

A SERVICE OF WORD
AND SACRAMENT
THE SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



CHRISTCHURCH
ANGLICAN
10 May 2026

..... The Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn *Please stand*

Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky

Light's glitt'-ring morn be-decks the sky! Heav'n thun-ders forth its vic-tor
cry! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! The glad earth shouts her tri-umph
high, and groan-ing hell makes wild re-ply: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Verse 2

*while our Lord Christ, the mighty King,
despoiling death of all its sting
- alleluia, alleluia! -
and trampling down the powers of night
brings forth his ransomed souls to light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Verse 3

*That Eastertide with joy was bright!
The sun shone out with fairer light
- alleluia, alleluia! -
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Verse 4

*He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
- alleluia, alleluia! -
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was ris'n again.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Verse 5

*Jesus, the King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
- alleluia, alleluia! -
that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Verse 6

*From every weapon death can wield,
your own redeemed for ever shield.
Alleluia, alleluia!
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People

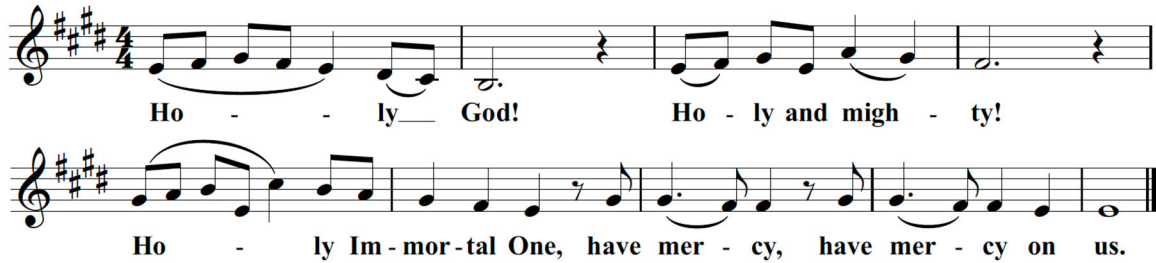
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

