

# Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 21, 2017 ✕ 5:30 PM & 8 AM

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*Welcome to this service of Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. We hope that this service will help lift you to the presence of God and strengthen you for the week to come.*

*Scripture readings are printed in Currents (leaflet insert).*

## Holy Eucharist: Rite II

### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity, and the people respond Amen.*

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

**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 Word of God ❧

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **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.

*People* **Amen.**

*The people are seated for the reading and the Psalm.*

**THE READING**

Acts 17:22-31

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 66:7-18**

*The Lector and Congregation read the psalm responsively by half verse.*

**THE GOSPEL**

John 14:15-21

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

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

*The Gospel is read.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**THE SERMON**

The Reverend Areeta Bridgemohan

*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.*

*The people stand.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*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 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**

*Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward.*

*Intercessor* 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. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **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. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **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. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours (*N.*), and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*N.*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died (*N.*), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The congregation may add their own petitions.*

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our congregation who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary, saying,

*People* **O God, our times are in your hand.**

**Look with favor, we pray,  
on your servants as they begin another year.  
Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace,  
and strengthen their trust in your goodness  
all the days of their lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Gospeller* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel. A brief period of silence is observed.*

*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 offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.*

*The people stand.*

## THE PEACE

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

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

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*The people remain seated while the offering is collected.*

## ❧ The Holy Communion ❧

*The people stand.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* 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:

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*All*           **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 people remain standing.*

*Celebrant*   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.

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."

*People*           Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever.

*People*           **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*   And now, as our Savior 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

#### **THE INVITATION**

*The people are seated.*

*To receive Communion, come to the Communion Station or to the Altar Rail (8 am only). If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest to your request.*

#### **THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*All* **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**

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

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

*People* **Amen.**

#### **THE DISMISSAL**

*The Gospeller dismisses the people.*

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