

# HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HOME AGAPE MEAL

The Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 24, 2020

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

### OPENING HYMN

Hail the day that sees him rise, vv 1,2,4

Hymnal 214

*Words on last page*

### OPENING SENTENCES

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD

### READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 1:1-11

*The exploits of the early church*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "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."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 93

*The psalms are spiritual poetry of ancient Israel*

- 1 The Lord is King; **God has put on splendid apparel;**  
the Lord has put on his apparel **and girded himself with strength.**
- 2 God has made the whole world so sure **that it cannot be moved;**
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;  
**you are from everlasting.**
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;  
**the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
**mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.**
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,  
**for ever and for evermore.**

### THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

*The gospels are stories of Jesus’ life*

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ, you were broken for us  
*People* That we might be made whole. Alleluia!

## THE COMMUNION

*In this time of contagion, when we are apart, you are welcome to partake of an Agape meal at home; it is not the same as eucharist, but is a way to share in this blessing.  
Together, we join in this prayer:*

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION – Prayer by St. Alphonsus (1696-1787)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

In union, O God, with your faithful people in every church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. As I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF THANKS

Holy God, we are hungry for the bread of life: you have fed us with your Word. We thirst for the cup of grace; you have filled us with abundant Life. As You have given yourself for us, empower us to give ourselves away, as servants, friends, ministers of your love and proclaimers of your freedom, until we come again, hungering and thirsting for you, made whole as your Body once more. This is our prayer until that day when all prayers cease and we stay at this table with You, Father Son and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN Crown him with many crowns(*Words on last page*) Hymnal 494

## PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES COMMUNITY NEWS

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ  
*People* Thanks be to God!

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## THE PRAYERS

**We give thanks for:** Staying connected through this time of social distancing.

**We Pray For:** Those in need of healing – Melanie Coe, Alicia Cordelle, Steve Blamer, John MacCoy, Marion Denniston, Barry Kercher, Joan Shoemaker, Beverly Stone.

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**CHRIST CHURCH CONNECTS Wednesdays at 6:45 pm Online** – Each Wednesday night at 6:45 we gather on Zoom for a time of Bible study - the Gospel of Mark, which moves at breakneck speed. Then we break up into small groups, using the breakout function in Zoom, to share prayer concerns and at 8 we'll come back together for Night Prayer. (*If you know who you'd like to be in a small group with, please let Rev. Kate know.*) Who might you invite to join you this week? Click [here](#) to join, pw: LPWay; or call in: 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 609 359 4889

**NIGHT PRAYERS AND CHECK IN - Weekday evenings at 8 pm Online** - We've been gathering for evening prayers since this Covid-19 social distancing began, and it's been rich and wonderful. So we will continue meeting online each evening to pray and to check in with each other. The format is based on our Compline service but flexible enough that people outside our congregations can wander in and be comfortable. Invite a friend or neighbor or family member - it doesn't matter where they live! There is plenty of room on Zoom. Click here to join by internet. You can also call in: 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 609 359 4889

**PENTECOST WORSHIP** – If you are able to read in a language other than English (including ESL), please let Rev. Kate know – we'll have the Pentecost reading in multiple languages next week.

**ONLINE GIVING** - You can text a donation - text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts. You can give to Open Plate or toward your pledge. A 2.6% fee is charged for credit or debit cards - you'll have the option to include that in your gift or not. Standard text message rates do apply. You can also give online - go to [www.christchurchlaplata.org](http://www.christchurchlaplata.org) and scroll down to the "Donate" link.

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### **WAYS TO HELP OUT**

End Hunger Charles County (a coalition of agencies, including Lifestyles) is creating a network of **Community Cabanas** which will have bags of food available for pick-up. Click [here](#) to [volunteer](#) for one-hour sessions to stand (or sit in car) at 6-foot distance from the cabana, to instruct clients to take one bag per family. No engagement with clients is expected. 18 or older.

**HYMNS:**

**OPENING HYMN**                      Hail the day that sees him rise, vv 1,2,4                      Hymnal 214

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!
2. There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!
4. Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!  
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

**OFFERTORY HYMN**                      Lord, you give the great commission, 1,2,5  
Tune: Abbot’s Leigh (379)

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 2 Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

**CLOSING**                      Crown him with many crowns, 1-4                      494

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing of him  
who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Son of God  
before the worlds began,  
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,  
crown him the Son of man;  
who every grief hath known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own,  
that all in him may rest.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed over the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing,  
who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.
- 4 Crown him of lords the Lord,  
who over all doth reign,  
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,  
for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light,  
where saints with angels sing  
their songs before him day and night,  
their God, Redeemer, King.