

# **SEEK SERVE SHARE**

# **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year C Jul 13, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant Deacon Family Minister Music The Rev. Alyssa Stebbing The Rev. Vicki Knipp Lyssa Williford, Director Ann Vail, Director of Music Michael Davis, Piano John Cotten, Guitar St. Christopher's Choir

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Welcome! We are so glad you've joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about getting connected at St. Christopher's, we invite you to fill out a Connect card, or contact our office. Childcare is available for Formation and Worship.

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### **Fellowship**

Please join us immediately following the service for conversation and treats in the Parish Hall.

### **Prayer Requests**

Please complete a prayer card and drop it in the offering plate, or contact our office by phone, email, or on our website.



### The Connection enewsletter

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# Worship Schedule

<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Children's Chapel</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Nursery</b>
Joyce	Lyssa and Colleen	Linda and Cathy	Athena
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Epistoler</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
Ann and Cathy	Chuck	Renee	Estella and Guy
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Vestry of the Day
Gabbi	Joyce	Chuck	Joe and Michael

Sunday | 9a Nursery | 9a Adult Form. | 10a Children's Form. | 10a Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 11a Fellowship Monday | 9a Morning Prayer Wednesday | noon House of Prayer Friday | 7p Online Compline Office | Mon-Thu: 9:30am - 2:30pm | 512.288.0128 | office@stchrisatx.org

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### Service Music Found on a large card in the pew rack.

As the Prelude begins we invite you to you to finish conversations and find a place in the nave to prepare for worship.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

(Please kneel as you are able)

### A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

### Praise to the Lord

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth: borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth? Hymnal 1982, # 390

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

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Michael Davis, piano

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

During the singing of the Gloria the children will follow the cross and return at the Peace

GLORIA (see pew card for music)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you. And also with you. Let us pray

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. **Amen**.

(Please be seated for the lessons)

### THE FIRST LESSON:

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people of Israel, "The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock,

# Enriching Our Worship, p. 51

#### BCP, p. 355

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

"Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSE

Psalm 25:1-9

The psalm appointed for today is from Psalm 25, please read responsively by verse.

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;\* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;\* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD,\* and teach me your paths.

### 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,\* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,"\* for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;\* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright are you, O LORD;\* therefore you teach sinners in your way.

### 8 You guide the humble in doing right\* and teach your way to the lowly.

9 All your paths, O LORD, are love and faithfulness\* to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

### EPISTLE:

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)

# SEQUENCE HYMN

### Jesu, Jesu

Chorus

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. [Chorus] Hymnal 1982, # 602

2 Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are nearby and far away. [Chorus]

### GOSPEL:

### The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, `Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Christ

### **SEQUENCE HYMN**

### Jesu, Jesu

Chorus Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love. All are neighbors to us and you. [Chorus]

(Please be seated for the sermon.)

### SERMON

Hymnal 1982, # 602

4 Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we were slaves; this is the way we should live with you. [Chorus]

The Rev Alyssa Stebbing

### THE NICENE CREED

### The Deacon says,

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, 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.

(Please kneel or stand as you are able)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Deacon

The creator of all that is has called us into relationship; let us now offer our prayers to the one whose love and compassion are the source of all life, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Shower your blessings on your church throughout the world. Help us to be neighbors to all people; strangers and friends, those close by and those far away, of every land and language and culture.

We pray for the whole Anglican Communion.

We pray for own church, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Kai, Jeff, Brian, and Hector our bishops, and for our whole diocese.

We pray for our parish, for Alyssa our priest; Vicki our deacon, our leaders, and ministers.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guide the leaders of our nation and of all nations to extend the hand of friendship, that we might work together for a more peaceful world.

Lord in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

Inspire and embolden us that we might show neighborly love to one another to build a better tomorrow.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Let us glory in your abundant creation and commit ourselves to its care and sustenance.

# Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remind us to make time for those who suffer or who are isolated, that we might magnify your love in our lives.

# Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We hold fast to your promises, especially your care for those whose earthly journey has ended. Grant that we too may come to rest in your care and rise in glory in your new age.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord God, you formed us in love; you command us to live in your love. Hear the prayers we make in the name of the Son you sent to dwell among us, the neighbor who is attentive to all our needs, Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen.

