Christ Church Anglican
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The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023
Holy Eucharist 10:30am

The Rev. Brendon Bedford, Asst't Curate
Lay Reader: John Howard
Organist: Charles Strimas

Reader & Greeter: Katharine Peat

Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.

Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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Welcome and Announcements

Please stand, as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCE

The service begins at the font at the back of the church building.

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.
People: May he fill our hearts with joy!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Presider: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font.

Presider: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
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…To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.
People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise - #247

blue hymn book

The altar party processes to the altar.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

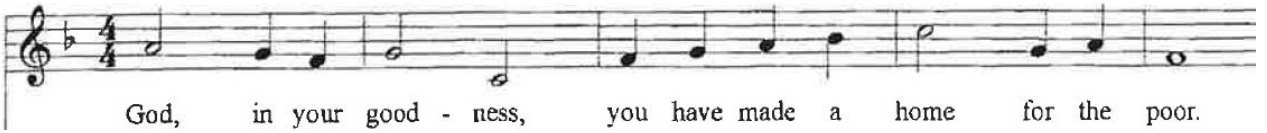
THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36



The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. **R**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; The LORD is his name, rejoice before him! **R**

Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation! God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places. **R**

O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. **R**

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary. Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. **R**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord. He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice. **R**

Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies. How wonderful is God in his holy places! the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God! **R**

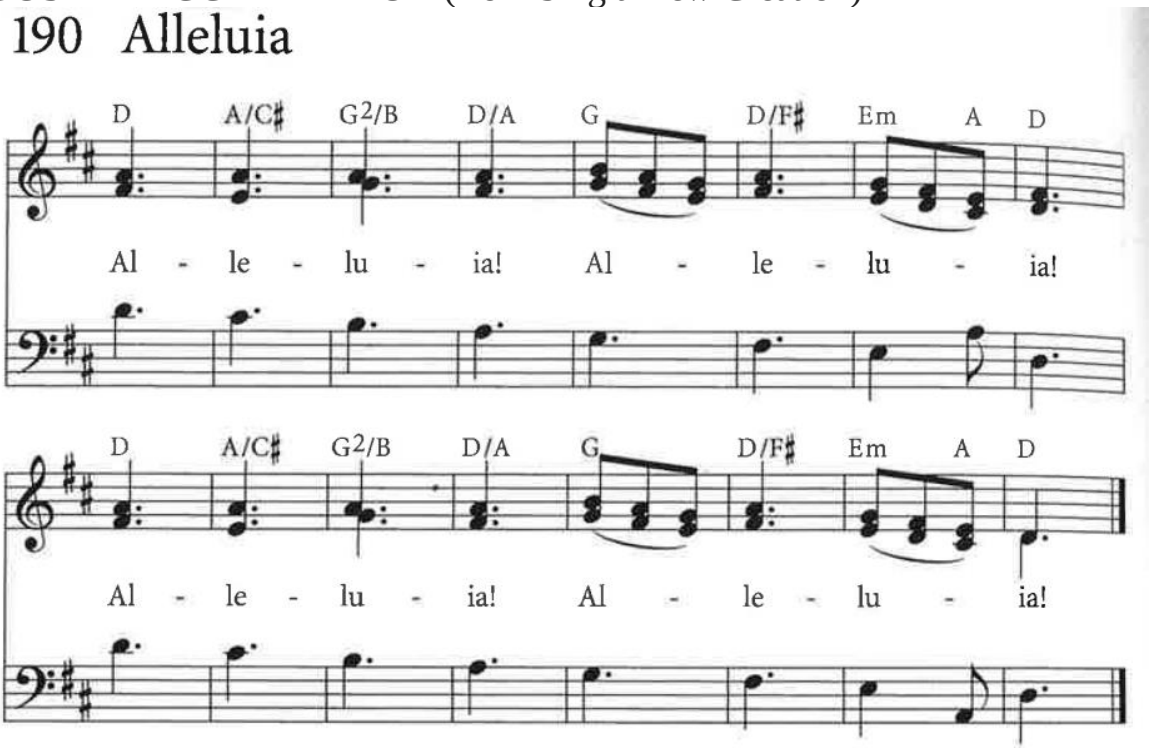
THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (from Sing a New Creation)

Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Following the reading of the Gospel.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia (from Sing a New Creation)
repeated by the congregation.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Priest & Assistant Curate

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Lay Reader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: 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 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped 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.

