

Sunday, May 17, 2020  
Easter VI, Year A  
Christ Church Cathedral  
Nashville, TN

Organ Voluntary Chorale prelude on *My God, thy table now is spread* C. Hubert H. Parry [2:51]  
*pre-Liturgy of the Word announcements (Timothy)*

## The Holy Eucharist

*Process from the side door to the sanctuary pausing to reverence the altar individually*

### Opening Acclamation [Matthew]

† Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*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 Song of Praise [Matthew, Lissa & Timothy]

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.*

## The Collect of the Day

*Matthew*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Matthew*        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.*

1st Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

[*Jack Watke 0:00*]

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."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 66:7-18

[*Jonas & Zanol Simmons 0:00*]

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*

- deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

2nd Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

[Mika Gothard 0:00]

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*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."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Response to the Gospel

Cade MacMillan, Grace Scowden, Hayden Summers

A Christ Church Cathedral Youth Program slide show

## **The Nicene Creed**

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, Form II**

[Meg Rolfsen 0:00]

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and John, Bishop of Tennessee; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation watching the video feed may offer the prayers or the thanksgivings*

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, I ask your prayers for the Anglican Church of Korea, *the Most Reverend Moses Nagjun Yoo* Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon.. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Paul's Church, Murfreesboro, TN.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for Susan, Geoffrey, Poppy, Willodean, Ted, Patti, Rachel, Al, Jennifer, Laura, John, Mavis, George, Corinio, William, Cassie, Lynn, Ben, Jim, Juanita, Molly, Benetta and her mother, Judge, Jeff, Agnes, Allen, Joe, Margaret, Charlotte, Russell, and Kelly

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who are caring for the sick and searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work, many will be restored to health. Pray for those on the front lines.

*Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for the class of 2020 high school and college graduates.

*Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for the catechists, assistants, Sunday School teachers, Youth program volunteers, and *Journey in Faith* small group leaders.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed; for Dick Wellborn.  
Pray for those who have died. †

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*[Matthew]*

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Then Lissa says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Lissa 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.

*Matthew stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive † you 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

The Announcements (Timothy)

Music at the Offertory Seek ye first the kingdom of God [2:23]  
sung by: Gabe and Trillium Rice

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Matthew* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Matthew* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Matthew* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, Matthew 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious  
resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the  
true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken  
away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed  
death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

*Matthew and People*

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, Matthew is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Matthew and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*Matthew continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also † that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.





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.

Hymn            I come with joy to meet my Lord

[0:00]

*You are invited to sing along at home.*

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one,  
and stranger now are friends.*

*Together me, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise*

#### *Matthew*

The God of peace who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting  
covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working  
in you that which is well pleasing in his sight. And the blessing of  
God Almighty—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— † be upon you and remain  
with you forever. *Amen.*

#### *Lissa*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia. Alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Closing Voluntary    *Suite du deuxième Ton*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault    [2:14]

—*Caprice sur les Grands Jeux*

Celebrant: The Rev'd Matthew Lewis  
Deacon: The Rev'd Lissa Smith  
assisting: The Very Rev'd Timothy E. Kimbrough  
Response to the Gospel: Cade MacMillan, Grace Scowden, Hayden Summers  
gospeler: The Rev'd Anne Stevenson, retired  
*The Rev'd Anne Stevenson served Christ Church Cathedral as  
the Canon Precentor from 1991 through 2012*  
musicians: Canon Dr. Michael Velting  
readers: Jack Watke, Jonas & Zanol Simmons, Mika Gothard, Meg Rolfsen  
tech: Roger Rhoads

## **Christian Formation Teacher Recognition 2020**

Today we recognize those who teach and those who learn. We want to thank those individuals who have faithfully offered their time and talents to develop the faith of others in this parish. We especially want to thank the following persons who are the teachers of children, youth, and adults.

### *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechists and Assistants*

Level 1-B (3 years-Kindergarten): Carm Dickhaus, Gina Williams, Kirkland Hendrickson  
Level 1-C: Julie & Chris Fritz, Anna Russell Friedman, Katrina Haber, Mary McCarthy  
Level II-A: First Grade: Rachel Barden, Becky Rochford, Charlotte Scott  
Level II-B: Second Grade: Chris Hansen, Amy Lutz, Emily McMakin  
Level II-C: Third Grade: Robin Ferguson, Susan John, Catherine Teasley  
Level III-A: Fourth Grade: Karmine Quiggle, Carolyn Tortaro  
Level III-B: Fifth Grade: Diane Meakin, Beverly Sanders  
Level III-C: Sixth Grade: Pamela Anderson, Caroline Bauerschmidt, Lily Catalano

Level I – Alice Coke  
Level II – Meg Nichols  
Level III – Andrew Farrer  
Advisor – Dorothy Bolding

### *Youth Formation Teachers*

7th-12th Grades

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Michael & Michelle Hasty, Shelton Clark, Catherine & Trone Sawyer,  
David Nichols, Gracie Bassett

*Adult Formation Teachers*

Bob Allen, Shelton Clark, Laura Copeland, Ben Curtis, Maggie Cox, Butch Durst,  
Lyonel Gilmer, Susan Hudson, Mary Herbert Kelly, Benetta Ligon, Mimi Shimmin,  
Debbie Webster, John Wellborn, Arlene Wilson

*Journey in Faith Leaders*

Stefanie Joyce, Jennifer Murray, Brad Daughtery, Kirkland Hendrickson, French Ball,  
Mary McCarthy, Eddie & Melanie Birchfield

*Education for Ministry (EfM) Graduates*

(4-year study)

Arnold Malcolm