



*Ascension Day Eucharist*



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**Holy Eucharist · Rite I**

**Prelude**

Heut triumpheret Gottes Sohn (BWV 630)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*This day in triumph Christ arose*

*Please stand as the introduction begins*

**Hymn 214** *sung by all*

Hail the day that sees him rise

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Llanfair* Robert Williams (1781-1821)

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

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

*People*

**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.**

*The choir sings*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Glory be to God on high,*

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

*And in earth peace, goodwill towards men,*

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.

*We praise thee, we bless thee,*

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

*We worship thee, we glorify thee,*

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

*We give thanks to thee, for thy great glory.*

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,

*O Lord God, heavenly King,*

Deus Pater omnipotens.

*God the Father Almighty.*

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;*

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

*That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe  
deprecationem nostram.

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.*

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.

*For thou only art holy;*

Tu solus Dominus,

*Thou only art the Lord;*

Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christi.

*Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost*

Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*art most high, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Music: *Messe 'Cum júbilo'* Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

### **The New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 1:15-23

*Lector* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 47** *sung by the choir*

O clap your hands together, all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

For the Lord is high, and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat.

The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham: for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Please stand*

## The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

*Priest*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*                    **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Priest*                    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon** *please sit after the opening prayer*

The Rev. Tim Hamlin

*Please stand*

**The Nicene Creed** *said by all*

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*Please stand or kneel*

**Prayers of the People**

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*Please stand*

**The Peace**

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*Celebrant*                The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                    **And with thy spirit.**

*Please sit*

## Greetings and Notices

Welcome Newcomers!

If you are new to Christ Church Greenwich complete the welcome card found in the pews and on tables in the foyer and hallway. Please give the card to an usher or a member of the clergy, and someone will be in touch with you soon.



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## Digital plate offering

Our parishioners fund our church.  
We do not receive money from the Diocese or National Episcopal Church.  
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### Offertory Anthem *sung by the choir*

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
*My God and King!*

The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
*My God and King!*

The Church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out;  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
*My God and King!*

Words: *Antiphon* George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: from *Five Mystical Songs* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

### The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer I*

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*The preface is sung.*

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 and Benedictus** *sung by the choir*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Music: Messe 'Cum júbilo' Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

*Please remain standing or kneel*

*The Celebrant continues*

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**The Lord's Prayer** *said by all*

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**The Breaking of the Bread and the Invitation**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**How to Receive Communion**



All are invited to receive Communion. Extend both hands palms up, placing one hand directly on top of the other. You can dip the bread into the wine or sip from the cup at all stations. For gluten free (GF) wafers, please extend both palms down. A special GF chalice is available on the credence table.

Members of our Pastoral Care Team take Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound, reside in local assisted living or nursing facilities.

**Agnus Dei** *sung by the choir*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.*

Music: Messe 'Cum júbilo' Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

**Post Communion Prayer** *said by all*

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are**

very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## Blessing

*Please stand*

## Hymn 218 *sung by all*

A hymn of glory let us sing

Words: The Venerable Bede (673-735)  
Music: *Deo gracias* English ballad melody

## Dismissal

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Postlude

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père (from L'Ascension)

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

*Majesty of Christ praying that his Father should glorify him*  
"Father, the hour is come: glorify thy Son, that thy son also may glorify thee." [Prayer from Christ, Gospel of John]

You are warmly invited to stay and listen to the postlude, played on our outstanding Harrison & Harrison organ, along with many members of our parish both in church and online who love organ music. We request that if you wish to have conversations, please move to the Chapel Foyer.

## Serving today

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|------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>    | The Rev. Tim Hamlin                                  |
| <i>Director of Music</i>           | Jamie Hitel  |
| <i>Associate Director of Music</i> | Jonathan Vaughn                                      |
| <i>Choir</i>                       | Gentlemen and Teen Boys from the Choir of Men & Boys |
| <i>Lector</i>                      | Robert Morris  |

## This week's services

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|-------------------|--|
| Sunday 12 at 8am  | <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Rite II) <i>in the Chapel</i> |
| Sunday 12 at 10am | <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Rite II) <i>in the Church</i> |
| Sunday 12 at 5pm  | <b>Compline</b> <i>in the Church</i>                 |



**A choral concert celebrating  
90 years  
of the Choirs of Christ Church Greenwich  
Sung by the Combined Choirs  
of Christ Church Greenwich  
Saturday, June 1, 5:00 pm**

**JOY!**

Director of Music Jamie Hitel will be joined by Visiting Artist Dr Philip Moore and Visiting Artist-in-Residence Professor James O'Donnell directing the choirs in music based around the theme of 'Joy'.  
A reception will follow the concert.



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