



Pontifical High Mass & Procession

Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

5 May 2024, 11:00 a.m.

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Welcome to Christ Church!

Christ Church is heir to a rich tradition of spirituality that makes use of all the senses and draws our bodies as well as our minds into worship. In particular, incense is used as a sign of prayer ascending, as a sign that persons or objects are to be used for God's purposes. The essential thing is to hear God's word, to pray for ourselves and for others, and to fulfill Jesus' command, "do this in remembrance. . ." You are welcome to participate as fully as seems right to you and we welcome questions and conversation.

This leaflet carries most of the text of the liturgy and some explanations of the rites. The hymns are found in the blue hymnal at your seats. The Book of Common Prayer is the red book at your seat.

The booklet indicates where it is the custom of this congregation to make gestures:

- ✠ Indicates where the sign of the cross is customarily made.
- Bow Indicates where this gesture of reverence is customarily made.
- Kneel Indicates where this gesture of reverence is customarily made.

If you are feeling unwell or have had a fever or any other symptoms of COVID-19, please do not enter the building and instead join by livestream. You may make your offering online at christchurchnh.org/giving or in plate passed at the Offertory. Restrooms are available in the Parish House behind the church and may be accessed through the cloister door. A ramp is available at the Elm Street porch.

Please turn OFF all electronic devices.

PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS & PROCESSION

Ordinary of the Mass: Christ Church Service, David Hurd (b.1950)

The Organ Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter. During the introit, the Bishop asperges the people with baptismal water as a sign of their incorporation into Christ through baptism.

The Introit *Sung by the Choir.*

Mode VIII

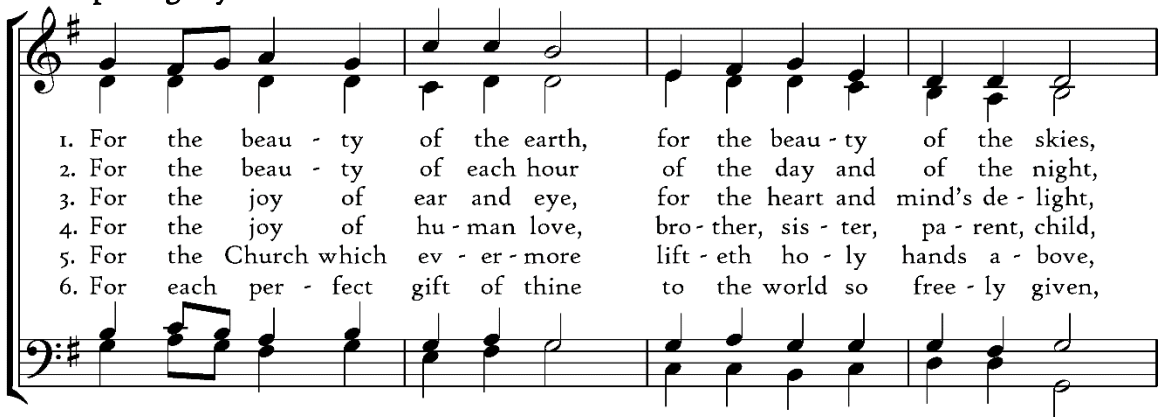
Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, alleluja: Et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt et dicent, alleluja. Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia ejus.

I saw water flowing from the temple, on the right side, alleluia: And all to whom that water came have been saved, and they will say, alleluia. Worship the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy is forever.

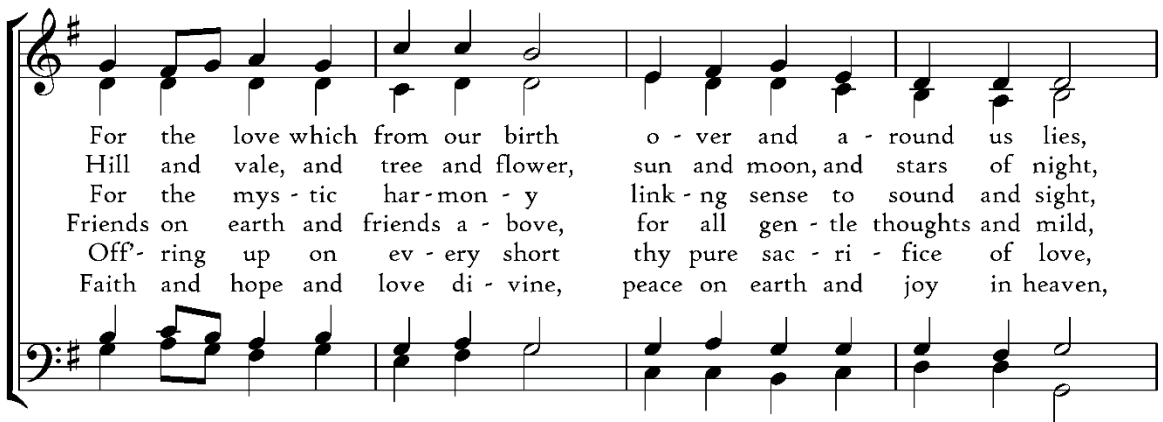


The Opening Hymn

Dix



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter, pa - rent, child,
5. For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
6. For each per - fect gift of thine to the world so free - ly given,



For the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of night,
For the mys - tic har - mon - y link - ng sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
Off - ring up on ev - ery short thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,
Faith and hope and love di - vine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,



Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

The Paschal Acclamation

Bishop
People

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Bishop then says

The Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All remain standing and sing the Kyrie and Gloria.

