



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday  
and Celebration of Graduating Seniors

May 19, 2024

11 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 Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE VERY REV. NATHANIEL KATZ, *Dean*  
Celebrant

*The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).  
Hymns and service music (S) are in The Hymnal 1982.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
Fantasia super Komm, *Heiliger Geist*, BWV 651

CHORAL INTROIT Tone VII  
V. The Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole world, alleluia:  
R. And that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia.

HYMN 225 *Salve festa dies*

### *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 S 202 Harley Willan (1880-1968)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



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

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

There move the ships,  
 and there is that Le/viathan, \*  
 which you have made for the / sport of it.

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

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

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

You send forth your Spirit, and they are cre/ated; \*  
 and so you renew the face of the / earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure for / ever; \*  
 may the LORD rejoice in all his / works.

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

I will sing to the LORD as long as I / live; \*  
 I will praise my God while I have my / being.

May these words of mine / please him; \*  
 I will rejoice in the / LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my / soul. \*  
 Halle/lujah!

THE SECOND READING

Acts 2:1–21

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

HYMN 513

*Bridegroom*

ALLELUIA

Tone II



Al - le - lú - ia.

V. **Alleluia.** Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful people;  
 R. And kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

*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 Very Rev. Robert Willis,  
Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral

THE NICENE CREED

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

SENIOR SUNDAY PRAYERS

### *The Holy Communion*

*Offerings of alms and bread and wine are received.*

AT THE OFFERTORY

*I'll Fly Away*

Albert E. Brumley (1905-1977)

*Luciana Owsley (12th grade) and Grady McMillin (11th grade)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer II, page 340*

SURSUM CORDA S 112

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 114

Healey Willan

*The People kneel or stand.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

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FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI S 158

Healey Willan

*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

Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya!

Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya!

So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

— Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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THE BLESSING

HYMN 506

*Finnian*

THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit*

Iain Farrington (b.1977)

*Cathedral tours highlighting the lore of the building, its windows, its woodwork and more are given by a guide each Sunday following the 11 o'clock service. Look for the guide under the crucifixion window at the rear of the nave.*

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:1-21

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.’”

#### THE GOSPEL

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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#### *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 celebration of the marriage of Charlotte Jones and Leonard Trombetta.

The flowers on the choir stalls are given to the glory of God in celebration of the baptism of Michael Peter Hendryx by his family.

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# Welcome

## Sunday, May 19, 2024

### Announcements

#### ❖ TODAY

**Senior Sunday** • Today we honor high school seniors at the 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. worship services in the Cathedral. We'll celebrate this momentous occasion by praying with and for seniors and their families, before sending them out into the world.

**Give Blood, Save 3 Lives** • Today 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 to sign up for a time to donate!

**Pentecost Evensong** • Christ Church Cathedral celebrates Pentecost 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)

❖ **Treble Choir performs with Houston Symphony** • Treble Choir of Houston joins Pulitzer Prize-winning composer John Adams for *El Niño: The Nativity Story, Reimagined*. Performances are Saturday, May 25 at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 26 at 2:30 p.m., both at Jones Hall. To buy tickets, visit: [www.houstonsymphony.org](http://www.houstonsymphony.org)

❖ **Summer Place** • Come meet new folks and connect with old friends at Summer Place. Cathedral councils take turns hosting this special coffee hour beginning May 26 at 10 o'clock in Reynolds Hall. All are welcome!

❖ **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)

❖ **Summer Shade returns for Youth!** • Get ready for an unforgettable summer with thrilling water adventures! Cathedral Youth (and their friends) - rising 6th graders to graduating seniors - are invited to two fantastic water park outings: Six Flags Hurricane Harbor Splashtown, June 13, and Typhoon Texas Waterpark, July 25. Learn more and register at: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/summershade](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/summershade)

❖ **Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregivers Support Group** • On the second Thursday of each month, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m, the Alzheimer's Association Caregivers support group, hosted by Cathedral members, meets on Zoom to offer mutual care and support for one another. Anyone who has someone in their life with Alzheimer's or dementia is welcome to attend. To register for the June 13th Zoom, visit: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/alzheimer-dementia-support/](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/alzheimer-dementia-support/)

❖ **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)



*For more information about these and other events  
at the Cathedral, visit [www.christchurchcathedral.org](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org)*

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