



the well

Eastertide Order of Worship

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

May 21, 2023
5 p.m.

*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839,
this Christian community has gathered for worship.*

 *The Cathedral is equipped with a hearing loop for assisted listening via telecoil.*

Seventh Sunday of Easter

five o'clock in the evening

THE REV. BECKY ZARTMAN, *Canon Missioner for Evangelism and Formation*
Celebrant

*Good evening and welcome to the Well. To mark the season of Easter,
we have prepared a new Order of Service for our worship.*

*After the prayer for the evening, the congregation will be invited to sit for a period of silence
and to remain seated for the reading of the gospel and the reflection. While this pattern may
be unfamiliar to you, it allows us to settle into a meditative and reflective experience without
interruption. Following the prayers we will rise, sing, and then share the peace. Following the
peace, the rhythm of the liturgy will return to the customary and familiar pattern of the table.*

*We are so glad that you are here. Come close, draw near,
and receive the grace of God.*

OPENING MUSIC

TRADITIONAL IRISH AND SCOTTISH TUNES

At the sound of the bell, please stand.

OPENING PRAYER

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope, that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cared for you today will take care of you then and every day. God will either shield you from suffering, or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. **Amen.**

— *Saint Frances de Sales (1567-1622)*

HYMN



1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, Lord of love, Thou who cam - est from a - bove
2. Thou hast been their con - stant guide, Watch - ing ev - er by their side;
3. Shield them from temp - ta - tion's breath, Keep them faith - ful un - to death.



Gifts of bless - ing to be - stow On thy wait - ing Church be - low,
May they now till life shall end Choose and know thee as their friend.
When the sa - cred vow is made, When the hands are on them laid,



Once a - gain in love draw near To thy ser - vants gath - ered here:
Give them light, thy truth to see; Give them life to live for thee;
Come in— this most sol - emn hour With thy sev'n - fold gifts of pow'r.



From their bright bap - tis - mal day— Thou hast led them on their way.
Dai - ly— pow'r to con - quer sin;— Pa - tient faith, the crown to win.
Come, thou bless - ed Spir - it come, Make each heart thy hap - py home.

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A PRAYER FOR THE EVENING

Stay with us, Lord, since the day is far spent and the night is coming; kindle our hearts on the Way, that we may recognize you in the scriptures, in the breaking of the bread, and in each other. **Amen.**

Please be seated. A period of silence is observed.

THE READING

John 17:1–11

Lector A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your

own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

A period of silence is observed.

THE REFLECTION

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

Two minutes of silence is observed following the reflection.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(The people stand for the prayers.)*

The Leader begins.

As evening falls and courage sometimes falters, let us turn our hearts to God in prayer.

Silence

We pray for those gathered here and all that lies heavy on our hearts. We pray that you would know our needs even before we recognize them. Grant us those good things for which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot, ask.

Silence

We pray for those in positions of leadership in the world, our nation, our state, and our city. Grant them the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice, that they may promote the well-being of all people.

Silence

We pray for the sick, the bereaved, the oppressed, and the homeless, that they may be comforted by your Holy Spirit, who brings light to the darkest places.

Silence

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth as it yearns for healing, trusting that you make all things new.

Silence

We pray for this and all communities of faith. We pray that you would open the hearts of your faithful to seek your truth and pursue it in love.

Silence

We pray that you would disturb us, Lord, when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little; when with the abundance of things we possess we have lost our thirst for the water of life. Push back, we pray, the horizons of our hopes, and move us into your future in strength, courage, hope, and love.

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN

1. I will al - ways bless the Lord,
 2. When I prayed God an - swered me,
 3. Those who cry are lis - tened to,
 4. Taste and see that God is good,

praise God's name and love the Word.
 from my fears Christ set me free;
 those in need re - ceive their due:
 know your yearn - ings un - der - stood,

Hum - ble folk will fill with joy,
 none who trust God's faith - ful love
 An - gels guard God's loy - al folk,
 find your true se - cu - ri - ty,

as in God I glo - ry. _____
 shall be dis - ap - point - ed. _____
 keep - ing them from dan - ger. _____
 be God's ho - ly peo - ple. _____

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THE GRACE

Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; Consider the lilies of the field, how God cares for them. How much more will God care for you?

