



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 12, 2024  
8 a.m.

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*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to fill in one of the welcome cards found in the pew rack.*

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite One**

THE REV. JOHN PITTS, *Affiliated Clergy*  
Celebrant

*The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

***The Word of God***

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen. *BCP page 323*  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND THE SUMMARY *page 323*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *page 324*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 17:6–19

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**  
*After the Gospel reading, the Priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. John Pitts, Affiliated Clergy

THE NICENE CREED *page 326*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form III, page 387*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## *The Holy Communion*

*Offerings of alms are received.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer II, page 340*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*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.**

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People remain standing.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*The sacrament of Holy Communion has been precious to Christians for 2,000 years. It is a way in which many sense the reality of God's forgiveness, our union with God and each other, and the eternal life to which we belong. Please know that you do not have to be an Episcopalian to receive Communion. To receive, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask at the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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## THE BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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## Readings this Week from the *Revised Common Lectionary*

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

THE EPISTLE

1 John 5:9–13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

THE GOSPEL

John 17:6–19

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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*The Book of Remembrance*  
This week we remember Anne Wier Jones.

*The Beauty of Flowers*  
The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Mrs. James A. Haralson and  
Mrs. Gary P. Pearson by their family Gary, Jim, and Mary Bain.

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**Weekday Services**

*Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Monday-Friday on Zoom*

*Evening Prayer, 6 p.m., Monday- Friday on Zoom*

*Contemplative Prayer, 11:15 a.m., Mondays in Mellinger Room*

*Holy Eucharist, 12:05 p.m., Wednesdays in Golding Chapel*

*Links available at: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/weekdayservices](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/weekdayservices)*

# Welcome

## Sunday, May 12, 2024

### Announcements

#### ❖ TODAY

**Bishop Monterroso visits the Cathedral** • Today, Bishop Hector Monterroso will be with us to confirm Cathedral Youth at both the 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. services. Following the service, a reception will be held in the Bishop's Courtyard.

**Dean's Hour** • Bishop Monterroso joins Dean Katz at the Dean's Hour at 10 o'clock in Reynolds Hall for a conversation on ministry.

**Sign up to be a Blood Donor** • On Sunday, May 19, the Mission Outreach Council hosts a blood drive from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. All it takes is one blood donation to save up to 3 lives! Visit the cloister table today to sign up in advance or register via: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/giveblood](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/giveblood)

**Join the Reception Committee** • The Reception Committee seeks volunteers to assist with the Pentecost Evensong reception on Sunday, May 19. Donate homemade or store-bought finger foods, cookies, or other treats. Visit the Cloister table today to sign up, or learn more about the committee's work via [www.christchurchcathedral.org/hospitality](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/hospitality)

❖ **Casa Mateo Grand Opening** • Our Cathedral family are all invited to help celebrate the grand opening of Casa Mateo! Join the fun on Saturday, May 18 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; there will be food, crafts, guided tours and fellowship as Casa Mateo prepares to welcome their newest guests. Kindly RSVP via [www.christchurchcathedral.org/casamateo](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/casamateo)

❖ **Visit with Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral** • On Sunday, May 19, we will be joined by the Very Rev. Robert Willis, dean emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral. Dean Willis will preach at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m., as well as join Dean Katz in conversation at the 10 o'clock hour in Reynolds Hall.

❖ **Pentecost Evensong** • Christ Church Cathedral celebrates Pentecost on Sunday, May 19 with a special Choral Evensong, featuring the Cathedral Choir at 5 p.m. An organ recital will precede at 4:15 p.m. featuring James Mellichamp; and a reception will follow in Reynolds Hall. To learn more about this and other evensongs, visit: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/evensong](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/evensong)

❖ **Cathedral Reads Kickoff** • Enjoy another great book with your Cathedral family! This summer, we'll explore Markus Zusak's novel *The Book Thief*. On Sunday, June 2, our 2024 Cathedral Reads program kicks off with a bi-lingual Zoom at 6 p.m. To learn more and sign up visit: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/cathedralreads](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/cathedralreads)

❖ **Make your 2024 EMC Pledge** • There's still time to make your annual pledge! Submit your pledge by dropping a pledge card in the offering plate or scan the QR code to pledge online. Questions? Contact CFO Patrick Saccomanno at [psacomanno@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:psacomanno@christchurchcathedral.org) or 713-220-9759.



❖ **Looking for Children's Ministry** • Follow Agnus to childcare for infants (6 weeks–5 yrs) on the 1st floor of the Jones Building or enjoy some time on the Huffington Playground. Questions? Contact KariAnn Lessner at [kalessner@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:kalessner@christchurchcathedral.org)





## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso, *Assistant Bishop*  
The Very Rev. Nathaniel Katz, *Dean*  
The Rev. Canon Simón Bautista Betances  
The Rev. Canon Bradley Varnell  
The Rev. Canon Liz Kronenberg  
The Rev. Canon Luz Montes  
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The Rev. John Pitts, *Affiliated Clergy*  
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## *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 every Sunday following the 11 a.m. service and on the third Sunday of each month after the 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. services. Look for the guide under the crucifixion window at the rear of the nave.

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