

The Parish of Christ Church  
Andover, Massachusetts

For this week's  
announcements and  
prayer list, please scan:



Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 10, 2026  
at eight and ten o'clock in the morning

Voluntary

Our Father in Heaven

*Georg Böhm (1661-1733)*

*All stand, as able*

Processional Hymn 516

Come down, O Love divine

*Down Ampney*

**Welcome, Opening Acclamation, and Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* ALLELUIA. CHRIST IS RISEN!

*People* **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Summary of the Law**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

**Glory to God**

[Hymnal S-278] *Gloria in excelsis (10:00 a.m.)*

*BCP, page 356  
William Mathias (1934-1992)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

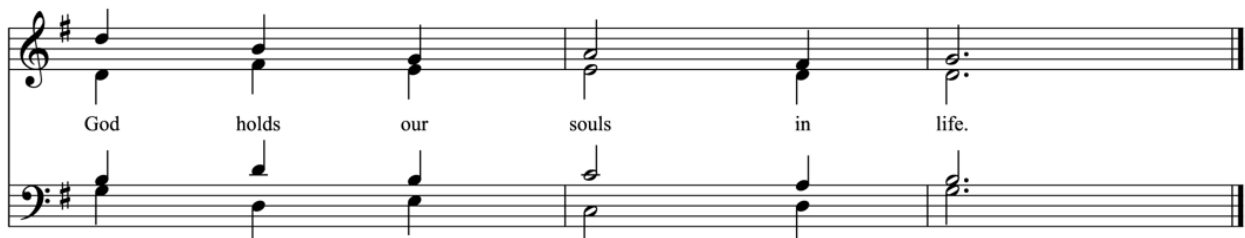
## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (17:22-33 NRSV)

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*At the 10:00 a.m. service, the congregation remains seated and is invited to sing the ANTIPHON.*



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## Psalm 66: 7-18

7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

[ANTIPHON]

9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. [ANTIPHON]
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats. [ANTIPHON]
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue. [ANTIPHON]
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me. [ANTIPHON]

**A reading from 1 Peter (3:13-22 NRSV)**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn 488 (10:00 a.m.)**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

*Slane*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:15-21 NRSV)**

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the

world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** The Rev. Michael J. Hodges

**The Nicene Creed**

*BCP, p. 358*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*Based on Form IV, BCP p. 388*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We especially remember Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia, our bishop.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Maddie, Nancy, Leslie, Ed, Ila, Bonnie, Roger, Karen, Kendra, and Kathy, and those family and friends of parishioners who have been commended to our prayers; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

I invite your prayers and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

*The people may add their own prayers silently or aloud.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Buddy Maginnis, Merrill Perkins, Ron Lebel and Michael Johnson, as well as for Janice B. Parent, Irene Parent, Florence Thesse, and Marion Thibault, in whose memory today's altar flowers are given, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Confession**

*BCP, p. 360*

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Minister and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Offertory**

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Hymn 397 (8:00 a.m.)**

Now thank we all our God

*Nun danket alle Gott*

**Offertory Anthem (10:00 a.m.)**

If ye love me

*Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-15850)*

**Hymn at the Presentation: 618, v. 4** O friends, in gladness let us sing *Lasst uns erfreuen*  
**O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*BCP, p. 367*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a proper Preface is sung or said.*

Therefore we praise you joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord [Hymnal S-128]** *Sanctus (Sung at 10:00)*

*William Mathias*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly

country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God [Hymnal S-165]** *Agnus Dei (10:00 a.m.)* *William Mathias*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

### Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant* This is Christ's table of love and forgiveness. 'The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation' provide food for our souls. All are welcome to draw near and share these holy mysteries. Take Christ within your bodies and become the Body of Christ.

~ **Everyone is Welcome at God's Table** ~

*The Congregation is invited to join the Choir in singing the communion hymn.*

**Communion Hymn 292 (10:00 a.m.)** O Jesus, crowned with all renown *Kingsfold*

**Postcommunion Prayer** *BCP, p. 365*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Blessing

#### Announcements

**Hymn 397 (10:00 a.m.)** Now thank we all our God *Nun danket alle Gott*

**Dismissal** *BCP, p. 366*

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

**Voluntary** March Triomphale on "Now thank we all our God" *Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877- 1933)*



*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Janice B. Parent, Irene Parent, Florence Thesse, and Marion Thibault*

**Everyone is Welcome at God's Table ~ Christ Church Andover  
Serving at Today's Service**

Celebrant and preacher	The Rev. Michael J. Hodges
Organist	Barbara A. Bruns
Choir	Parish Choir
Lectors	(8:00) Chris Wagner (10:00) Kretcha Roldan
Ushers	(8:00) Janice Parent (10:00) Doug Nason, Jay Donovan
Eucharistic Ministers	(8:00) Chris Wagner (10:00) Barb Whitehair
Flowers	Barbara Reichter
Altar Guild	(8:00) Frances Jennings Dodson (10:00) Cathy Humphries
Verger	Chris Wagner
Videographer	Sophia Marcinelli

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