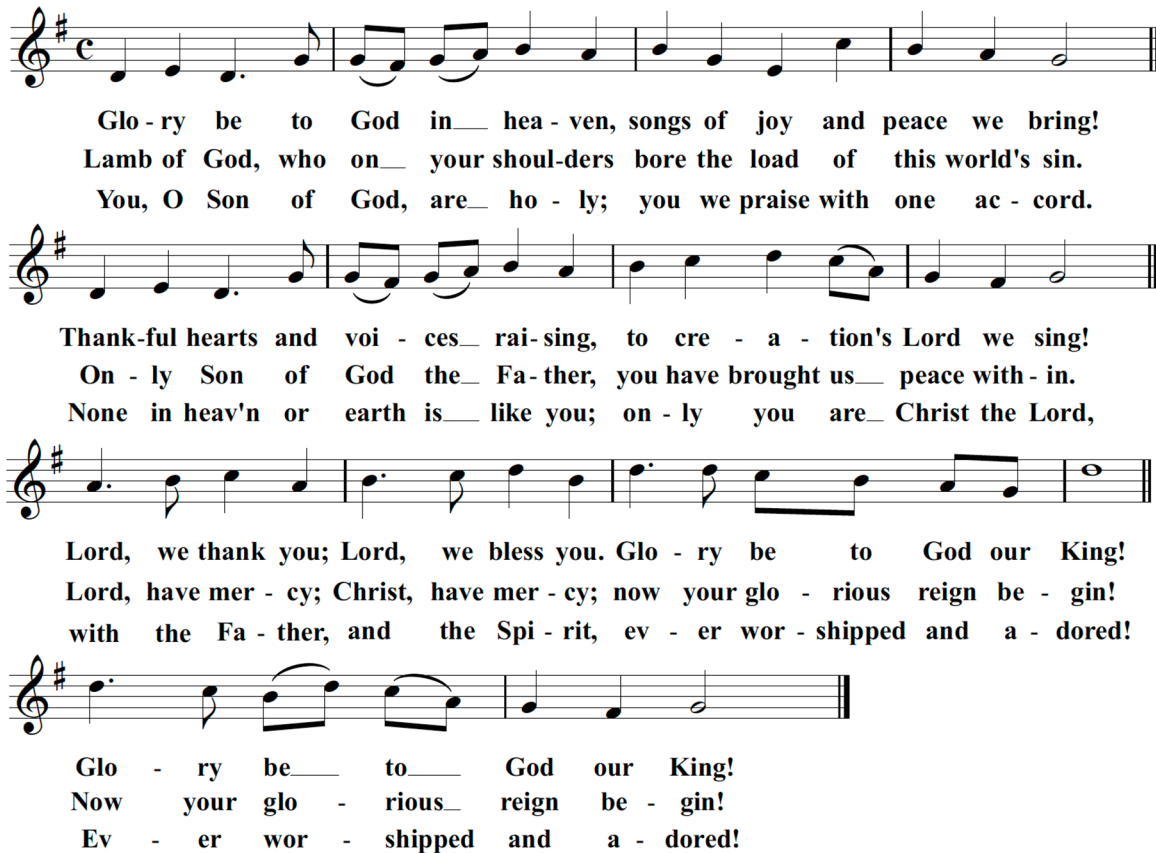
The Trisagion



Ho - - ly God! Ho - ly and migh - ty!

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Gloria



Glo - ry be to God in hea - ven, songs of joy and peace we bring!
Lamb of God, who on your shoul - ders bore the load of this world's sin.
You, O Son of God, are ho - ly; you we praise with one ac - cord.

Thank - ful hearts and voi - ces rai - sing, to cre - a - tion's Lord we sing!
On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, you have brought us peace with - in.
None in heav'n or earth is like you; on - ly you are Christ the Lord,
Lord, we thank you; Lord, we bless you. Glo - ry be to God our King!
Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; now your glo - rious reign be - gin!
with the Fa - ther, and the Spi - rit, ev - er wor - shipped and a - dored!

Glo - ry be to God our King!
Now your glo - rious reign be - gin!
Ev - er wor - shipped and a - dored!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

..... The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson *Please be seated*

Acts 17:16-34

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.' ²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." ³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148:7-14

- 7 Praise the LORD upon earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog,
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
- 9 Mountains and all hills,
fruitful trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds of the air;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens,
old men and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD,
for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
- 14 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his faithful shall praise him,
the children of Israel, the people who are near him. Praise the LORD.

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” ¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Please stand*

How Great Thou Art

Verse

O Lord my God, when I, in awe-some won - der, con - si - der
 all the works thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing
 thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the un - i - verse dis - played:

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - iour God, to thee: how great thou
 art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-iour God, to
 thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

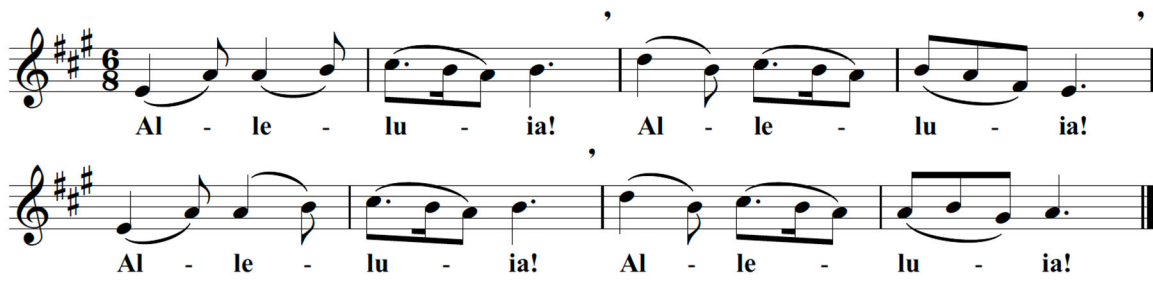
Verse 2
 When through the woods
 and forest glades I wander,
 and hear the birds sing sweetly through the trees.
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

Refrain

Verse 3
 And, when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 that, on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 he bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain
Verse 4
 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then, shall I bow in humble adoration,
 and there proclaim,
 "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹ Jesus said, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *Please be seated*

The Reverend Cornelius Jackson

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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,
 was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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 *Please kneel*

After each prayer, the People respond with the words "Hear our prayer."

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 *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

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

Welcome and Parish Announcements *Please be seated*

The Blessing of the Rising Sixth Grade Students

The rising Sixth Grade Students come forward

Director of

Children's Ministry I present these young people who today transition from Junior Worship to Student Ministry.

Priest

Let us pray.

