



# CHRIST CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

**The Fifth Sunday after Easter**



**9:00 am**

**Contemporary Service**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!**

*I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go unto the house of the Lord.'*

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.*



Altar Flowers

**In Loving Memory  
Of  
Beth and Tom Duncan**

**Given by  
PK and George Isiminger**

**Visitors who are here for the first time** are invited to sign the guest register by the front door in the church Narthex.

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation or age, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-Free wafers are available upon request.*



***Pledge or donate to Christ Episcopal Church by scanning our QR code with your phone. Sign-up sheets for Altar flowers can be found in the Narthex and the Church Office.***

# The Word of God

## **Entrance Rite**

**OPENING SONG**

**BRIAN DOERKSEN**

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

**BCP 355**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**BCP 355**

**SONG OF PRAISE: *Gloria***

**JASON SILVER**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

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.*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**JOHANNA REILLY**

Children are invited to come forward  
to the altar for the Children's Sermon.

## **The Lessons**

**FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the

circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM: Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*

**praise him in the heights.**

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all you angels of his; \*

**praise him, all his host.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; \*

**praise him, all you shining stars.**

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*

**and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*

**for he commanded, and they were created.**

<sup>6</sup>He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*

**he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, \*

**you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

<sup>8</sup>Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*

**tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, \*

**fruit trees and all cedars;**

<sup>10</sup>Wild beasts and all cattle, \*

**creeping things and wingèd birds;**

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*

**princes and all rulers of the world;**

<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens, \*

**old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*

**for his Name only is exalted,**

**his splendor is over earth and heaven.**

<sup>14</sup>He has raised up strength for his people

and praise for all his loyal servants, \*

**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.**

**Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                        Thanks be to God.

## **SEQUENCE SONG: *Thy Word***

**GRANT & SMITH**

## **GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

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

*People*                        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>31</sup>[At the last supper, when Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.<sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I

have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

<b>THE SERMON</b>	<b>FR. RICK MARSDEN</b>
<b>THE NICENE CREED</b>	<b>BCP 358</b>
<b>THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)</b>	<b>BCP 388</b>
<b>CONFESSION OF SIN</b>	<b>BCP 359</b>
<b>THE PEACE</b>	<b>BCP 360</b>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	

## The Holy Communion

<b>OFFERTORY SENTENCE</b>	<b>BCP 376</b>
<b>OFFERTORY SONG: <i>Power of the Cross</i></b>	<b>GETTY &amp; TOWNEND</b>
<b>THE DOXOLOGY</b>	<b>HYMNAL 380, v.3</b>

<b>The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)</b>	<b>BCP 361</b>
<b>INVITATION</b>	<b>IONA WORSHIP BOOK</b>

*Celebrant*           *This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ.  
It is made ready for those who love him and who want  
to love him more.*

*So come, you who have much faith and you who have  
little; you who have been here often and you who have  
not been for a long time or ever before; you who have  
tried to follow and you who have failed;*

*Come, not because the church invites you; it is Christ,  
and he invites you to meet him here.*

<b>SURSUM CORDA</b>	<b>BCP 361</b>
<b>PROPER PREFACE</b>	<b>BCP 361</b>
<b>SANCTUS</b>	<b>ROLAND MARTIN</b>
<b>WORDS OF INSTITUTION</b>	<b>BCP 362</b>
<b>MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION</b>	<b>BCP 363</b>
<b>THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>	<b>BCP 364</b>

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

<b>FRACTION ANTHEM: <i>Agnus Dei</i></b>	<b>ROLAND MARTIN</b>
<b>COMMUNION SONGS</b>	
<i>Seek ye first the kingdom of God</i>	<b>HYMNAL 711</b>
<i>May the Road</i>	<b>LEE TURNER</b>
<b>POST-COMMUNION PRAYER</b>	<b>BCP p. 365</b>
<b>BLESSING</b>	<b>BCP p. 366</b>
<b>CLOSING SONG</b>	<b>TOMLIN, BARRETT &amp; INGRAM</b>
<i>Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly</i>	
<b>DISMISSAL</b>	<b>BCP 366</b>



**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY:**

**VERGER** Mike Zimmermann

**ACOLYTE(S)** Katie Zimmermann

**READERS(S)** Wendy Brown

**CHALICE BEARERS** Jim Nigrelli  
Lois Lynn Bellemare

**USHERS** Kim Stadlin, Carolyn Ritchie

**PROJECTION** Carlton Marshall

**CELEBRATION** Beth VonEnde-piano; Jeani Elisha, Thane Reed, Bob Rupe  
**MUSICIANS** Tom Johnson

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**Birthdays**

Corbin Herba 5/18

Stephanie Southerland 5/18

Emily Castellina 5/22

Wylene Graham 5/22

Judy McQueen 5/23

**Anniversaries**

Richard Lilley & Carmen Letelier 5/18

Rick & Terri Teigland 5/20

Mike & Sandra Connolly 5/21

George & Sally Marcello 5/21

## **Christ Episcopal Church Prayer List**

Rayna Antonelli	Allen Haile	Alice Sackett
Debbie Barten	Susan & Tim Knowles	Kim Sawyer
Darryll Breaux	Will Knowles	Juliana Seese
Dave & Vicki Breneman	Susan Long	Marcia Symington
Anne Castellina	Cathy Masztalics	Jim Vonderhaar
Daniel Dodson	Carol Niebanck	Sheila Young
Gil Doyle	Nancy Odell	Jerry Zoller
Denise Elswick	Mahiara Priamo	Cristiana
Henry Fradley	Michael Price	Todd
Jennifer Galligher	Martha Ryder	

**May the Souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace**

**Christ Church Clergy and Staff**

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Cecilia McEnaney - *Director,  
Jubilate Handbells*

**The Wardens, Vestry, and Officers of the Parish**

Patrick Whelan (Senior Warden)  
Bill Forkgen (Junior Warden)  
Wendy Brown  
Patricia Handy  
Carlton Marshall (Clerk)

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*The parish office is open from 9-4, Monday through Thursday; Friday 9-2.*

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**The Diocese of Southwest Florida**

The Right Reverend Douglas F. Scharf, Diocesan Bishop, Southwest Florida



*Christ Episcopal Church*  
*Bradenton, Florida*

## **Our Parish Mission**

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”