Dr. Bob & Marcia Prichard; let us pray. **Hear us, ascended Lord.**

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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 Lundin, Lucille Redmon, Bernie Whittkamp, Page Whittkamp, Jenny Wright, and Valerie Shostak.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of St. Jame's – Richmond, and St. Stephen's – Richmond.

*(The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)*

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## 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	Jeff Shaw
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.	Jack Hellems
Eucharistic Minister	Grace Parker
Lector	Robin Wells
Crucifer / Acolyte	Nicole Davis
Ushers	Robin & Sallie Wells
Altar Guild	Cean Cawthorn, Barbara Shaw, Lydia Dudley, Grace Parker, & Linda Irwin
Flower Guild	Ginger Smither, Sharon Colston, & Cathy Spence
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler

### ***Christ Church Parish (Episcopal)***

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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	