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? But strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

THE PEACE

Celebrant 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, after which the people are seated for brief announcements.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Light - en our dark - ness, Lord, we pray.
2. Light - en our bur - den, Lord, we ask.

Light - en our dark - ness at the end of the day.
Light - en our bur - den, bring joy to the task;

De - fend us from dan - ger and per-ils of the night,
give peace in our la - bours, to work bring your might,

for the love of Christ the Lord who is light.
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The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people stand.

Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. With friend, with stranger, with young and old, be among us tonight.

People **Come close to us that we may come close to you. Strengthen us that we may strengthen one another. Renew us that where we have failed, we may begin again.**

The People kneel or stand.

In the beginning God made the world. The world flowed from God and God shaped it, filling it with light and life. God knew the world, but we chose not to know God. We turned from God, and though God sought us through patriarchs, matriarchs, and prophets, still we strayed. Our rebellion imperiled the fullness God intends for us, and when the world could bear no more, God sent Jesus, his Son. Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body which is given for you." In the same way he took wine, and, having given thanks for it, he poured it and gave the cup to his disciples saying, "This cup is the new covenant with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it." Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us, renewing, sustaining, and making us whole, and that we may be your body on earth, loving and caring for the world. Through, with, and for the love of Christ, we share this bread and cup in the unity of your Spirit, Father Almighty. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant

So, come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have fallen short. Come. It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion, whatever one's Christian tradition.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(The people may stand or kneel.)*

Celebrant and People

Eternal Light, shine in our hearts. Eternal Power, be our strength. Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you. Eternal Goodness, you have drawn us to your heart and united us in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now grant that with all our heart, mind, and strength, we may evermore seek your face in all those we meet in the world. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May joy and nothing less find you on the way. May you be blessed and a blessing. And may light guide you, and all God's children, all the way home. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

— *E. Carson Brisson*

HYMN 304

Land of Rest

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the Son of God to you. Deep peace, deep peace.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING MUSIC

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE TUNE (from Playford's *Dancing Master*, 1651)

Becky Baxter, *Music Coordinator and Harpist for The Well*
Amy Wiggs, *flautist*
Sally Keller, *cellist*

The Book of Remembrance
This week we remember Martha Moore Cuenod.

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.

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL!

We are blessed by your presence. If you are new to the Cathedral, please fill out the WELCOME card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Tours of the Cathedral are available after the 5 p.m. service on the third Sunday every month. If you would like a tour, meet the tour guide by the eagle lectern. Welcome Team members are in the Cathedral Bookstore after the service to visit with you and answer any questions you may have.

Portions of this service are adapted from the Iona Community Worship Book and the Prayer Books of the Church of Ireland, the Anglican Church of New Zealand, and the Northumbrian Community.

Please be advised that our services are Livestreamed to Vimeo and Facebook. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.

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Welcome

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Announcements

- ❖ **Summer Place** • Whether you are new to the Cathedral or you have been a member for decades, come meet new folks and old friends at Summer Place. Cathedral councils will take turns hosting this special coffee hour beginning May 28, at 10 a.m. in Reynolds Hall. All are welcome!
- ❖ **Art Space** • During the summer months we break out the arts and crafts supplies each Sunday for a time of creativity for Cathedral Kids! We will also have access to the Huffington Playground for those who need to run off a little energy. We kick off on May 28 at 10 a.m. in Reynolds Hall (during Summer Place.)
- ❖ **Summer Shade for Cathedral Youth** • This year Summer Shade returns on June 8 with a spectacular lineup! Every Thursday night we will gather at 6:30 pm for a movie night, activity night, or game night for rising 6th graders through seniors who just graduated. Friends are welcome. This is a great opportunity to gather as a community for fellowship and fun! Register to attend today: www.christchurchcathedral.org/summershade
- ❖ **Parks and Rec for Cathedral Kids** • Join us for summer 2023's best way to reconnect with your Cathedral family in a proven equation: Great Folks + Cool Park = FUN! Bring the kids and your lawn chairs. Events will take place June 23, July 12, July 25, and August 6. More information at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/parksrec

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at the Cathedral, visit www.christchurchcathedral.org*

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