

# CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



## THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

21 MAY 2023

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. Christ Church is truly a beautiful edifice, erected and appointed to the Greater Glory of Almighty God. Herein you find all things in their proper place; everything focused toward the Altar, the center of our worship. The windows in the Nave depict some of the fathers of the early Church, both English and Latin. The Rood shows our Savior, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet restful spot where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share its benefit. Come in, rest, pray apart from the world. Surely God is in His Holy Temple.

Because our worship may be unfamiliar to those not raised in the Episcopal Church, feel free to ask the assistance of those around you in following and participating in the liturgy. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship and service. Please sign the guest register at the church entrance so we may have a record of your visit

**Pastoral Emergencies** such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one should be directed to Fr. Matt at 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner, so please do not hesitate to call.

**Restrooms** are located in the Parish House, and are accessible through the double doors by the pulpit or by exiting through main doors and accessing the Parish House by way of the side office door. **A Baby Changing Station** is located in the accessible bathroom in the Parish Hall. **A restroom for small children** is located in the nursery at the far end of the Parish House.

**The AED** is located to the left of the door to the parish office.



Responses – Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

Service – Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in A minor – Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

Anthem – Lift up your heads, O ye gates – John Amner (1579-1641)

# THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

Solemn Evensong

4pm

ORGAN

## *AT EVENSONG*

*The Congregation rises at the ringing of the bell*

### THE INVITATORY

*Richard Ayleward*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir* And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.

*Officiant* †O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

**HYMN 104** *Hail the day that sees him rise*

*Llanfair*

*It is customary for the Congregation to remain standing for the recitation of the Psalm; those who find standing difficult are welcome to be seated*

### PSALM 46

1 God is our hope and strength, \* a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, \* and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell, \* and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God; \* the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; \* God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; \* but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, \* what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world; \* he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then, and know that I am God: \* I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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.

*The Congregation may be seated*

**THE FIRST LESSON**      *Ephesians 2:1-10*

Here beginneth the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the letter of the Blessed Apostle Peter to the Ephesians.

And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God - not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Here endeth the Lesson.

*The Congregation stands for the Magnificat*

**THE MAGNIFICAT**

*Herbert Murrill*

† My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
    and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded \*  
    the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth \*  
    all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
    and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
    throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
    he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
    and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
    and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \*  
    as he promised to our forefathers,  
    Abraham and his seed for ever.  
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.

*The Congregation may be seated*

## THE SECOND LESSON     *Saint Matthew 10:24-33*

Here beginneth the 24<sup>th</sup> verse of the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master; it is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Be-el’zebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, utter in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim upon the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father’s will. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Here endeth the Lesson.

*The Congregation stands for the Nunc Dimittis*

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

*Murrill*

† Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
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.

*The Congregation and Choir sing together*

## THE APOSTLES CREED

<i>Officiant</i>	I believe in God,
<i>People</i>	<b>the Father almighty,</b>
	<b>maker of heaven and earth;</b>
	<b>And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;</b>
	<b>who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,</b>
	<b>born of the Virgin Mary,</b>
	<b>suffered under Pontius Pilate,</b>
	<b>was crucified, dead, and buried.</b>
	<b>He descended into hell.</b>
	<b>The third day he rose again from the dead.</b>
	<b>He ascended into heaven,</b>
	<b>and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.</b>
	<b>From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.</b>
	<b>I believe in the Holy Ghost,</b>
	<b>the holy Catholic Church,</b>
	<b>the communion of saints,</b>
	<b>the forgiveness of sins,</b>
	<b>† the resurrection of the body,</b>
	<b>and the life everlasting. Amen.</b>

## THE SALUTATION

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.  
*Choir*            *And with thy spirit.*  
*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*The Congregation kneels for the Prayers*

## THE LESSER LITANY

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant*      Our Father,  
*People*            **who art in heaven,**  
                      **hallowed be thy Name,**  
                      **thy kingdom come,**  
                      **thy will be done,**  
                      **in earth as it is in heaven.**  
                      **Give us this day our daily bread.**  
                      **And forgive us our trespasses,**  
                      **as we forgive them that trespass against us.**  
                      **And lead us not into temptation,**  
                      **but deliver us from evil.**  
*Choir: Amen.*

## THE SUFFRAGES

*Officiant*      O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
*Choir*            *And grant us thy salvation.*  
*Officiant*      O Lord, save the State.  
*Choir*            *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*  
*Officiant*      Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
*Choir*            *And make thy chosen people joyful.*  
*Officiant*      O Lord, save thy people.  
*Choir*            *And bless thine inheritance.*  
*Officiant*      Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Choir*            *Because none other fighteth for us but thou, O Lord.*  
*Officiant*      O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Choir*            *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

## THE COLLECTS

**O** God, the King of glory, you have exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us to the same place where our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**M**OST gracious God, we give thee unfeigned thanks and praise for all the manifold blessings of thy merciful Providence bestowed upon this Parish and its People and upon the Community in which we live; and we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these thy mercies, such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**L**IGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*The Congregation may be seated*

**THE ANTHEM** *Lift up your heads, O ye gates*

*John Amner*

*The Congregation kneels for the Prayers and the Grace*

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests (*the people may voice their intercessions at this time*); fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE GRACE

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*Congregation* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* †May the souls of the faithful departed, by the mercies of God, rest in peace.

*Congregation* **Amen.**

*Officiant* Beseeching the intercession of Blessed Mary Ever Virgin and of all the Saints, †the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

*Congregation* **Amen.**

*The Congregation rises for the Hymn*

**HYMN 467** *Abide with me: fast falls the eventide*

*Eventide*

## ORGAN

## TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

### A HYMN FOR SAINT CECILIA

Sing for the morning's joy, Cecilia, sing,  
In words of youth and praises of the Spring,  
Walk the bright colonnades by fountains' spray,  
And sing as sunlight fills the waking day;

Till angels, voyaging in upper air,  
Pause on a wing and gather the clear sound  
Into celestial joy, wound and unwound,  
A silver chain, or golden as your hair.

Sing for your loves of heaven and of earth,  
In words of music, and each word a truth;  
Marriage of heart and longings that aspire,  
A bond of roses, and a ring of fire.

Your summertime grows short and fades away,  
Terror must gather to a martyr's death;  
But never tremble, the last indrawn breath  
Remembers music as an echo may.

Through the cold aftermath of centuries,  
Cecilia's music dances in the skies;  
Lend us a fragment of the immortal air,  
That with your choiring angels we may share,

A word to light us thro' time-fettered night,  
Water of life, or rose of paradise,  
So from the earth another song shall rise  
To meet your own in heaven's long delight.

*Text: Ursula Vaughan Williams*