The Kyrie



Lord, have mer- cy up - on us. Lord, have mer- cy up-
on us. Lord, have mer- cy up - on us, have mer- cy up - on us. Christ,
have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ,
have mer - cy up - on us, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord,
have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer- cy up- on us, Lord,
have mer - cy up - on us, have mer cy up - on us.

The Gloria

Celebrant or Cantor *All*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We
praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heav-en-ly King,
God the Fa-ther Al - might-y. O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten
Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Fa - ther, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up
on us, Thou that tak-est-a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our
prayer. Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have
mer - cy up - on us. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou
on - ly art the Lord; Thou on - ly, O Christ with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men, A - men,

A *rit.* - men.

The Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Bishop Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98 (Coverdale) *Sung by the Choir.* Anglican chant: Frederick Ouseley (1825-1889)

1. O sing unto the Lord a new song *
for he hath done marvellous things.
2. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm *
hath he gotten himself the victory.
3. The Lord declared his salvation *
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
4. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel *
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
5. Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands *
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
6. Praise the Lord upon the harp *
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
7. With trumpets also and shawms *
O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
8. Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is *
the round world, and they that dwell therein.
9. Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord *
for he is come to judge the earth.
10. With righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the people with equity.

The Epistle

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Alleluia *Sung by the Choir. All stand.*

Mode V

Alleluia. Be merciful, O Lord, unto our sins: wherefore do the heathen say, Where is now their God? Alleluia. I will be glad and rejoice in thy merciful kindness: for thou hast considered my trouble, thou hast known my soul in adversities.

The Sequence Hymn 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh

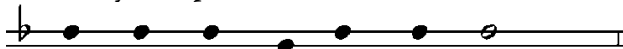
The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Deacon

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

People



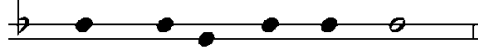
Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Rev'd Laura J. Ahrens
Bishop Suffragan, The Episcopal Church in Connecticut

A brief moment of silence follows the sermon, and then all stand to sing the Nicene Creed.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows, Confirmation, & Reception

The Bishop says:

The Candidates for confirmation and reception will now be presented.

Presenters

I present *these persons* for Confirmation or

I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the Candidates:

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

The Candidates reply:

I do.

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People

We will.

Bishop

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall in to sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to thy grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to thy love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of thy peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence follows.

Bishop Almighty God, we thank thee that by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ thou hast overcome sin and brought us to thyself, and that by the sealing of thy Holy Spirit thou hast bound us to thy service. Renew in these thy servants the covenant thou didst make with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service thou hast set before them; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Bishop then confirms or receives each of the following candidates:

For Confirmation:

Lucas Chihuan Lee

Britton Rolf Osler

George Thomas Akter

Michael Francis Akter

For Reception:

Lee Ann Akter

Emre Francis Leonardo Akter

John Paul Akter

For Confirmation:

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

or

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

For Reception:

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

She concludes with this prayer:

Almighty and everliving God, let thy fatherly hand ever be over these thy servants; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that they may serve thee in this life, and dwell with thee in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Notices

The Holy Communion

During the anthem, the People's offerings are gathered, which go to support the ministry of Christ Church.

The Offertory Anthem

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddës grace:
No other care nor hope is mine,
to heaven I turn my face.

Tis named when Goddës name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:

And every gentle heart,
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.

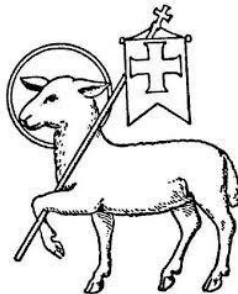
Text: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

The Offertory Hymn 292

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Kingsfold

During the hymn, the People's offerings, along with the Bread and Wine, are presented. As a sign that along with the gifts we are all offered to God's work, the People and Bishop are censured. The People and Thurifer acknowledge each other with a bow before and after the censuring.



All standing, the Great Thanksgiving begins as the People respond to the Bishop, saying:

Bishop The Lord be with you.
 People **And with thy spirit.**
 Bishop Lift up your hearts.
 People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
 Bishop Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
 People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Bishop speaks a Proper Preface, concluding:

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit *Sung by all.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
 heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to
 thee, O Lord Most High. ✠ Bless-ed is he that com-eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high- est.

The People kneel or sit. The Bishop then continues with the Eucharistic Prayer on page 341 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Prayer concludes: By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All then respond: **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *Sung by all.*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept. Then the Bishop says:

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

The Agnus Dei *Sung by all.*



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God. ✠

At the Communions

All are welcome at the altar of Christ Church. Baptized Christians may receive the Sacrament in the palm or on the tongue; receive the chalice by helping guide it to your lips or by intinction (touching the host to the wine in the chalice). Cross your arms in front of you (hands touching your shoulders) to receive a blessing instead. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. If coming forward is difficult, please advise an usher, who will notify the clergy to bring communion to you at your seat.