Silence

The Deacon concludes with Intercessions

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

# THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

### ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen** 

### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated for the announcements)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

### Here is My Heart

1 Merciful Savior Gracious Redeemer Slow in Your anger Rich in Your love Full of compassion Longing to heal and bless You will forgive all of my sin If I will confess

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

*The Celebrant and people sing together.* **DOXOLOGY** *(see pew card for music)* 

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

### Martin Nystrom

2 Here is my heart Lord I lay it open Search every corner Cleanse every part Here is my heart Lord Yielded and broken Merciful Lord Come and restore Here is my heart.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Please remain standing.)

The Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

SANCTUS (see pew card for music)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

We break this bread and drink this cup to share in the Body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and one cup.

FRACTION ANTHEM (see pew card for music)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us, grant us peace. Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

### INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please follow the guidance of the ushers to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would prefer you may receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Please ask an usher if you need communion brought to you.

(Please sit or kneel as you prefer after receiving Holy Communion)

### **Communion Praise Song**

### **Bind Us Together**

Bob Gillman

There is only one God, There is only one King There is only one Body, That is why we sing.

### Communion Praise Song Meekness and Majesty

Meekness and majesty, Manhood and deity In perfect harmony, The Man who is God Lord of eternity, Dwells in humanity Kneels in humility, And washes our feet

### Chorus

Oh what a mystery, Meekness and majesty Bow down and worship For this is your God. This is your God

Father's pure radiance. Perfect in innocence Yet loves obedience. To death on a cross Suffering to give us life Conquering through sacrifice And as they crucified, prays "Father forgive" [Chorus] Graham Kendrick

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible Love indestructible, In frailty appears Lord of infinity, Stopping so tenderly Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne [Chorus]

### Communion Praise Song You Have Come Among Us

You have come among us as the Word Divine.

You have shared Your life with us in Bread and in Wine.

(Please kneel or stand as you are able)

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### BLESSING

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing)

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

### Lord Dismiss Us

1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace: O refresh us, O refresh us traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound: may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound: ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

### POSTLUDE

Michael Davis, piano

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Please know that your participation with us has been a blessing

You have filled Your people with Your Love.

You have sent Your Spirit like a gentle Dove.

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3 so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away, fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day. Amen. Prayers of the People are from Hear Our Prayer, Church Pub Inc. Kindle Psalm is from Psalter for the Christian People, Liturgical Press. Kindle The music in today's service was reproduced under OneLicense.net #A-7368, CCLI Copyright #1104703, CCLI Streaming # 21874931 Cover Artwork: The Good Samaritan by Ferdinand Hodler

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# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Your help is needed in keeping our Prayer List current. Please send any updates for the Prayer List to the office at office@stchrisatx.org

**Prayers for healing, comfort, and peace** Sally, Mike, Elizabeth, Bob, George, Finn, Hailey, Judy, Ian, Elena, Mary, Mary Beth, Paula, Bobby, Mary, Caroline, Alison, Ward, Mary, MJ, Erin, Robert, Pam, Joe, Bill, Hank, Cheryl, Fraser, Mark, Ray, Gillian, Michael, Rose Mary, Nick, Linda, Rob's family, flood victims, families, and first responders

Prayers for God's Protection: Kenyon, Daniel, Cale, Joshua, Joyce

Prayers for Expectant Mothers: Ariana, Molly

Prayers for the Departed: Rob, flood victims

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Ice Cream Social | Sun, Jul 20

Join us for as we celebrate Feast of St. Christopher and National Ice Cream Day with an Ice Cream Social. The church will provide

vanilla & chocolate ice cream and we encourage you to bring other flavors and toppings, if desired.

# Altar to Table spiritual direction program | 2nd Thu, 2-3, Sep—Nov

Br Angel Roque will be with us Sun, Jul 20 to do a presentation on the program.

# Good Book Club: Summer with Psalms

Join us in reading Psalms this summer. Scan the QR for more information and the reading list, copies also available in the narthex.

## Cleaning Supplies for Travis County's Family Support Services

We continue to gather toilet paper (4pks) and cleaning supplies like dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, spray cleaner, sponges, etc.