Please kneel or sit, as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

John Howard
Lay Reader

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

Remain standing, as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN Lord, You Give the Great Commission - #433
(blue hymn book)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist
Eucharistic Prayer # 3– BAS page 198
Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: BAS pg. 222 (Easter preface)
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,

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…….Therefore joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (HOLY)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #735 (blue hymn book)

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

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

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

BAS pg 198

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;

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Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,**
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

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

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (Fraction Rite)

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar.

If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.

Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.

In the Anglican tradition, we believe Christ to be equally present in both the bread and the wine. Therefore, if you are not comfortable drinking from the common cup at this time, it is perfectly acceptable to receive only the bread.

COMMUNION HYMN Rise up, O Saints of God - #586

(blue hymn book)

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY

All: **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN O Christ, the Great Foundation - #524

(blue hymn book)

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Please be seated.

THE POSTLUDE

Psalm from The Psalms of the RCL, Year A, Gordon Johnston, 2001

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This Week's Prayer List

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: Trivitt Memorial, Exeter; St. George's, Goderich; Christ Church, Port Albert; St. John's, Grand Bend; and St. Anne's, Port Franks.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers**:** Louis Bernard, Rea Best, Kevin & Toni Bothwell, and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Chris, Dave, Deanie & Garry, Evelyn, Fraser, Gary, Graham, Isabel, John, Johnny, John, Linda, Ted, Truda, Viv & Simon and any others who are in need of our prayers.

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Memorial Flowers

Flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of Lloyd and Ruth Norton, a gift of their daughter, Carol.

Next Week

Sunday, May 28, 2023 – Feast of Pentecost. The readings are:
Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; Corinthians 12:3B-13; John 20:19-23

Announcements

(for further details, please see the weekly e-blast)

1. On Wednesdays, you are welcome to join Fr. Brendon, for **Mid-week Eucharist** in the chapel at **12:00noon**. There is no need to register.

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2. **The free Community Breakfast Table is paused this week for Victoria Day.** It will be up and running again next Monday.

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3. **The Rev. Gilles Haché** has been appointed to the Interim Ministry of St. James' Church, St. Marys. He begins this role on June 1, but will be with us at Christ Church as **the preacher on Sunday, May 28 (the Feast of Pentecost)**. We hope you will join us in prayers and thanksgivings for Fr. Gilles as he begins this new ministry in God's Church.

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4. **Confirmation/Reception/Renewal of Baptismal Vows -** Confirmation is not just for teenagers. Would you like to dive deeper into your Christian faith and what it means to be an Anglican? Were you previously a member of another denomination and have made the Anglican Church your spiritual home? Are you wanting to take on or renew your baptismal promises in a new way? Fr. Brendon will be starting confirmation classes this summer for those who have requested this sacrament, but this also includes anyone who would like to be received by the Bishop into the Anglican communion or those who would like to renew their baptismal vows in a more fulsome and solemn way. If you're interested or have some questions, please contact Fr. Brendon to include your name on the list: brendonbedford@diohuron.org.

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6. **The Deacons of the Diocese of Huron** are collecting **socks and underwear** for those in need as their 2023 Synod Project. New socks and new underwear, still in the package, **for all ages** are needed. You can drop them off at the back of the church in the red bin. Fr. Brendon will take with him to Synod, May 28-29, any items you have to donate. See poster on bulletin boards. *Thank you*.

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7. **The annual Alzheimer's Walkathon** is taking place on **Saturday, May 27th.** For info, posters are on bulletin boards or go to walkforalzheimers.ca to register, sponsor a walker or to donate.

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8. **Our Prayer List.** Please let Fr. Brendon know or contact the church office if there is anyone who continues to need our prayers and whose name will continue on the prayer list into the next month.

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9. **Pastoral Care -** For urgent matters, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford at 226-974-5060 or brendonbedford@diohuron.org**.** Re all other ministries, questions or concerns, please call the Church office at 519-538-1330 or **office@christchurchanglican.ca.**

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