



# the well

*Order of Worship*

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

June 16, 2024

5:00 p.m.

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

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## **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist**

*five o'clock in the evening*

THE REV. CANON BRADLEY VARNELL  
Celebrant

CHELSEA BERNER  
Cantor

*Good evening and welcome to The Well. The order of service has been adapted  
to observe the season after Pentecost. 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

### PRAYER FOR THE EVENING

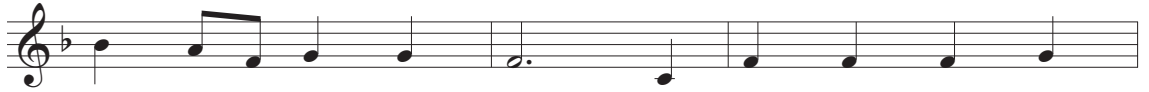
Lord, you have brought us through this day to a time of reflection and rest. Calm us, and give us your peace to refresh us. Keep us close to you that we may be closer to one another because of your perfect love. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

# HYMN



1. I sing the-al - might - y pow'r of \_\_\_ God, that  
2. I sing the good - ness of \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ Lord, that  
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low, but



made the \_\_\_ moun - tains rise, that spread the flow - ing  
filled the \_\_\_ earth with food; he formed the crea - tures  
makes thy \_\_\_ glo - ries known; and clouds a - rise, and



seas \_\_\_ a - broad and built the \_\_\_ lof - ty skies.  
with \_\_\_ his \_\_\_ Word, and then pro - nounced them good.  
tem - pests \_\_\_ blow, by or - der \_\_\_ from thy throne;



I \_\_\_ sing the wis - dom \_\_\_ that \_\_\_ or - dained the  
Lord, \_\_\_ how thy won - ders \_\_\_ are \_\_\_ dis - played, wher -  
while \_\_\_ all that bor - rows life \_\_\_ from \_\_\_ thee is



sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at  
e'er I turn my eye, if I sur - vey the  
ev - er in thy care, and ev - ery - where that



his \_\_\_ com - mand, and all the \_\_\_ stars o - bey.  
ground I \_\_\_ tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
I \_\_\_ could \_\_\_ be, thou, God, are \_\_\_ pres - ent there.

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord of the misfit, whose prophets came like weeds to an ordered garden, shaking all that deadens your love: give us faith in your kingdom's growth, unruly and exuberant and let it be a shelter wide enough for all; through Jesus Christ, our teacher. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
 and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;  
 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
 and of your faithfulness in the night season;  
 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
 and to the melody of the harp.  
 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
 and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.  
 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
 and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
 shall flourish in the courts of our God;  
 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
 they shall be green and succulent;  
 That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
 my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

*Please stand.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit.*

## THE REFLECTION

*A period of silence is observed following the Reflection.*

*The People remain seated.*

## HYMN



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, hear \_\_\_ us; help us while we sing;  
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, teach \_\_\_ us through the words we read;  
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, give \_\_\_ us each a live - ly mind;

breathe in - to the mu - sic of the praise \_\_\_ we bring.  
bring to life the scrip - tures with the light \_\_\_ we need.  
make us more like Je - sus, gra - cious, pure, \_\_\_ and kind.

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## INTERCESSIONS

*The People stand. The intercessor says*

Lord, may we bear the fruits of your Spirit: Give us love,  
**that boundless, healing energy which transforms the world;** *silence*

Give us joy,  
**because no darkness or evil can overcome you;** *silence*

Give us peace,  
**to quiet our hearts, and to free us from bitterness;** *silence*

Give us patience,  
**to go on following you even when it is hard;** *silence*

Give us kindness,  
**to reach out to our neighbor and to the person who needs to be loved;** *silence*

Give us goodness,  
**to give with a generous heart and without ulterior motive;** *silence*

Give us faithfulness,  
**to stay at your side, come what may;** *silence*

Give us gentleness,  
**to respect the freedom and integrity of others;** *silence*

Give us self-control,  
**to see our weaknesses and overcome them in your strength.** *silence*

Lord, may we bear the fruits of your Spirit. **Amen.**

*Additional prayers may be added.*

## CONFESSION

*The intercessor continues*

You prepare a place for us; we refuse your invitation. Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

Your table is open to all; we keep it for ourselves. Christ have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**

Your welcome is wild; we are caged by fear. Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

*The Celebrant says*

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

## SILENT PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING

*Following the Intercessions during the instrumental music, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayer. As we see others light candles, we recognize that we are all carrying prayer concerns known to us alone, and we are reminded to treat one another with kindness and care. Tapers and votives are located to the right of the altar and in front of the transept to the left. Please feel free to go to either of these places to light a candle.*

## THE PEACE

*The Celebrant says*

Here is food that satisfies, the taste of communion. Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear. Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all. May this peace be in us and among us, a sign of hope for a world renewed.

*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. Joy - ous light of heav - nly glo - ry, Lov - ing glow of God's own face,

2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, In the blaz - ing sun of dawn,



You who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, Shine on ev - 'ry land and race.

In the light of peace and wis - dom, We can hear your qui - et song.



