

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER



CHRISTCHURCH  
ANGLICAN

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Christian Education: 11 a.m. Sundays & 6 p.m. Wednesdays

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Please maintain silence before worship for prayer. Kindly silence all electronic devices.

Children will remain with their families for worship today.

Children's Church and Jr. Worship will resume June 3rd.

If you're visiting with us today, welcome to Christchurch!

You bless us with your presence!

The Altar Flowers are given to the Honor and Glory of God and in Memory of Amanda Lide Bagwell, Margaret Hannon Bagwell, and Carolyn McCrummer Watkins

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Prelude *Concerto in d minor* J.S. Bach

..... The Entrance Rite .....

Processional Hymn 214 *Please stand*

*Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

### Serving in the Liturgy

- Celebrant** The Very Reverend Andrew M. Rowell+
- Gospeler** The Reverend Alan L. Reid+
- Music Director and Organist** Thomas Bowers
- Verger** Mose Stuart
- Acolyte Master** Rick Oates
- Lectors and Chalice Bearers** Trey Starke, Christy Holding, Maggie Springer, and Jennifer Sluis
- Crucifer** Anna Munson
- Server** Anthony Turner
- Gospel Torch Bearer** Josh Hixon and Jon Everett Dennis
- Cross Torch Bearer** Hailey McLaughlin and Regan McLaughlin
- Greeters** Sally Cobb and Pete Cobb
- Ushers** William Adams, Brad Griffin, David Rees, Doug Hixon, Bryan Craven, and Boyd Edwards
- Altar Guild** Jackie Butler, Prim Brown, and Chris Setzer
- Media** Ben Cheney and Ted Klose
- Prayer Team** Kim Dennis, David Dennis, Maria Hill, Prim Brown, and The Daughters of the Holy Cross

(All Hymns) CCCI # 2635367

Recessional Hymn 408 *Please stand*

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
 2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra-cious mer - cy  
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
 keep-eth; by morn-ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch-ful  
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro-claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
 eye ne'er sleep-eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
 won-drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur-mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.  
 Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

Dismissal

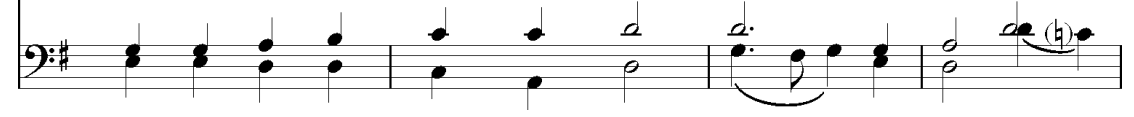
Postlude

*Fugue*

J. Pachelbel



Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless-ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Llanfair* Robert Williams (1781-1821)

The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

*Celebrant and People*

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.*

Song of Praise S280

*Glory to God*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

Communion Music

There's a calm that covers me  
 When I kneel down at Your feet  
 It's a place of healing  
 It's a place where I find freedom

There's a place my eyes can't see  
 Where my spirit longs to be  
 It's a place of healing  
 It's a place I'll live in freedom

*Chorus 1*  
 I'm gonna lift my hands  
 'Til I can reach heaven  
 I'm gonna shout Your name  
 'Til the walls come falling down  
 I've come to worship I've come to worship

Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel*

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again 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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Place of Freedom*

There's a love that lives in me  
 For You Lord my Savior King  
 Who breaks the sin that's binding  
 And leads me to a place of freedom

*Chorus 2*  
 I'm gonna sing my song  
 Like I am unashamed  
 I'm gonna shout for joy  
 At the mention of Your name  
 I've come to worship I've come to worship

*Bridge*  
 There's no one that can bring me peace  
 That can wash me clean like You Lord  
 There's nothing in this world that can free me  
 (Oh) You saved my soul

**Communion Music**

I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

*Chorus*

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

**Communion Music**

Over all my weakness  
Over all my pain  
Over all I am You reign  
God of saving justice

You know all my doubting  
You know all my shame  
Still Your promise never fades  
You're my saving justice

*Chorus*

I belong to You  
I belong to You  
Ancient of all days  
My eternal grace  
I belong to You

**Good Good Father**

I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

*Bridge*

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love

**I Belong To You**

*Bridge*

Your glory is power unimagined  
Your mercy is life beyond the grave  
You're worthy of every breath  
And all of my praise  
All of my praise  
All of my praise

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.  
**Amen.**

..... **The Liturgy of the Word** .....

**The First Lesson**

**Exodus 28:1-4, 9-10, 29-30**

<sup>1</sup> Then bring near to you your brother Aaron, and his sons with him, from among the Israelites, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. <sup>2</sup> You shall make sacred vestments for the glorious adornment of your brother Aaron. <sup>3</sup> And you shall speak to all who have ability, whom I have endowed with skill, that they make Aaron's vestments to consecrate him for my priesthood. <sup>4</sup> These are the vestments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an

ephod, a robe, a chequered tunic, a turban, and a sash. When they make these sacred vestments for your brother Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests. <sup>9</sup> You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup> six of their names on one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth. <sup>29</sup> So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgement on his heart when he goes into the holy place, for a continual remembrance before the Lord. <sup>30</sup> In the breastpiece of judgement you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart when he goes in before the Lord; thus Aaron shall bear the judgement of the Israelites on his heart before the Lord continually.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 47

