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May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday
A Sung Service of Holy Communion
10:30 am

Welcome!
We are delighted to have you worship with us.



“We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread”. *1 Corinthians 10:17*

During the Easter season, we will be singing the psalms to Anglican chants. This practice, which emerged in the early history of the Anglican church, continues today in many cathedrals, chapels, and parishes with strong choirs (and used to be a more regular part of CCDP’s own musical practices in decades past). Anglican chants are short, harmonized, repeating formulas. Each line begins with a reciting tone (where we chant with speech-like rhythms) followed by a melodic conclusion. The vertical lines in the text correspond with the measures in the music notation and the asterisks mark the half verse; the dots (or horizontal brackets in some systems) show how syllables are to be grouped. You are encouraged to join in singing these chants.

Please note all hymn numbers are from *Common Praise*, the blue hymnal.

Welcome & Gathering

(please stand as you are able)

Opening Hymn – Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise – CP #247

ASCENSION

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!
To his throne above the skies; alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

4. See! He lifts his hands above, alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love; alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, alleluia!
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

2. There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia!
he hath conquered death and sin; alleluia!
take the King of Glory in. Alleluia!

5. Still for us he intercedes; alleluia!
his prevailing death he pleads, alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, alleluia!
he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

3. Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!
though returning to his throne, alleluia!
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

6. Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!
far above the starry height, alleluia!
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

Text: C. Wesley Music: W. H. Monk

Gathering

(please remain standing)

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider May his grace and peace be with you.

All May he fill our hearts with joy.

Gloria

Communion Service in E

Harold Darke

Choir

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will toward all.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All Our hearts and minds are open.

Listening to God – First Reading

(please be seated)

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

So when they had come together, the apostles asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. *Acts 16-14 NRSV*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalms 47

John Davy (Anglican Chant)



Clap your hands, | all you | peoples; *
shout to | God • with a | cry of | joy.

For the Lord Most | High is • to be | feared;*
he is the great | king • over | all the | earth.

He subdues the | peoples | under us, *
and the | nations | under • our | feet.



He chooses our in | -heritance | for us, *
the pride of | Jacob | whom he | loves.

God has gone | up • with a | shout, *
The | Lord • with the | sound of • the | ram's-horn.

Sing praises to | God, sing | praises; *
Sing | praises • to our | king, sing | praises.

For God is king of | all the | earth; *
Sing | praises • with | all your | skill.

God reigns | over • the | nations; *
God | sits up • -on his | holy | throne.

The nobles of the peoples have | gathered • to | -gether *
with the | people • of the | God of | Abraham.

The rulers of the earth be | -long to | God, *
and | he is | highly • ex- | alted.

Listening to God – Second Reading

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, NRSV

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

1. Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your sceptre claim;
all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain;
everlasting is your reign.

2. Hark, the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord."

Text: *Te Deum*; para. I. Franz Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774

The Holy Gospel

(please remain standing)

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

John 17:1-11, NRSV

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Lo, the apostolic train
joins your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

4. Glory through eternity:
Spirit, Word, and blest Creator,
God of gracious tenderness,
at your feet we sinners gather;
light and mercy, now, we pray,
give your people for this day.

Text: *Te Deum*; para. I. Franz Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774

Homily

(please be seated)

The Nicene Creed

(please stand as you are able)

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All 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. 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.

Prayers of the People

(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)

The Peace

(please stand as you are able)

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Offertory Hymn – All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name – CP #322 (v. 1-4, 6)

MILES LANE

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

2. Hail him, the heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, life divine,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

3. Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod,

and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

5. O that, with heaven's sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Text: E. Perronet Music: W. Shrubsole

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

Presider People Presider People

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider People

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

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples,
and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us;
that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.
Therefore we praise you 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 & Benedictus Missa Pacem

L.R. Babin

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, — heav'n and

10 earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the

19 high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the

27 Lord. — Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the high - est!

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Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

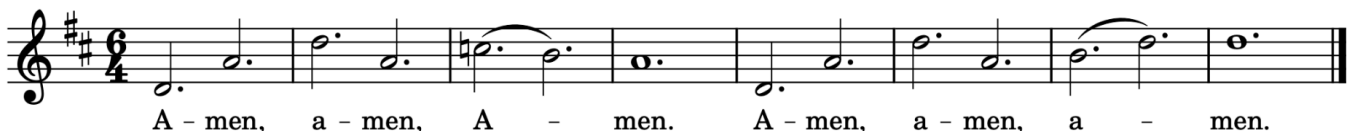
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Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, world without end.



A - men, a - men, A - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.

