



**May 2, 2021 at 10 a.m.**  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Welcome to Christ Church**

*Thank you for joining us on [Facebook](#) or our [website](#) as we rejoice in the love and power of the Risen Lord.*

This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy. Even though we are at home, turn up the volume on your device and try on singing and praying out loud with gusto, even if it feels odd. It may feel more like Church!



*Loving God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches*

## Hymn 379

God is love; let heaven adore him

Tune: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**Celebrant** 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.

**People** Amen.

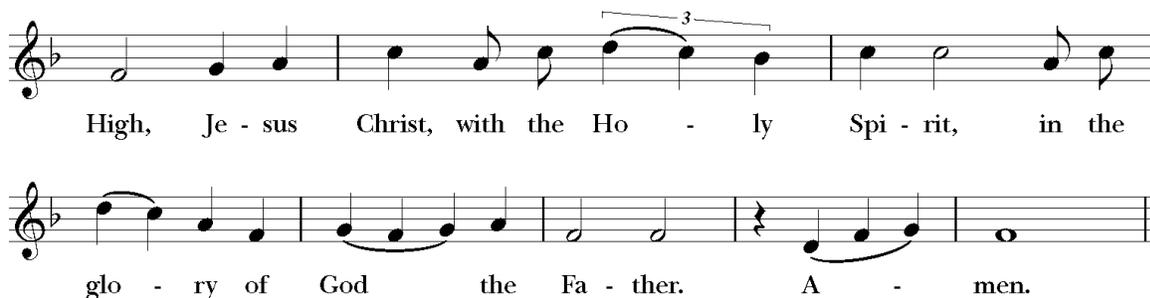
### Gloria 280

Glory to God in the highest

John Powell (b. 1932)

All

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 - y 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,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



**The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**All** Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Welcome**

**First Lesson**

Acts 8:26-40

**Lector** An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 22:24-30**

*A Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 34-35*

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk.*

My praise of God is in the great assembly; \*

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the LORD.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall give praise: \*

**"May your heart live for ever!"**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God, \*

**and all the families of the nations shall bow before the LORD.**

For sovereignty belongs to the LORD, \*

**who rules over the nations.**

To the LORD alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

**all who go down to the dust fall before the LORD.**

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve the LORD; \*

**they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*

**the saving deeds that God has done.**

**Second Lesson**

**1 John 4:7-21**

**Lector** Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** Thanks be to God.



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*; 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.;  
 harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

## The Gospel

John 15:1-8

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**Celebrant** Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*At the conclusion of the Gospel reading.*

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Nick Morris-Kliment

### The Nicene Creed

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

*The Creed is begun in unison, said antiphonally by phrase, and then finished in unison.*

**All** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**Celebrant** 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.

**Lector** 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.

**Celebrant** 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.

**Lector** He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**Celebrant** We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**Lector** With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

**All** 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.

### Prayers of the People

*adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book, pp. 412-413*

*Please stand, kneel, or sit, as comfortable and makes sense in your space.*

*The congregation is invited to offer prayers, either silently, aloud, or using the chat on Facebook.*

**Intercessor** Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: Father, enliven the Church for its mission.

**People** That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

**Intercessor** Breathe fresh life into your people.

**People** Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

**Intercessor** We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

**People** That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

**Intercessor** Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**People** Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

**Intercessor** We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

**People** That all may act with integrity and courage.

**Intercessor** Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**People** May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

**Intercessor** We pray for those in need: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**People** May they know the power of your healing love.

**Intercessor** Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**People** Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

**Intercessor** We remember those who have died and those who mourn. We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

**People** Father, into your hands we commend them.

**Intercessor** Give comfort to those who mourn.

**People** Bring them peace in their time of loss.

**Intercessor** We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

**People** May their example inspire and encourage us.

**Celebrant** Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Peace

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

**People** And also with you.

*The people exchange a brief sign of Christ's peace.*

## Announcements

This week's announcements can be found [here](#). To receive our announcements in your inbox, please [click here](#).

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offering of the Gifts of Bread and Wine

## Offertory Anthem

Christ, the Vine  
Christ Church Quartet

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

*Christ, the vine, and God, the gardener, we, the branches bearing fruit. We can bring forth shoots of promise when our lives in Christ take root. Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing, you fulfilled the prophet's trust. And you pray that we, your body, will fulfill your trust in us. Christ, may we submit to pruning that we bear more grapes for wine. Help us, when we're overburdened, draw new strength from you, the vine. You invite us to be partners, growing Spirit's fruit anew. Keep us one in love together: you in us, and we in you!*

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## The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer C

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 369*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**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 God thanks and praise.

**Celebrant** God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People** Glory to you for ever and ever.

**Celebrant** At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People** By your will they were created and have their being.

