



Christ Episcopal Church
Roxbury, Connecticut

Fifth Sunday of Easter
15 May 2022, 9:00 AM

Ringing of the Bells

At ten minutes before the hour, the altar candles are lit noting the traditional beginning of silent prayer and preparation for the liturgy, as aided by an organ prelude. Please silence electronic devices.

Prelude

James
Composed by William Martin Joel

Welcome

The Rev. Stephen Nagy

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn *Thou Art the Way, To Thee Alone* Hymn 457, Tune: *St. James*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The Celebrant says

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.

GLORIA

FROM MASS FOR CHRIST CHURCH ROXBURY IN F MAJOR

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Glo-ry to God in the hi-gh-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God. Hea-ven-ly King. Al - mi - gh-ty God and
Fa-ther. We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we pra - ise you for your glo-ry! Lord Je - s - us Christ; On-ly s - on of the
Fa-ther. Lord God. Lamb of God. You take a - way the sins of the world have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the
right hand of God: Fa-ther re-ceive our prayer. For you - a - lone are the Ho-ly One. You a - lone are he Lord.
You a - lo-ne are the Most High Je - sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry o - f God the Fa - ther. A - men.
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (11:1-18)

Read by Jean Blanchard

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

“I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

Led by Jean Blanchard

In unison

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from Revelation (21:1-6)

Read by Jean Blanchard

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (John 13:31-35)

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Nagy

The Nicene Creed

In unison; please stand as able

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 worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Based on Form VI)

Led by Patrick Roy

Please stand or kneel as able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Gracious God, we pray for those for whom prayers have been requested: Carolyn, Jennifer, Mary, Meg, Stephen, Lisbet, Alice, Bill, Bronwyn, Danielle, Deke, Don, Gatot, James, Jeff, Jim, John, Kevin, Robert, Roger, Ronda, Heather, Dominick and Stella.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our presiding bishop, Ian and Laura our bishops, Stephen our priest, for all bishops and other ministers, especially the laity who serve the Gospel in word and deed.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Please add your own petitions, silently or aloud.

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today and all who are in

places where war is present. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *(adapted from the prayer by Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell)*

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Please add your own thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We pray for the over six million people who have died of Covid 19, including over one million in our country. We pray for the safety and well being of our children and your blessing for the medical personnel who desperately need your strength and comfort. We also ask that you bestow great wisdom and skill to researchers who are battling the virus on our behalf.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant says

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as able. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please remain in your pew and greet each warmly and safely.

Announcements *(Also see last page of service bulletin)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* Hymn 487, Tune: *The Call*

During the offertory hymn, the ushers will collect your gifts and bring them before God's Holy Table. The Celebrant receives the gifts saying

All things come from you O Lord.

People **And of your own have we given you.**

Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3, Tune: *Old Hundredth*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

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 him thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he 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:

Celebrant and People sing together

SANCTUS

FROM MASS FOR CHRIST CHURCH ROXBURY IN F MAJOR
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Ho - ly Ho - ly - Ho - ly - Lord God of pow - er might, Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry ry. Ho - sa - na - in the high est! Bles - sed is He who co - in the
Name of the Lord Ho - sa - na - in the high est! Ho - sa - na - is the high - est!

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 say,

People and Celebrant

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.
Then may be sung*

FRACTION ANTHEM

FROM MASS FOR CHRIST CHURCH ROXBURY IN F MAJOR GREGORY J. CAVA



A - le - lu - ia! Christ, our pas-sov-er is saf-ri-fi-ced for us;
there-for le-t us keep the feast. A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

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The ushers will direct you to come forward up the center aisle to receive Communion. Please maintain a safe distance. We have two communion queues. The Lay Minister will offer communion in the form of a kit containing a gluten-free host and wine. The Celebrant will offer communion in the form of a host. Please choose which form you want to receive, and the minister will place it in your hand. Return to your seat by the side aisles. Consume the communion when you return to your seat.

If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Song

What the World Needs Now is Love
Words and Music by Burt Bacharach and Hal David

Refrain

What the world needs now is love sweet love,
It's the only thing that there's just too little of.
What the world needs now is love sweet love,
No not just for some, but for everyone.

Verse 1

Lord we don't need another mountain,
there are mountains and hillsides enough to climb;
there are oceans and rivers enough to cross
Enough to last 'til the end of time.

Repeat Refrain

Verse 2

Lord we don't need another meadow.
There are cornfields and wheat fields enough to grow.
There are sunbeams and moonbeams enough to shine
Oh listen Lord, if you want to know:

Repeat Refrain

Coda

What the world needs now is love sweet love (5x)

After Communion

The Celebrant says

Let us Pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Enjoy **fellowship and coffee** in the Parish Hall after worship. Covid safety please.

Easter tide Reflections: What does it mean to be a 21st century Christian? Let's see what St. Peter has to say. Join us in the church Wednesdays 18 May - 1 June from 6:30-7:30 PM as we explore the **First Letter of Peter**. *There will be dessert! Bring a friend!* You can also join us by Zoom at <https://bit.ly/ChristChurchRoxburyBibleStudy>.

Next Saturday, we will be electing a new Bishop for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut at the ECCT Special Election Convention. Please check out the materials online at <https://ctbishopsearch.org/> and provide your thoughts to Pastor Stephen, Judith Kelly or Patrick Roy, your Convention Delegates.

Thank you to Anissa Roy, the Tag Sale team and all the donors for a wonderful **Roxbury Town Tag Sale** yesterday!

Tech Team Ministry: Have ideas for how to improve our website, Facebook page and streaming services? Please reach out to Pastor Stephen.

Thank you to our ministers today

Organist & Music Director: Mr. Gregory J. Cava

Lay Minister: Patrick Roy Lector: Jean Blanchard

Ushers: Anissa Roy, Stephen Durr, Stephen Page

Altar Guild: Barbara Spencer, Millie Snowden, Meg Mongin, Cynthia Willett

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