The Director of Student Ministry prays

We thank you, Almighty God, for these children who stand before us today. Watch over them, we pray, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless them and guide them; keep them unspotted from the world; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when they are discouraged or sorrowful; raise them

up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide within them. May the things they learn in your church be firmly rooted in their hearts, and may they grow in the knowledge and love of you, that they might serve you with joy all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

The priest prays over the Bibles to be given to the new members of Student Ministry.

Priest Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, you caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that these children, who receive new Bibles today, may hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest your Word, that by patience and diligence they may embrace and ever hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you give them in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Receive this Bible to be your guide and your light.

Fifth Grade Students Making the Transition to Student Ministry

Deepa Glass

Currey Hand

Olivia Roberson

Hayden Tench

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

Setting of the Table

Voluntary



If you'd like to give an offering this morning, you can place your gift in the offering plate, scan the QR code to the right, or visit our website and click on the "Give" tab.



The Great Thanksgiving - Renewed Ancient Text *Please stand*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

Sanctus

Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly Lord! God of pow'r and
might! Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed, bless - ed bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord! Glo - ry and peace in the high - est hea - ven: Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Prayer of Consecration *Please kneel*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Please be seated

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, Je - sus Christ, fount of heav - en's grace, you take a - way the
Lamb of God, Mor - ning Star, light on dark - ness shed, you take a - way the



sins of the world. _____ Lamb of God, Sav - iour, pour - ing out your
sins of the world. _____ Lamb of God, Ma - ry's Son, born for sin - ner's

life, you take a-way the sins of the world. Bread of the ang-els, food of the
good, you take a-way the sins of the world.

pil-grim, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, have mer - cy, grant us peace, Lord.

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.

*I belong to you!
I belong to you!
Ancient of all days,
my eternal grace;
I belong to you!*

I Belong to You

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!

Chorus

Communion Music

It was my cross you bore,
so I could live in the freedom you died for.
And, now, my life is yours,
and I will sing of your goodness forevermore.

*Worthy is your name, Jesus!
You deserve the praise; worthy is your name!*

And, now, my shame is gone!
I stand amazed in your love undeniable!
Your grace goes on and on,
and I will sing of your goodness forevermore.

Chorus

Be exalted, now, in the heavens,
as your glory fills this place!
You alone deserve our praise;
you're the name above all names!

Chorus

Worthy

Communion Music

*Surely, it is God who saves me!
I will trust in him and not be afraid,
for the Lord is my stronghold
and my sure defense,
and he will be my Saviour.*

Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And, on that day, you shall say,
"Give thanks to the Lord
and call upon his name."

Chorus

First Song of Isaiah

Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord,
for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world

Chorus

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.

Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel*

Heavenly Father, 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

Recessional Hymn *Please stand*

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Verse 2

*O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.*

Verse 3

*O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against their foe,
should strive and should prevail;*

Verse 4

*And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.*

Verse 5

*Praise to the holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.*

The Dismissal

Gospeler God is good,

People **All the time!**

Gospeler All the time,

People **God is good!**

Gospeler Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Risen Christ.

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Altar Flowers are given to
the Honor and Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for**

*Margaret Hannon Bagwell, Amanda Lide Bagwell,
and Carolyn McCrummen Watkins*

Serving in the Liturgy

Celebrant	The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell
Gospeler	The Reverend Deacon Dollene W. McLemore
Assisting	The Reverend Alan L. Reid The Reverend Cornelius Jackson
Director of Music	The Reverend Jack N.T. Lindsay
Vergers	Mose Stuart and Maggie Springer
Lectors and Chalice Bearers	Jimmy Seay, David Rees, and Bethany Gamma
Crucifer	Wilson Craven
Server	Will Steinwinder
Gospel Torch Bearers	Kadence Clark and Haven Cornwell
Altar Guild	Linda Cobb, Teri Klose, Judy Derickson, and Haden Payne
Greeters	Julie Mann and David Mann
Prayer Team	Hope Mardre, George Mardre, Dee Mooty, Martha Moore, and the Daughters of the Holy Cross
Ushers	Jeff Crane, Bo Daniel, Brian Blanks, Stuart Shumack, and David Rees



CHRISTCHURCH ANGLICAN

Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am Sunday
Christian Education: 11 am Sundays, 6 pm on Wednesdays, and opportunities throughout the week

The Rev. Cn. Andrew M. Rowell - Rector
The Rev. Dr. Jack N.T. Lindsay - Associate Rector
The Rev. Dcn. Leah M. Slawson - Pastoral Associate for Christian Formation
The Rev. Alan L. Reid - Pastoral Associate for Prayer Ministries
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