Now as eve - ning falls a - round us, We shall raise our songs to you,

Love that fills the night with won - der, Love that warms the wea - ry soul,



God of day - break, God of shad - ows, Come and light our hearts a - new.

Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, Set us free and make us whole.

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*The people stand.*

## 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 God thanks and praise.**

Lifegiving God, your word speaks in the void, calling into being things that are not, inviting us to share your work of creation.

We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder. We thank you for the creatures with whom we share the world for their lives so different from our own and the richness they reveal. We thank you for the Son of Man, formed from Mary's flesh and nurtured by her faith; he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom of bird and lily, child and stranger, the beggar and the blind. On the cross, he joined the labor of all creation's yearning; in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God; he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

Therefore, with all that has life through him with animals and angels and all who hope for a new creation, we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**



Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new. We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gift we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ's the gift through which we live once and for all.

Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of the God who fills all in all now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant* Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

*People* **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

*At the direction of the ushers you are invited to form a single line in the central aisle to receive Communion in front of the altar.*

*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. 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. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.*

*The People stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**May we who have fed at Wisdom's table take her welcome out to where tables are reserved and doors are closed; may the Spirit drive us to break our bread on the altar of the world. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

May the outrageous welcome of the Father accept us for who we are; may the incarnation of the Word touch and hold us close; may the wandering of the Spirit help us risk ourselves for love; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you this night and always. **Amen.**

## HYMN



1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the  
4. Pro - phets of Christ, we hear — the Word: which claims our  
5. We are the Church; God makes us one: here is one



world with joy — we bring: Christ in — our minds, — Christ  
minds, to search God's ways, which claims our lips, — to  
hearth for all — to find, here is — one flock, — one



on — our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true king. —  
speak God's truth, which claims our hearts, to sing — God's praise. —  
Shep - herd - King, here is one faith, one heart, one mind. —

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Entrust your life to the Lord of the open spaces and the time of adventure; to the life that pulses through rain drenched streets and mountain heights; to the love that sustains us through feast and famine. Let God's hope be a clearing sky before you, a compass in your heart guiding you to where you belong.

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

CLOSING MUSIC  
TRADITIONAL IRISH TUNE

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*The Book of Remembrance*  
This week we remember James Reed Cox.

*The Beauty of Flowers*  
The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the Ordination of the newest Deacons in the Diocese of Texas by the Commission on Ministry and The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Texas..

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Becky Baxter, *Music Coordinator and Harpist for The Well*  
Dr. Kimberly Clark, *flautist*  
Mayara Velasquez, *cellist*

*Portions of this service come from "Prayers for an Inclusive Church" by Steven Shakespeare, published by Church Publishing, Inc. The intercessions for The Well have been adapted from "The Book of a Thousand Prayers," compiled by Angela Ashwin, pg. 361-362.*

*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, June 16 2024

### *Announcements*

#### ❖ TODAY

**Ordination of María Teresa Bautista-Berrios** • Yesterday, the Cathedral's own María Teresa Bautista-Berrios was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Texas. Rev. María Teresa begins her ministry in late July by joining Trinity Episcopal Church as curate. In celebration of María Teresa, she served in worship today at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and parishioners can make donations to her discretionary fund in preparation for her ministry at Trinity. To learn more about her placement or make a donation, visit [www.christchurchcathedral.org/deacon](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/deacon)

❖ **Church Offices Closed June 19** • The Cathedral offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. The office will reopen on June 20. You can visit [www.juneteenthouston.org](http://www.juneteenthouston.org) and discover ways to celebrate freedom!

❖ **Noche Familiar: Father's Day Celebration** • The Latino Ministry Council hosts Noche Familiar (Family Night) in celebration of Father's Day on Friday, June 21 from 6-8:30 p.m. in Reynolds Hall. There will be food, prizes, and more. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Sylvia Garcia at [sgarcia@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:sgarcia@christchurchcathedral.org)

❖ **The Great Cathedral Read-In** • On Saturday, June 22, we'll open the Cathedral from 1-3 p.m. for the first ever Great Cathedral Read In! Bring your book and bask in the beauty of God's house and enjoy a little reading alongside your siblings in Christ. Light refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact Minister for Children and Families, KariAnn Lessner at [kalessner@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:kalessner@christchurchcathedral.org)

❖ **Walk with Pride** • Join the Justice & Peace Council, along with other churches from around the Diocese, to walk in the Houston Pride Festival and Parade Saturday, June 29. Together, we celebrate the vibrant and diverse LGBTQ+ community in our city! Learn more and sign up to volunteer at: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/pride](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/pride)

❖ **Sing with the Choir** • The Parish & Cathedral Choirs extend a warm invitation for you to join its ranks any week this summer at either the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. Sunday Eucharists. No previous musical experience required! Rehearsals will be held in Sanders Hall prior to each service. For details, visit: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/choirs](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/choirs)

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

❖ **Cloister Gallery** • The newest exhibition, by artist Barbara Able, includes both realistic and abstract oil paintings. The show features collages celebrating her connection to plants and animals, and are inspired by nature. To learn more about this artist and her work visit: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/art](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/art)