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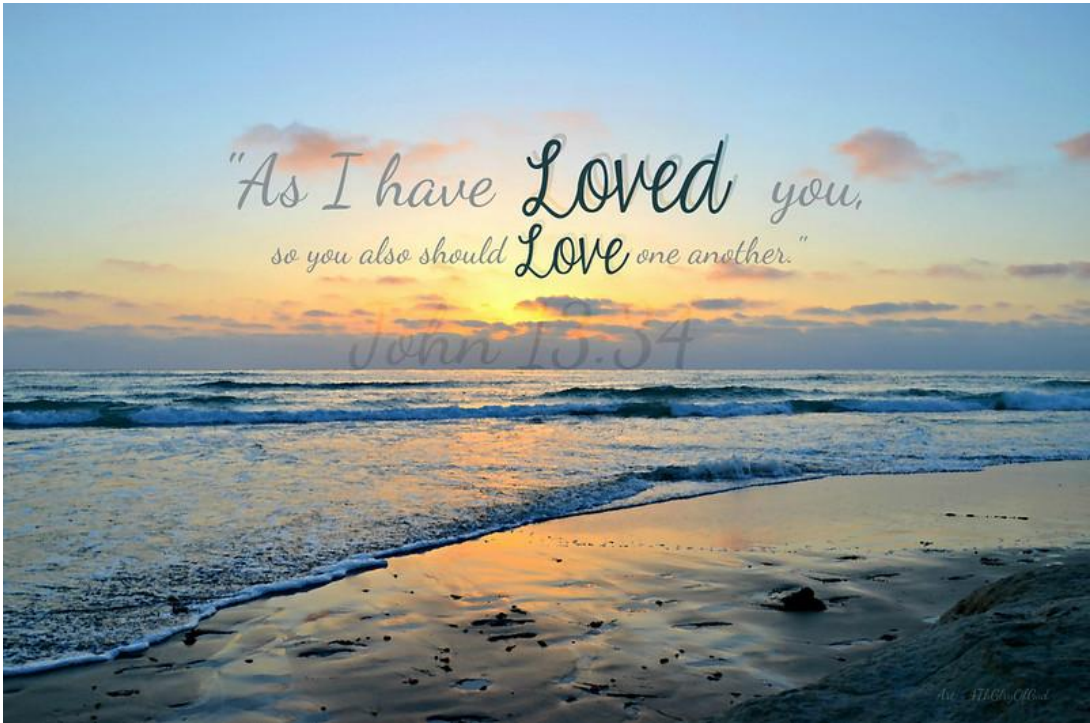


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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025 Holy Eucharist 10:30am

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector

Reader: Victoria Alcock

Lay Reader: Francis Richardson

Cantor: Francis Richardson

Organist: Charlie Strimas

Greeter: Garry Minielly

Server: Sarah Howard



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

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCE

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

Hymn
Of Praise: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken #388 blue hymn book

(The altar party processes to the altar.)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

Children’s Focus

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

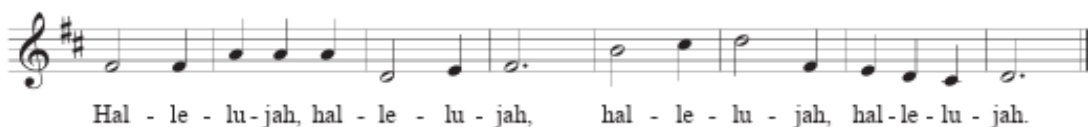
Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148

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



- (1) Praise God from the heavens;
- (2) sing praise in the heights.
- (3) Sing praise, all angels,
- (4) sing praise, all you heavenly host. **R.**
- (1) Sing praise, sun and moon;
- (2) sing praise, all you shining stars.
- (3) Sing praise, heaven of heavens,
- (4) and you waters above the heavens. **R.**
- (1) Let them praise your name, O God;
- (2) for you commanded, and they were created.
- (3) You made them stand fast for ever and ever;
- (4) you gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R.**
- (1) O praise God from the earth,
- (2) you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- (3) Fire and hail, snow and fog,
- (4) tempestuous wind, doing God's will; **R.**
- (1) Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars:
- (2) Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
- (1) Rulers of the earth and all peoples,
- (2) princes and all sovereigns of the world;
- (3) Young men and women,
- (4) old and young together. **R.**

- (1) Let them praise your name, O God,
(2) for your name only is exalted, your splendour is over earth and heaven.
(3) You have raised up strength for your people and praise for all your loyal servants,
(4) the children of Israel, a people who are near you. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

Reader: A reading from the Revelation to John

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (#190 from Sing a New Creation)

190 Alleluia

The musical score for Alleluia #190 is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: D, A/C#, G2/B, D/A, G, D/F#, Em, A, and D. The melody in the treble staff is a simple, joyful tune. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating the syllables are spread across the notes. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

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.**

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Brendon Bedford
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, stand or kneel, as is your custom.

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: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation #300
(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 - #735 (blue hymn book)

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. 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.”

All **Therefore, Father, according to his command,
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)

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

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)

Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei) sung

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.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION The Church's One Foundation #525
(blue hymn book)

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY

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 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun #383
(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

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Gospel Acclamation #190 Alleluiah! Norah Duncan IV 1987, 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. Paul's, Palmerston; Regional Ministry of Hope • Trinity, Blyth; St. Paul's-Trinity, Wingham • Parish of the Holy Spirit, Seaforth.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Vern & Reta Baker, The Rev'd Brendon & Ashley Bedford, Lillian & Roy; Louis Bernard 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 Diocese of Jerusalem.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Charlie & Marg, Dave, Deanie, Dolores & Irving, Doug, Fraser, Geoff, Katharine, Linda, Rob, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

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Memorial Flowers on the Altar

Flowers at the Altar today are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of Lloyd and Ruth Norton, a gift of their daughter, Carol.

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.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 25, 2025, Sixth Sunday of Easter

The readings are: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 Or John 5:1-9.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The collection plate is left on a table at the back of the church for your offering envelopes or your donation to the church's operation & maintenance. Thank you!

Following the service, please join us for coffee time and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

The Mid-week Eucharist (said) service is offered this Wednesday and every Wednesday at 12:00noon in the chapel.

The Free Community Breakfast will be paused on Victoria Day holiday, May 19th -- resuming May 26th.

Please plan to join us for the worship service, Ascension of the Lord, on Thursday, May 29th at 5PM, followed by a lasagna dinner. It will be a multi-congregational service and held at Grace United Church, 140 Bruce St. S., Thornbury. If you plan to stay for the lasagna meal afterwards, please let Chris know in the office, so that we have numbers on which to plan.

While you're here, please check out our **Community Garden**, with garlic already springing up. If you have time to help with watering and maintenance, please speak to Gail Latour. We are also looking for marigold plants and some seedlings to plant soon.

Thank you for your contribution to the **Meaford Foodbank** – they are still in need of supplies: mac and cheese, rice, canned veg. & fruit, children's snack items: juice boxes, granola bars, fruit cups, apple sauce. **If you are able, please leave an item(s) in the bin at the back of the church.**

We are also grateful for those who have helped to stock the (LFP) Little Free Pantry. It is being used frequently.

PASTORAL CARE: For urgent care, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford, at 226-974-5060 or brendonbedford@diohuron.org.

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