Christ Church Cathedral

May Fete 2021

Sunday, May 2, 2021
Welcome to
May Fete 2021

We are so happy to have the opportunity to safely gather together and honor this more than 120 year-old tradition. In the spirit of healthy fellowship, please remember that the safety of our gathering depends on all of us. Please keep your mask on unless eating or drinking, distance as much as you are able, and keep especially safe those who are not yet fully vaccinated and children who are unable to be vaccinated.

May Fete is a tradition unique to Christ Church Cathedral. Each spring since at least 1899 our congregation has gathered in the midst of the city to worship, honor our children, and celebrate all of the many members of our community who make this a special place in downtown Houston.

In a traditional year we gather for a combined worship service then proceed to the Bishop’s Courtyard to celebrate how much the Cathedral children have grown and learned over the year. Cathedral Children parade into the courtyard by Sunday School class, and the fifth graders - who are graduating out of Children’s Ministry – are recognized. We crown the Queen and King and watch as the Maypole is beautifully wrapped in colorful ribbons by our Maypole dancers. Lively music, good food and refreshments, and fun games fill our campus with joy.

May Fete is our spring tradition, our celebration of community, fellowship and growth. It is our chance to remember the long history of our congregation and to look forward to the new season of growth. And while it will look a little different this year than in years past, today we celebrate the ways in which we can be together and continue to look ahead with joy. Welcome.

Susan Dugat,
May Fete Chair
Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral! We are so pleased you have chosen to worship with us. Bishop Doyle has issued guidelines to keep us all safe in this season of COVID-19, so in-person worship will look and feel different from the worship to which we are accustomed.

You will be seated physically-distanced from any individuals not in your household or with whom you are not a “pod” in order to promote good health. At the Holy Eucharist, only bread will be shared. This is called “Communion in one kind,” and it is a full measure of grace.

Know that as you worship in the Cathedral, you are joined in real-time by hundreds of fellow worshipers through livestreaming technology. If you have concerns about your health or safety, or that of the people in your household, worshiping with the Cathedral online will continue to be an option. We love you and want you to do what is best for you and those you love! Let us prepare our hearts to worship the Lord!

As we go forth from this service to celebrate May Fete, please remember to keep six feet of distance between you and anyone who is not in your pod. Enjoy the celebration!

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The Order for Daily Morning Prayer and Holy Communion

The Rev. Mmes. Becky Zartman,
Canon Missioner for Evangelism and Formation

Celebrant

Opening Voluntary
BERCEUSE
Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)
1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart, a-wak-ing, cries,
may Je-sus Christ be praised! When eve-ning shad-ows fall,
this rings my cur-few call, may Je-sus Christ be praised!

2 When mirth for mu-sic longs, this is my song of songs;
may Je-sus Christ be praised! God’s ho-ly house of prayer
hath none that can com-pare with: Je-sus Christ be praised!

3 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,
sing, Je-sus Christ be praised! God’s whole cre-a-tion o’er,
both now and ev-er-more shall Je-sus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1840; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: Lau des Domini; Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)
The Word of God

Minister I was glad when they said unto me, We will go in to the house of the Lord. — PSALM CXXII. 1.
Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. — PHIL. i. 2.
Minister O Lord, open thou our lips.
People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Minister Praise ye the Lord.
People The Lord’s Name be praised.

THE PEOPLE sit

The First Lesson
ACTS 8:26-40

Reader Here beginneth Verse 26 of Chapter 8 of Acts.
And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came
unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Reader  Here endeth the First Lesson.

The People stand

Apostles’ Creed

The People stand

I believe in God
The Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ
His only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary:
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead:
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost:
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints:
The Forgiveness of sins:
The Resurrection of the body:
And the Life everlasting. Amen.
The People kneel devoutly

Minister  The Lord be with you.
People    And with thy spirit.
Minister  Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
People    And grant us thy salvation.
Minister  O God, make clean our hearts within us.
People    And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect

O ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Minister  Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.
          Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.
          Lord, have mercy upon us.
People    Christ, have mercy upon us.
Minister  Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
The Holy Gospel

JOHN 15:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel is written in the 15th chapter of John, beginning at the 1st verse.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.
Sermon Hymn 693

WOODWORTH

1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy
2 Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd’st me
2 every barrier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871)  Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868)
The Sermon
The Rev. Mmes. Becky Zartman,

At the Offertory
ANTHEM
Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness
and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
Righteousness shall go before Him:
and He shall direct his going in the way.
Alleluia! Amen.

— Psalm 85:10,11a,13

The General Confession

The Priest says

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love
and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in
his holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your
comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly
kneeling.

The Priest and all those who are minded to receive
the Holy Communion, humbly kneeling

Almighty God Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things,
Judge of all men;
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,
By thought, word, and deed,
Against thy Divine Majesty,
Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry
For these our misdoings;
The remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
The burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee
In newness of life,
To the honour and glory of thy Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. — ST. MATT. XI. 28.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. — ST. JOHN iii. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. — 1 TIM. i. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. — 1 ST. JOHN ii. 1, 2.
The Great Thanksgiving

The People stand

Celebrant  Lift up your hearts.
People     We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant  Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People     It is meet and right so to do.

The Priest proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

For the precious death and merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and for the sending to us of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; who are one with thee in thy Eternal Godhead. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus S113

John Merbecke (1510-1585)
The People kneel or stand

We do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Then the Priest continues

All glory be to Thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that Thou, of Thy tender mercy, didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; Who made there (by his one oblation of Himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious death and sacrifice, until His coming again: For in the night in which He was betrayed, He took Bread, and when He had given thanks He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper, He took the Cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins; do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that
we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in them, and they in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray:

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 people will stay in their pews for communion.