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
**shout to God with a cry of joy.**
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared;  
**he is the great King over all the earth.**
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us,  
**and the nations under our feet.**
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us,  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- 5 God has gone up with a shout,  
**the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.**
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
**sing praises to our King, sing praises.**
- 7 For God is King of all the earth;  
**sing praises with all your skill.**

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion.*

*To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue. Anyone may come forward for a blessing in lieu of Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest. Women are encouraged to blot lipstick before receiving communion.*

*Ushers will guide you from your pew. The rails are filled from the center front to the back. Once you receive, please return to your seat via the side aisle.*

*If you would like prayer after you have received Communion, please see one of the Prayer Team members that can be found in either of the transepts.*

### Communion Music

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendor,  
there with joy thy praises render  
unto him whose grace unbounded  
hath this wondrous banquet founded-  
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,  
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Sun, who all my life dost brighten;  
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;  
Joy, the best that any knoweth;  
Fount, whence all my being floweth:  
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
let me be a fit partaker  
of this blessed food from heaven,  
for our good, thy glory, given.

### *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,  
let me gladly here obey thee;  
never to my hurt invited,  
be thy love with love requited;  
from this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
through the gifts thou here dost give me,  
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Fraction Anthem

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,  
 there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to -  
 not. thy com - pas - sions. they fail not: as thou hast been thou for -  
 day and bright hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten  
 ev - er wilt be. Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 thou - sand be - side!  
 Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy  
 hand hath pro - vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

8 God reigns over the nations;  
**God sits upon his holy throne.**

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together  
**with the people of the God of Abraham.**

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
**and he is highly exalted.**

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

The Second Lesson

Acts 1:15-26

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, <sup>16</sup> ‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup> for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’ <sup>18</sup> (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup> This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup> ‘For it is written in the book of Psalms, “Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it”; and “Let another take his position of overseer.” <sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ <sup>23</sup> So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ <sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn 655 *Please stand*

*O Jesus I Have Promised*



1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:  
 2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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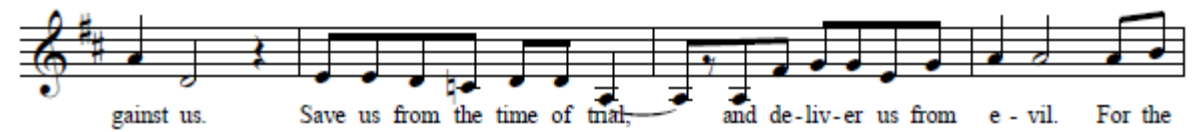
The Gospel *Please remain standing*

John 17:11b-19

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

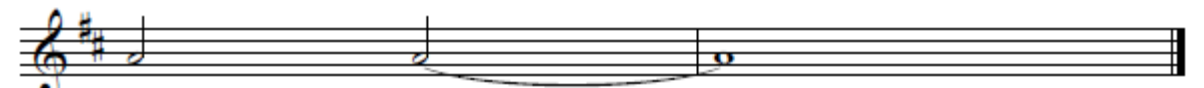
<sup>11</sup> Jesus prayed for his disciples, saying, "Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the



gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the



king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A-men.



A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



*The Celebrant 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.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed-be your name, your king-dom  
come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.  
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-

world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.”

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The Sermon* *Please be seated*

*The Nicene Creed* *Please stand*

**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 I (BCP 383)** *Please kneel*

*The people respond to each bidding with the words "Lord, have mercy," and to the final bidding with the words "To you, O Lord our God."*

**The Confession of Sin** *Please remain kneeling*

*Celebrant 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.**

**The Absolution**

**The Comfortable Words**

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.  
*1 John 2:1-2*

**The Peace** *The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with your spirit.**



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

*Please kneel*

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

**The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A** *Please remain standing*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him 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, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**The Blessing of the Sixth Grade Students as they move from the Spiritual Care of Children's Ministry to Student Ministry**

*The Sixth Grade Students stand before the church with the Directors of Children's Ministry.*

*Directors* We present these young people who today transition from our Children's Ministry into our Student Ministry.

*Priest* Jesus took children like you into His arms and blessed them. Today, we bless you as you become members of our Student Ministry.

Let us pray.

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world. Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start, and to see success as a sign of your grace and gifts. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation. Today we bless these precious young people who mark their transition from Children's Ministry to Student Ministry. In the Name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Director of Student Ministry addresses the Sixth Grade Students.*

*Director* Will you commit to being faithful participants in our student ministries, as we seek to know Christ, grow into our roles in the church, and take our faith out into the world?

*Sixth Graders* We will, with God's help.

*A Priest now blesses the Bibles to be given to the young people by the Director of Student Ministry.*

Let us pray.

Accept and bless these Bibles, Holy Lord, which we offer up to you. You are the One who caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning. Grant, by your grace, that these young people would ever hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given to them in our Savior Jesus Christ and revealed to your creation through your Holy Word. In the Name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Director* Receive this Bible to be your guide and your light.

Sixth Grade Students Making the Transition to Youth Ministry

Eliza Cate Bell  
Mary Arden Gibbs  
Tyler Burns Hamilton  
Jackson Barnett Hawkins  
Isabel Tankersley Hill  
Wesley Brewer Houlditch  
Merritt MacKinnon Payne  
Robert Scott Smothers  
Avery Rayce Varon



**Announcements**

..... **The Holy Communion** .....

**At the Offertory**

***Christ, We Do All Adore Thee***  
The Christchurch Celebration Choir

Theodore DuBois

*Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;  
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,  
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.  
Christ, we do all adore thee.*

**Presentation Hymn 618** *Please stand*

***Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones***

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*