**Celebrant** From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People** Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

**Celebrant** Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

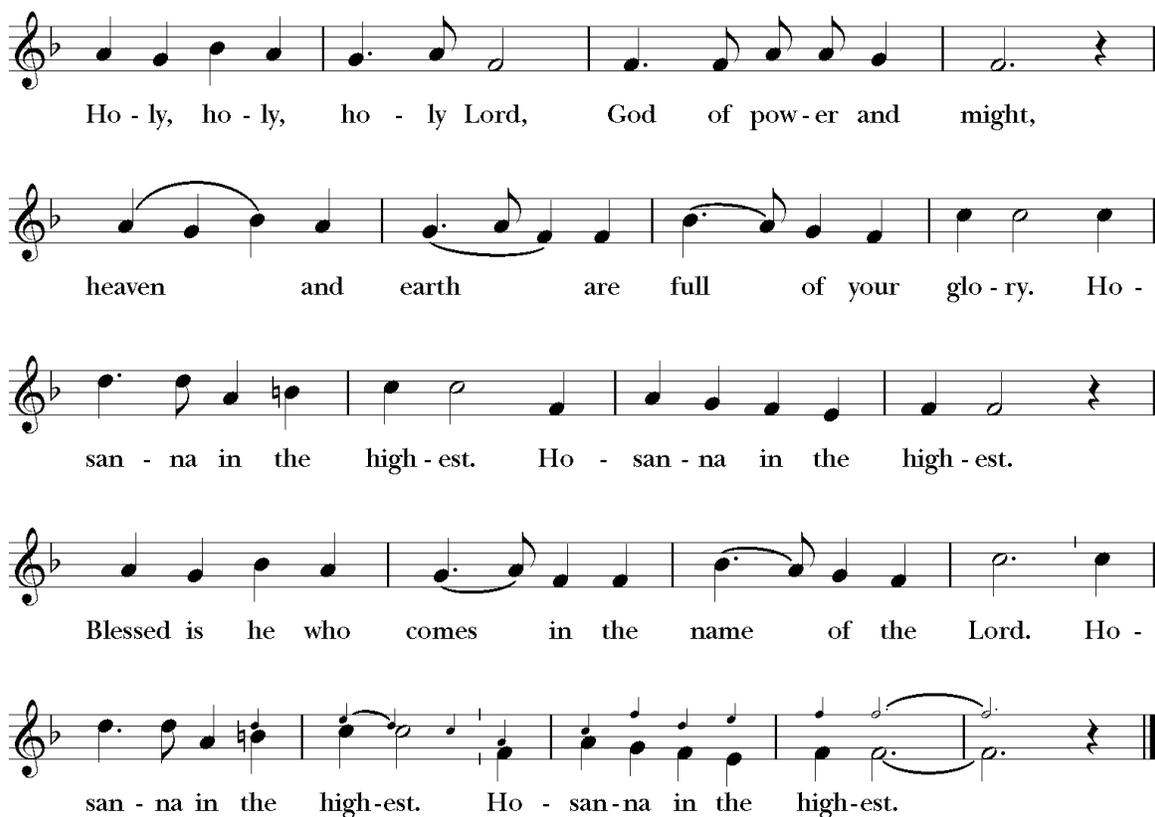
**People** By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

**Celebrant** And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus 125**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might

Richard Proulx (1934-2010)

**All**


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.  
 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.

**Celebrant** And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**All** We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

**Celebrant** Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**All** Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

**Celebrant** Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

**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.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

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

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

### **The Invitation**

**Celebrant** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Communion**

*“In ‘n’ Out” Eucharist is each Sunday between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Come in the Rosemary Street entrance, sign-in, and follow the signs “in ‘n’ out” of the Church. [Register here.](#)*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

adapted from the *New Zealand Prayer Book*, pp. 472-473

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**All** Most loving God, Creator and Redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

adapted from the *New Zealand Prayer Book*, p. 479

**Celebrant** May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you; and the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

## Hymn 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Tune: *Truro*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

## The Dismissal

**Celebrant** Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

**People** Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrate May Anniversaries and Birthdays with us at our Zoom Coffee Hour! Check your email for the link.*

## Organ Postlude

Prelude in C minor, BWV 549

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### Music Notes

By Charles Raines, Organist

Following a career as a military musician, British composer, Annette Butters earned a music degree as a mature student. The organ was a more recent discovery for her, and currently she is the Director of Music at St. Mary's Parish Church, Barnard Castle in Teesdale, County Durham, UK. "Addison" is a traditional local name in Teesdale. The music, with folk elements and constant movement, strives to recreate the gentle rolling of the hills, the peace found in nature's beauty, and the passing on of the name from past to future generations.

### Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Concord River Deanery: St. Anne's in-the-Fields Church, Lincoln; St. Paul's Church, Natick; Trinity Chapel, Shirley; St. Mark's Church, Southborough; and Congregations: Acolytes.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Congregational Church of Needham and Needham Police Department.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Pamela Trussell Duggan by Philip and Priscilla Trussell.

Your prayers are requested for Lois C., Maureen, Mark M., Diane and her family, Chuck, Elaine D., Liz H., Toph, David, Barbara B., Leo, Meghan, Anita, Linda F., Sarah, Gail, Thomas, and Sharon. And prayer for all serving our country - especially, remembering Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

## Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

Pamela Goody, Director of Music  
Charles Raines, Organist  
Christ Church Quartet: Lisa Correnti, Lea Peterson, Grant Furgieue, and Mark Anderson  
Phil Bergen, Lector  
Tim Lysaght, Broadcast Verger

And others to be named on air!

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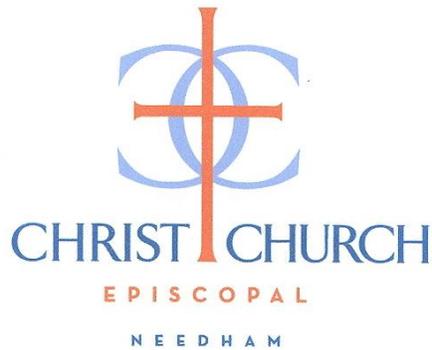


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