**At Communion**

**ANTHEM**

Horatio Parker (1863-1919)

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,
to thy faithful people pardon and peace;
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve thee with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

— Collect for the 21st Sunday after Trinity

The People also join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Priest gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.
1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
2 under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,

1 our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
2 sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3 from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalms 90:1-5
Music: St. Anne, melody attr. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Closing Voluntary
POSTLUDE IN C MAJOR
Henry Thomas Smart (1813–1879)

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
This week we remember Mont Powell Hoyt.

THE BEAUTY OF FLOWERS
The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of their nephew, Tyler Bludau, by Shirley Bludau and Mike Grimes.
The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas
The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher, Bishop Suffragan
The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan, Bishop Suffragan
The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso, Assistant Bishop
The Very Rev. Barkley S. Thompson, Dean
The Rev. Kathy Rock Pfister, Canon Vicar
The Rev. Simón Bautista Betances, Canon Missioner for Latino Ministries
The Rev. Becky Zartman, Canon Missioner for Evangelism and Formation
The Rev. John A. Logan Jr., Canon Emeritus
The Rev. Edward L. Stein, Assisting Priest
The Rev. Jim Morgan, Chaplain for The Beacon
Robert L. Simpson, Canon for Music
Daryl Robinson, Cathedral Organist
Lucy Chambers, Bookstore Manager

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Welcome
Sunday, May 2, 2021
Announcements

- **TODAY**
  - **Welcome** • If you are a guest today, we offer a warm welcome to Christ Church! Please complete a virtual welcome card at christchurchcathedral.org/welcome so we can get to know you. Feel free to contact the cathedral offices during the week at 713-222-2593 and let the receptionist know you would like to learn more about Christ Church Cathedral.
  - **May Fete** • Today we host our annual May Fete celebration: A day of pageantry, merriment, and games! This springtime event has been a fixture at the Cathedral for more than 100 years. Festivities include worship followed by a party spread throughout the Bishop’s Courtyard, Nancy’s Garden, and Reynold’s Hall. We have live music and long-standing traditions like the Maypole, a King and Queen, and food.
  - **Dean’s Hour Series: The Four Loves** • Beginning today, May 2, join the Dean’s Hour via Zoom as we kick off a four-week look at C.S. Lewis’ classic text The Four Loves. Participants will explore in-depth the many ways human beings understand love and learn to differentiate all the ways love blesses our lives. Register in advance to attend via Zoom on Sundays at 2 p.m. Learn more at: christchurchcathedral.org/deanshour
  - **Spring Neighborhood Gatherings** • Every fall and spring, it has become customary to socialize with parishioners, clergy, and staff of the Cathedral either at the homes of fellow parishioners or in other venues around Houston. We hope you’ll join us at one of the locations that works best for you. Remaining Spring dates include in-person gatherings May 4 and May 11. Learn more at christchurchcathedral.org/springgatherings.
  - **Spring Newcomer Gathering** • The Spring Newcomer Gathering is an opportunity for those who feel new to the Cathedral to meet and greet one another. All are invited to attend May 16, from 3:30–5 p.m. Newcomers will come together to get to know each other a little better, hear about what’s going on at the Cathedral, and enjoy each other's company (socially distanced, of course!) Registration is required for this event. Please reach out to Elizabeth Cuevas at ecuevas@christchurchcathedral.org. We hope to see you there!
  - **Racial Reconciliation and the Baptismal Covenant** • May 14–15 the Cathedral’s Justice & Peace Council will host the conference “Racial Reconciliation and the Baptismal Covenant: Striving for Justice and Peace Among All People.” The conference will be held via Zoom and Facebook Premiere. Register in advance to attend. Details at: christchurchcathedral.org/reconciliation
  - **Get Connected** • To learn more about the ministries of Christ Church Cathedral and how you can get involved, read our monthly newsletter The Bulletin, see our upcoming events, and subscribe to our weekly e-newsletters to stay informed. You can find all this information and more at: christchurchcathedral.org/connect
  - **How to make a donation online** • Visit christchurchcathedral.org/give for a variety of ways to make a gift to the Cathedral, including via PayPal and our new “text-to-give” option. Simply text “Give” to 888-998-1634, and follow the instructions. If you have questions, contact Minister for Stewardship Karen Kraycirik at kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org or 713-590-3338.

After-Hours Emergency Pastoral Care Line • 713-826-5332
5th graders for May Fete
King & Queen candidates

Carlos
Catalina
Colin
Davis
James
Kai
Mary
Sadie
Samson
Samuel
Tillie
Vincent
Walker
Dorothy
Jack
Celeste
José
Kathia

May Fete

2021
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The Bishop’s Courtyard
- Maypole Dance
- Crowning of the King and Queen

Reynold’s Hall
- Hotdogs and Tamales
- Aguas Frescas and Refreshments
- Cakewalk Prizes
- Cupcakes for All

Nancy’s Garden
- Lonestar Bluegrass Band
- Procession and Ribbon Cutting
- Maypole Dance Reprise
- Cakewalk

Special Thanks

May Fete would not be possible this year without the planning and dedication of Susan Dugat, the 2021 May Fete Chair, and the support of many councils including adult formation, community life, children’s ministry, Latino ministry, welcome and newcomers, young adults, and youth ministry. We also thank Alicia Stephens, Sarah Wallace, and Anne Kappes for their leadership with the Maypole dance.

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