The Communion

Mode I

I chose you out of the world that you should go forth and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide, alleluia. For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever: you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. text: John 15; Psalm 88:2

In procession to the garden
Hymn 400

Lasst uns erfreuen

The People follow the procession as it moves through the church and out into the garden.



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



The Station in the Garden

Bishop O Lord, how manifold are thy works;

People **In wisdom thou hast made them all.**

Bishop Thou sendest forth thy spirit and they are created;

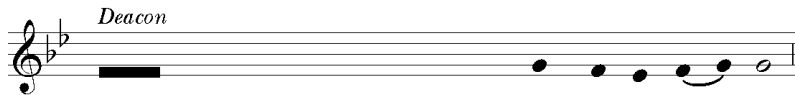
People **And so thou dost renew the face of the earth.**

Bishop O Gracious Father, who openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters and multiply the harvests of the world; let thy Spirit go forth to renew the face of the earth; show thy loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what thou givest, that all people may rejoice in thy creation and give the thanks, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop blesses the Christ Church garden, to which the people respond, "Amen."

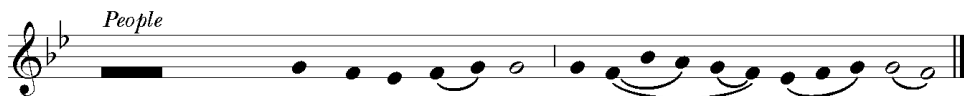
The Dismissal



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PARISH NOTICES

Christ Church Service Schedule

Sundays

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer (in the Lady Chapel)
8:45 a.m. Mass with hymns (in the choir)
11:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass (in the nave & livestreamed)
9:00 p.m. Compline (in the nave)

Monday-Friday (in the Lady Chapel)

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Mon - Fri (in person & livestream)
12:15 p.m. Mon, Wed, Fri Low Mass
5:15 p.m. Tue, Thurs Evening Prayer followed by Low Mass

Upcoming Services & Events

The Sunday Forum is on break until September.

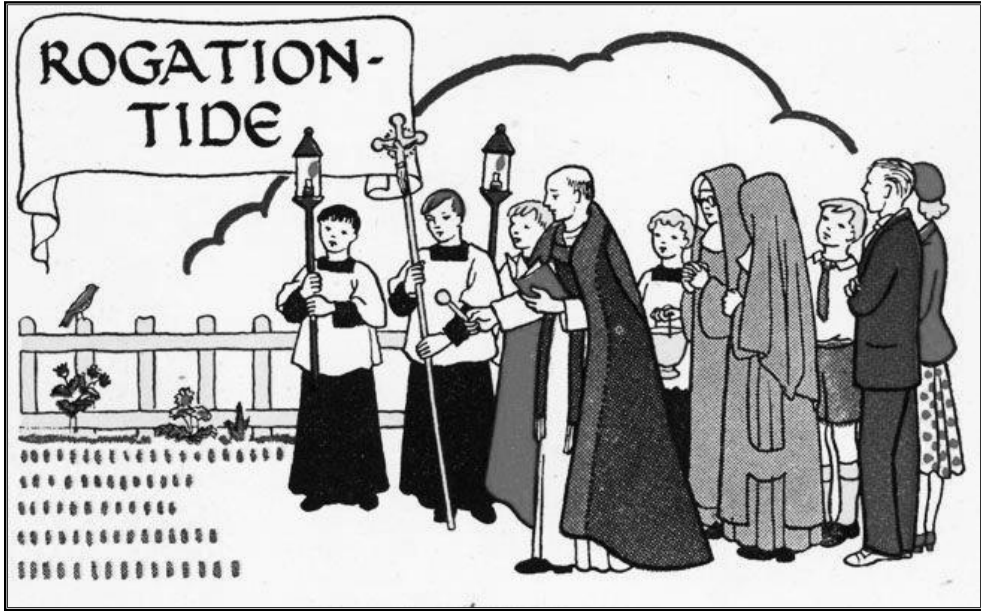
Compline: The last Compline of term is Sunday, May 19.

Ascension Day is this Thursday, May 9. Mass is at 6:00 p.m. followed by a cookout in the garden. *Bring a friend as we celebrate together.*

Midnight Run: Christ Church provides sandwiches and clothing at St Martin de Porres in partnership with Community Soup Kitchen. Come and help make sandwiches in the Parish Hall every other Sunday, continuing next Sunday, May 12, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. *Contact Ben Schober (203-980-4246 or sexton@christchurchnh.org) with any questions.*

Garland Scholarships: The application period for the Christ Church Garland Scholarship Awards for the academic year 2024-25 is now open. For further information and a copy of the application form, email Don Smith at dmsmith@newhaven.edu. The deadline for completed applications to be received is June 10.

The Christ Church Monday Reading Group meets from 5:00pm to 6:00pm each Monday via Zoom. Meetings do not require prior or consistent attendance or "homework"--join when you can. For more information and the link to the Zoom meeting please contact Judy Stone via email on judsp3@sbcglobal.net.



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