

CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



Live
joyfully in faith

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with God and one another

Serve
the local and global community

Day of Pentecost
May 24, 2026
9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Christ Church: If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the welcome cards 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.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Adagio molto
(from Organ Sonata No. 3, Op.56)

Alexandre Guilmant

Welcome

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

Processional Hymn 48

O Day of Radiant Gladness

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Presider There is one body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

The First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave

them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians,

Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is

what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 (*read responsively by verse*)

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

**28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

**37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Reader A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another

prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

Sequence Hymn 51 vv. 1 & 3 We the Lord's People, Heart and Voice Uniting

Decatur Place

The Gospel

John 7:37-39

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

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

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart

shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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.*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Presider says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Presented for Baptism today: **Leah Kate Auffant**

Parents and Godparents

I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When the candidate has been presented, the priest asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

We will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

We will, with God's help.

Then the presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Following this, the presider addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The people stand, as they are able.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Presider Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

Amen.

Children are invited to gather near the baptismal font.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Presider: N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

A candle is handed to the family.

The Presider says:

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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.*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

✠ *The people **stand for the last verse of the hymn** as they are able. The offering is brought forward.*

Offertory Hymn 516

Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP pg. 361

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; Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

S-125 - Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Instructions Concerning Communion & 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. Return to your seat using the outside aisles of those sections. Those seated in the center sections, please come forward beginning with the front 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.

Communion Hymn 513 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song *Bridegroom*

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

Recessional Hymn 511 Holy Spirit, Ever Working as the Church's Very Life *Abbot's Leigh*

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude *Choral, Op.37, No.4* Joseph Jongen

*The worship is over * The service begins*

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher: The Rev. Mark Pendleton
Presider: The Rev. Nicole Benevenia
Organist: Richard Benefield

Lector at 9:30 a.m.: Lucia Savage
Intercessor at 9:30 a.m.: John Kunowski
Eucharistic Ministers at 9:30 a.m.: Robin Yergeau, Dale Pinkham Cavanaugh

Welcome Team/Ushers: Athens Pullias, Jack Cofer
Live Streaming Tech: Nick Castillo
Altar Guild: Cindy Eaton, Barbara McGrath
Flower Delivery: Juliette Gavin
Hospitality: Annie Junkin, Ann Malconian
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of Sarah Miller Coddling by Anthony S. Coddling, Anthony Coddling, Jr., and Elizabeth Coddling; also in memory of Edgar E. & Jeanne d'Arc Vigeant by Jackie Vigeant

The office will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

The next guided **Labyrinth Walk** will be on **June 7 at 11:00 a.m.** All are welcome.

The funeral for Martha “Marty” Jarvis will be Tuesday May 26 at 11 a.m. with a Committal to follow in the Memorial Garden.

A gathering of Christ Church Exeter members will continue to meet for **9 a.m. Wednesday**

Morning Prayer on Zoom, beginning our day with prayerful reflection on God's word. Please reach out to Dale Pinkham Cavanaugh at 508-783-7798 for more information.

To make a donation, you are welcome to use this QR code from your smartphone.



**This week at Christ Church
May 24-30**

Sunday	PSP Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.
Monday	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	PSP Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	PSP Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

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