



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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Christ Church Anglican, Meaford

Sixth Sunday of Easter **May 10, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Lay Reader: Francis Richardson
Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Lynn McTaggart
Reader: Bill Alcock
Greeter: Bill Alcock
Cantor: Victoria Alcock



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

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

Prelude Come, All Whose Souls are Lightened - L Mason; arr. L. Hunt Penderson
 & Prelude and Fugue in B Flat – Johann Kuhmau

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCE

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

.....
To him to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now
and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Processional

Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #306 blue hymn book

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

Children’s Focus

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18

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



- (1) Let all peoples bless you, O God;
- (2) make the voice of your praise resound.
- (3) You hold our souls in life,
- (4) and will not allow our feet to slip. **R.**

- (1) For you, O God, have proved us;
- (2) you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- (1) You brought us into the snare;
- (2) you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- (3) You let enemies ride over our heads;
- (3) we went through fire and water;
- (4) but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. **R.**

- (1) I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows,
- (2) which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- (3) I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;
- (4) I will give you oxen and goats. **R.**

- (1) Let all who fear you come to me,
- (2) and I will tell them what you have done for me.
- (3) I called out to you with my mouth,
- (4) and your praise was on my tongue. **R.**

- (1) If I had found evil in my heart,
- (2) you, God, would not have heard me;
- (1) But in truth you have heard me;
- (2) and have attended to the voice of my prayer.

- (3) Praise to you, O God, you have not rejected my prayer,
(4) nor withheld your love from me. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

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)

190 Alleluia

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line is written in a soprano or alto clef, and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. The notes are simple, with many rests, and the accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' repeated twice. Above the vocal line, the following chords are indicated: D, A/C#, G2/B, D/A, G, D/F#, Em, A, D.

Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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.

After the reading:

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #190 Alleluia (from Sing a New Creation)
repeated by congregation.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Priest & Rector

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 sit, kneel or stand, as you're able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Francis Richardson

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: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling #655 blue hymn book

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 3– BAS page 198 with Preface for Easter

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) Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,
..... 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 - #212 *Sing a New Creation*

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is the one coming in the name,
the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! 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;
..... Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

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

Presider: 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 (sung)

#684 blue hymn book

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

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) sung

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.

COMMUNION HYMN Loving Spirit #657 blue hymn book

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY (Sung)

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 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones #320
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

Marcia (from the Opera, “Giulo Cesare” - G.F. Handel)

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CCLI Streaming Plus Licence™ A 22817038. Alleluiah! #190 Gospel Acclamation from “Sing a New Creation”

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: St. Thomas the Apostle, Cambridge; Trinity, Cambridge; Holy Trinity, Kitchener; St. Andrew’s Memorial, Kitchener.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: David & Susan Richardson, Robert Richardson Ed & Janine Robinson and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

The Wider Church: We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Episcopal Church of the USA; the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK as well as bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Ayako, Carol Ann, Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

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Our Prayer List. Please let Fr. Brendon know 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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Memorial Flowers on the Altar

Flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of Edith and Arthur Corley, May Corley, Isabel and Harvey Corley, a gift of the Richardson and Lawson families.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Muriel Armitage, with advance notice if possible, at 519-538-2852.

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NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 17, 2026, Seventh Sunday of Easter

The readings are: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee/tea and fellowship in the Parish Hall – all are welcome.

The Wednesday Eucharist and Study Group is paused until Wednesday May 13, 2026. Please begin reading Genesis, chap.1, which will be covered in the Bible Study for that day.



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Is a fundraiser for Christ Church on Saturday, May 23rd. You may consider being a host or a guest.

Hosts will provide the dinner, their home and # guests they can seat at their table. Guests will have a fabulous evening full of wonderful friendship, fun and food! Guests are asked to make a freewill donation with all proceeds gratefully accepted by Christ Church Anglican, Meaford.

Sign-up sheets for host or guest are available in the Parish Hall – please fill them out or call the office to have one sent to you, 519-538-1330.

We would like to know numbers by today, so please plan to sign up after church, if you're able. Info: Victoria Alcock, Carol Norton or Chris Clark or 519-538-1330 or office@christchurchanglican.ca For details, see eblast or bulletin boards.

Choir practice will begin Thursday, May 14th at 2:30pm. We are beginning a special anthem and look forward to your voice “in song” – new members welcome! We will continue the run-through of hymns Sunday am at 9:45am.

The Free Community Breakfast is every Monday (unless a stat holiday) from 8:30 to 10AM as usual. On Monday, May 18th, there will be no breakfast, as it is a statutory holiday.



With recent requests, we recognize Christ Church as a scent-free facility. Thank you for your observation of this and cooperation.

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

We invite all mothers or motherly folks to pick up a carnation at the back of the church!

