

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✘ MAY 21, 2017 ✘ 9 AM

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).

Hymns are found in the red hymnal in your pew.

'S' numbers refer to service music found in the front of the hymnal.

BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

VOLUNTARY

ALLEGRO, FROM CONCERTO IN G MAJOR,
AFTER ERNST, BWV 592

*J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)*

❧ The Entrance Rite ❧

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN 409

THE SPACIOUS FIRMAMENT ON HIGH

Creation

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 - S 278

❧ The Word of God ❧

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.



People And al - so 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 people stand for the hymn.

The children are invited to gather at the children's cross for the Gospel reading.

HYMN 512

COME, GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE

Mendon

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 CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.

RECOGNITIONS

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

ANTHEM

BEATI QUORUM VIA

*Charles V. Stanford
(1852-1924)*

*Beati quorum via integra est:
Qui ambulant in lege Domini.*

Blessed are those whose path is upright;
Who walk in the law of the Lord.

Psalm 119: 1

The people stand as the gifts are presented.

Children and their parents are invited to follow the children's cross and to sit in the Chancel between the choir stalls. They return to their seats for Communion.

HYMN 323

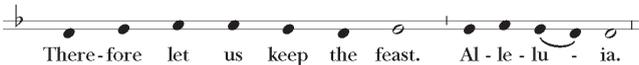
BREAD OF HEAVEN, ON THEE WE FEED

Jesu, Jesu du mein Hirt

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People  There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

THE INVITATION

The people are seated.

To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station or to the Altar Rail at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request.

AGNUS DEI - S 165

VOLUNTARY GRAVE, FROM CONCERTO IN G MAJOR, *J. S. Bach*
AFTER ERNST, BWV 592

ANTHEM JUSTORUM ANIMAE *C. Stanford*

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum malitiae. Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them; in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace.

Wisdom, III.

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.**

The children join the procession out immediately following the choir.

HYMN 174 AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING *Salzburg*

VOLUNTARY PRAELUDIUM IN G MAJOR, BWV 568 *J. S. Bach*
(1685-1750)