



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

9 a.m.

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. We are glad you are here!

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

The Service of Confirmation and The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

THE RT. REV. HECTOR MONTERROSO, *Assistant Bishop*
Celebrant

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

Hymns and service music (S) are in The Hymnal 1982.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 214

Llanfair

The Word of God

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP page 413

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

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 483

St. Magnus

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:6–19

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

KariAnn Lessner,
Minister for Children and Families

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso, Assistant Bishop

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Candidates stand; all others remain seated.

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters We present these persons for Confirmation.

Presenter I present this person to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, all stand. The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

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

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *All stand.*

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

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

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

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

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

Bishop 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.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Officiant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

Family, friends, and mentors who are supporting candidates are welcome to join them as they take their places before the Bishop.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower *them* for your service; and sustain *them* all the days of *their* life. **Amen.**

The Bishop then prays over the candidate for Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

PRAYER CONCLUDING THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

All stand. At the conclusion the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Bishop 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 Holy Communion

Offerings of alms and bread and wine are received.

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King, for God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

— *Psalm 47:1-2, 5-8*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 125

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The People remain standing.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another,

and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

Bishop and People

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

Bishop 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.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

— *Psalm 34:8*

Michelle Girardot, soloist

The People stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 450

Coronation

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

John Cook (1918-1984)

*Loose plate offerings from today's services
will be given to the Bishop's discretionary fund.*

*Confirmands: Samuel Dowdy, Davis Johnson, Viviana Koivumaa,
Vincent Lopez, Tillie McMillin, James Nettles, Jim Sasser, Court Stephens,
Ruthie Vellano (youth from St. John the Divine)*

Received: Brittney Stewart

Refreshments are available in Reynolds Hall.

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.

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

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

❖ **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

❖ **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

❖ **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

❖ **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 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 klessner@christchurchcathedral.org



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.

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.

Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun. Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.