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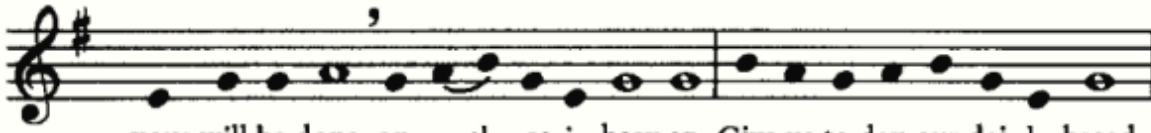
The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

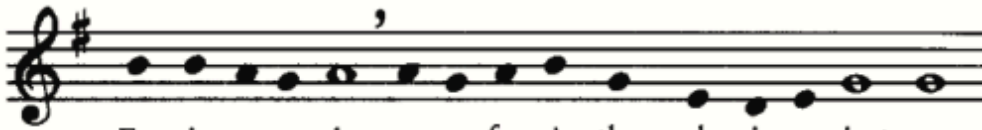
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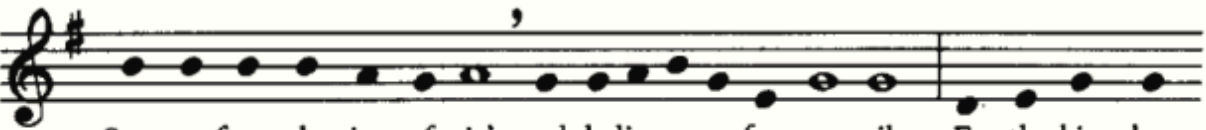
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,



For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.



Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,



the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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Breaking of the Bread

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider Live in us, that we may live in you.

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

please be seated

Agnus Dei – Communion Service in E

Harold Darke

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

A Note about Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion with us. Please refrain from dipping the bread in the Communion Cup. If you wish to abstain from receiving the Cup, you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. If you prefer simply to receive a blessing, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing. The response to receiving bread, wine, or a blessing is "Amen."

(please be seated)

Communion Hymn – Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour – CP #84, (v. 1, 2, 4, 5) ST. OSMUND

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, Jesus, true and living bread!

2. Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, thou art here, we ask not how.

Text: G. H. Bourne Music: H. Willan

3. Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall forevermore remain,
alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.

4. Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

Communion Anthem - O Clap Your Hands

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Choir O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible: He is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises;
For God is King of all the earth; sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding.
God reigneth over the people: God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises. *(Psalm 47)*

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Presider May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life. And may the blessing of God Almighty – Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifying Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, this day and always.

All Amen.

Announcements

(please be seated)

Closing Hymn – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus – CP #374 (vv. 1-4)

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Text: W. C. Dix Music: R. H. Prichard

3. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay:
alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest:
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

Dismissal

Presider Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia!

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

Postlude Carillon

Herbert Murrill

Musical Note

“God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet,” (Psalm 47:5) is one of the most evocative lines from the Ascension Day service. As we sing majestic hymns and anthems, you might almost think you heard trumpets. That is because the “trumpet stop” – a set of organ pipes intended to imitate a trumpet – is featured prominently in this Sunday’s music. In organ building, it is customary for some sets of pipes to imitate, and be named after, other musical instruments. For example, you will find several flute stops, as well as an oboe, and stops that evoke strings on Christ Church Deer Park’s pipe organ. Our organ has a total of 36 different stops that correspond with over 2200 pipes. The organ is entirely mechanical; unlike many modern organs, all the linkages between the keys, stops, and pipes do not rely on electric circuitry, meaning the organist must make all stop changes manually by pulling the large drawknobs beside the keyboards. As every pipe organ is built differently (usually custom to a space), organists must adapt repertoire to the instrument. We are blessed that CCDP’s beautiful organ, built in 1982 by Karl Wilhelm, offers many musical colours to enrich our worship.

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Alison Falby

Preacher: Rev. Cathy Gibbs

Director of Music & Organist: Stefani Bedin

Choral Section Leads: Emily Ding, Julia

Barber, Martin So, James Sandau (guest)

Crucifer: Sunkanmi Kazeem

SubDeacon: Elsa Jones

Reader: Amy Leung

Prayers of the People: Winnie Tang

Warden on Duty: Paul Kingston

Sidesperson / Greeter: Karen Lenk

Verger: Rikk Scapillato

Livestream Technician: Nate Denton

Next Week's Worship Preview:

Pentecost (combined service at 10am) – May 24, 2026

Readings: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:25-35, 37, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23

Presiders: Rev. Cathy Gibbs & Rev. Alison Falby

Preacher: Rev. Cathy Gibbs

A celebration for Rev. Cathy Gibbs including her musical requests, which bring together the 9:15am praise team, 10:30am choir, and the Blundell Brass.

Anthem: E. Aguiar- Salmo 150

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Participating in the Offertory

Thank you for your faithful generosity. Running our church is a significant undertaking that allows us to serve our congregation and the neighbourhood. Our essential weekly operating costs total approximately \$20,000. Your contributions support everything from maintaining our sacred space to funding vital community programs and staff salaries. Your ongoing support is deeply appreciated.

Offerings and Donations

There are a number of ways to make offerings or donations to the church.



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Place your gifts in the collection plate during services or special events.



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