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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Reflections on Today's Readings

In the last weeks of Eastertide, our liturgical readings explore the results of the dying and rising of Jesus. Both the Gospel reading and the reading from 1 John speak of the self-giving love of God, revealed in Jesus' Passover from death to life, as the primary characteristic of our lives in Christ.

In this Sunday's reading from Acts, Peter and some other Jewish Christians were astounded to see Gentiles in the household of Cornelius receive the Holy Spirit just as they had on the Day of Pentecost. Peter's last reservations about welcoming Gentiles into the Church are erased and he and the other joyfully lead them to the waters of Baptism.

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Welcome to Christ Church: If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out one of the welcome cards found in the pews and hand it to a member of the clergy after the service. Books and resources for children are located on the table near the side left door. Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

On most Sundays between September and May we will offer **Sunday School** classes downstairs in classrooms 6 & 7 for children ages 5-8, and ages 9-12. We offer Child Care in the Nursery for infants up to age 4.

The Holy Eucharist

[8:00 & 10:00 a.m. service]

Prelude

Fugue in C major

J. S. Bach

[10:00 a.m. service]

Welcome

✠ *All stand, as they are able, as the the clergy enter or the bell tolls.*

[10:00 a.m. service]

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Presider and People: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[8:00 a.m. service]

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Gloria S-280

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might-y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

The First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

Reader A Reading from the Book of Acts

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said,

"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 (*read responsively by verse*)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 **Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, ***

the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

The Second Reading

John 5:1-6

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the

world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

[10:00 a.m. service]

Sequence Hymn 100 vv. 1, 2 & 4

Joy to the World!

Antioch

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you

do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ *The people sit.*

Sermon

The Rev. Mark Pendleton

✠ *A brief period of silence follows the sermon.*

The Nicene Creed *(said together)*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Please Stand or Kneel

We pray for your faithful people and our leaders, that your love may be the foundation of their common lives and at the heart of their ministry. For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for the candidates nominated to be our next Presiding Bishop, and for our Bishop Rob.

Silence

Teach us to abide in your love.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for your world filled with creatures and spectacular plant life and grandeur beyond words.

Silence

Teach us to abide in your love.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the peoples of the world and honor them as those you have made and cherish.

Silence

Teach us to abide in your love.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for healing for those among us who are ailing, aching, or anxious.

Silence

Teach us to abide in your love.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are at the end of their earthly lives, and for those who have recently entered eternal life.

Silence

Teach us to abide in your love.

Lord hear our prayer.

Uphold us by the riches of your grace, loving God. May your lessons of love continue to inspire and guide us as we move through this world and into the next.

Silence

Teach us to abide in your love.

Lord hear our prayer.

Today we pray for James, Lucia, John, David E, Sean & Tim & Patrick O’Kane, Steve W., Susan, Theo & the Divoll Family, Sue, Bobbi.

And for those we name now, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Presider: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The Confession is omitted during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

✠ *The people greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Peace may be expressed by shaking hands, bowing, "fist or elbow bumps", namaste greeting, putting hand over heart, waving, making the peace sign, and by offering a smile.*

Birthdays Prayer for May:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

[8:00 a.m. service at the Presentation of the Gifts]

✠ *The people sit for the hymn, standing as they are able for the last verse*

[8:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Hymn 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth
Christ Church Choir

John Rutter

✠ *The people stand for the hymn as they are able.*

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Hymn 417

This is the feast of victory for our God

Festival Canticle

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was

sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People
[8:00 a.m. service]

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

[10:00 a.m. service] **Sanctus S-127**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, _____ hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. - Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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

✠ *A period of silence is kept.*

[8:00 a.m. service]

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

[10:00 a.m. service] **Fraction Anthem**

God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer for those Participating Online

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Instructions Concerning Communion and Healing

You are invited to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's instructions, we begin with those seated in the side sections, starting with the front pews. Please go to the back of the church and proceed down the center aisle to the communion rail. Return to your seat using the outside aisles of those sections. Those seated in the center sections, please come forward beginning with the back pews using the center aisle and return using the diagonal aisles.

Communion may be received kneeling or standing at the altar rails. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available). You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base as a sign of devotion. Intinction, dipping the wafer into the wine, is also acceptable.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy. The Healing team is available to offer healing prayers at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both.

[10:00 a.m. service]

**Communion Hymns WLP 765
505**

O blessed spring where Word and sign
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

*Burglund
O heiliger Geist*

Post-Communion Prayer

✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

[8:00 & 10:00 a.m. service]

Recessional Hymn 556, vv. 1-4

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Marion

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

[8:00 & 10:00 a.m. service]

Postlude

These are the Holy Ten Commandments

J. S. Bach

*The worship is over * The service begins*

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Cary Einhaus

Lector at 10:00 a.m.: Athens Pullias

Intercessor at 10:00 a.m.: Thomas Steere

Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.:

Eucharistic Minister at 10:00 a.m.: Laurel Patterson, Ann Malconian

Welcome Team/Usher: Tony Santiago, Lissa Simard

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**This week at Christ Church
May 5-11**

Sunday	PSP Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study 11:00 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	PSP Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

Christ Church is hosting a class in **CPR** for anyone wishing to learn this life-saving technique. The class will be held the morning of May 18. It will include instructions on how to use the defibrillator and the Narcan which are mounted on the wall of the hallway between the sanctuary and the stairs up to Harris House. To sign up for the class, contact the office (office@christchurchexeter.org) or Dr. Wendy Gladstone (WAGladtsone@comast.net).

Join the Hospitality/Coffee Hour Team: We are looking for two new volunteers for Coffee Hour on Sundays. It's a once a month commitment and it's an hour of your time that provides a welcoming gathering time for Christ Church members after the 10 a.m. service. Please send an email to Jen Murray jcbmurray@comcast.net if you're interested. Thank you!

The Rockingham Choral Society will perform a concert today at 3:00 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal in Exeter, NH. The program includes George Frideric Handel's "*Utrecht*" *Te Deum* and *Jubilate* (in original English) and Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *Te Deum in D major, H 146* performed with a Baroque orchestra featuring strings, winds, brass, timpani, and organ. Händel, perhaps most famous for the oratorio *Messiah* written later in his career, wrote his "*Utrecht*" *Te Deum* and *Jubilate* as a very young composer under royal commission in London. Using the orchestra and soloists (from the choir) to full effect, these works sparkle and snap with energy and confidence. Both pieces will be performed in their original, English-language versions. The RCS is directed by Kristofer Johnson, director of choirs at Exeter Academy. Advance tickets, as well as more information about the concert and chorus, are available at www.rockinghamchoral.org. Day-of tickets are subject to availability.

HONORING GRADUATES JUNE 2nd: IS SOMEONE IN YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY GRADUATING from high school or an institution of higher learning? We would like to list them in the bulletin and celebrate with them on June 2nd at the 9:30 a.m. service. Please submit the following information to Darla at office@christchurchexeter.org Please share **Name, Name of Parents, School or College and Degree**. Please note that the deadline is May 28th.

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