



Christ Church Anglican, Mexico City  
Morning Prayer, Rite II  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021

**Opening Hymn**

Hymnal 1982, No. 182 vs. 1,2

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim  
the here and now, and conquer every place and time.

**Opening Antiphon**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 228:24***The Invitatory and Psalter***Officiant* Lord, open our lips.*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*Officiant and People*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**Antiphon** (*Together*)

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

**Invitatory** (*Together*)**Christ our Passover***Pascha nostrum**1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,  
 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
 death no longer has dominion over him.  
 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
 For since by a man came death, \*  
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
 For as in Adam all die, \*  
 so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm Appointed (Sung - Together)**

### **Psalm 22:24-30**

*Deus, Deus meus*

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
 and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
 he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
 my descendants shall serve him; \*  
 they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
 the saving deeds that he has done.

## The Lessons

### The First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Answer:* Thanks be to God.

## *Responsory Canticle*

### **13 A Song of Praise**

*Benedictus es, Domine, S236*

- 1 Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
- 2 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 3 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
- 4 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 5 Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
- 6 Glory to you Father, Son, and, Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

### **The Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of

judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

### *Responsory Canticle*

#### **21 You are God**

*Te Deum laudamus, S282*

You are God: we praise you;  
 You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
 You are the eternal Father:  
 All creation worships you.  
 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
 Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
     Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
     heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
 The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
 Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
     Father, of majesty unbounded,  
     your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
     and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
 the eternal Son of the Father.  
 When you became man to set us free  
 you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
 You overcame the sting of death  
 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
 We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
     Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
     bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## **Piano Interlude**

Antonio Ortega, Christ Church Organist

*Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who conquered death*

Johann Pachelbel

## **The Gospel: John 15:1-8**

*All standing as able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying,*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord according to John.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Sermon – The Rev. Susan Dennen de Rodríguez**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

**Suffrages A** (Book of Common Prayer, pp.97-98.)

V(erse). Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R(espone). And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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.*

**A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep

your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Dear People of God: This Easter season we celebrate the triumph of life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us therefore pray that we and all of creation may be renewed with life, as we respond to each petition in the words, *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the church throughout the world, especially for: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Enrique, our primate; Carlos, our bishop emeritus; Susan and Germán, clergy in this parish, and our seminarians Adrián and Antonio, that by their ministries the gospel of new life may be proclaimed with boldness and clarity.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our wardens, Jennifer and Carolina, and all our Vestry.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our Search Committee, that they may find a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all members of this community of faith, that by your Spirit we may daily grow in grace, dying to sin and rising to new life throughout our journey of faith.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the leaders of the world, and especially for the leaders of this city and country of Mexico, that they would be guided in all their undertakings by a vision of the new creation, and work to bring justice and peace.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those living under the cloud of war, that the ways of tyranny, hatred, and extremism may be supplanted by your ways of cooperation and justice.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the forgiveness of our sins, that we may be renewed and strengthened to do your will in all that we undertake.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those facing trouble or adversity: the lonely and the aged, the oppressed and the forgotten, the imprisoned and the persecuted, the unemployed, the destitute, the victims of natural disasters, and all who suffer in any way from Covid-19, that the promise of Christ's presence and the hope of resurrection would bring them peace and strength.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are suffering from sickness in body, mind, or spirit, especially: Pat Parsons, Esther, Missy, Mina, Guillermo, Luz María, Monique, Irasema, Elizabeth, Cruz, Gail Irueste, Fernando, Yvette, Louise, Jessica, Ned, Susie, Tammy, Jeanne, Raquel, Jeremy, Lorraine, Tina, Paul, Eloy, Irma, John, María Elena, Michael, Pablo, and Jim Bert, that they may find solace and comfort in the hope of the resurrection.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

We give thanks for all the blessings that enrich our lives, especially for all essential workers, medical staff, and researchers.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our families, and friends, and for all whose lives are linked with ours, especially those who are celebrating birthdays: Monica, that her trust in you may be strengthened and that as she begins another year, she may grow in wisdom and in grace.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, especially: Elaine Arozarena, Loretta, Pattie, Papá Toñito, Julio, Sam, Nancy, Martha, Rafael, Josefina, Heather, and Janet, that by your victory over death they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord hear our prayer.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
 by giving up ourselves to your service,  
 and by walking before you  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our  
 common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that  
 when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the  
 midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;  
 granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life  
 everlasting. *Amen.*

*Then may be said*

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or  
 imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus  
 for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.**

**Birthdays this week:**

Mónica Beckman (5)

**Please e-mail any special petitions** for inclusion in the next Sunday's Prayers of the People by 5 p.m. on Monday to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at:

[office@christchurch.mx](mailto:office@christchurch.mx)

**When you pay your pledge** or make any financial donation online, please inform our parish accountant Edgar Gómez at [accountant@christchurch.mx](mailto:accountant@christchurch.mx) or by telephone at the parish office, 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

Just whodunnit can number among the mysteries in this, our dear and magical, country. Help us, and Edgar, out.

**Cuando pague su promesa** o haga cualquier tipo de donación financiera, favor de informar al contador de nuestra parroquia, Edgar Gómez, al mail [accountant@christchurch.mx](mailto:accountant@christchurch.mx) o a los teléfonos de la oficina de la parroquia, 55 5202-0949 o 55 5520-3763.

Aquellos que ya lo hicieron pueden enumerar los problemas que han tenido en nuestro querido y fabuloso país. Ayúdenos y a Edgar también.

### **Help Update Our Parish Directory**

Our parish directory is a mess, and we need all our members' help in updating it.

Please send your current e-mail address, and home and cell telephone numbers to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at [office@christchurch.mx](mailto:office@christchurch.mx)(.) Or call her at the church office: 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

If you wish, include the name(s) of your spouse or partner or children. Ditto if you want to indicate your nationality.

If you were recently contacted to verify your information, please disregard the above, and keep reading.

Please take the time to call or otherwise pass on this request to any church members who either don't use e-mail or whose contact information you know or suspect might have

changed. And ask them to do the same. You might also check to see if someone saw this.

All information will be protected in conformity with the privacy laws and regulations of Mexico and Mexico City.

### **Por Favor Ayuden a Actualizar el Directorio de Nuestra Parroquia**

Nuestro directorio de la parroquia tiene información muy antigua y por lo mismo no podemos contactar a todos los feligreses de la iglesia. Necesitamos de su ayuda para actualizarlo. Por favor manden su correo electrónico actual, el teléfono de su casa y de su celular a la secretaria parroquial Mary Rosa Casar al correo [office@christchurch.mx](mailto:office@christchurch.mx) o comuníquense con ella a la oficina de la iglesia: 55 5202-0949 ó 55 5520-3763.

Si usted quiere, puede incluir los nombres de su esposa, compañera, o hijos. Si quiere, puede dar su nacionalidad.

En caso de haber sido contactado recientemente para verificar su información, por favor haga caso omiso y continúe leyendo.

Por favor llame y si puede pase esta petición a cualquiera de los feligreses quienes no tienen correo electrónico o a quienes se han cambiado y no han actualizado sus datos. Y también pídale hacer lo mismo para hacer una gran cadena y tener la información que se necesita. Usted también podría preguntarles a los feligreses si han leído esta información.

Toda la información está protegida en conformidad con las leyes de privacidad de México y la Ciudad de México.

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Our customary gatherings remain suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In normal times, we celebrate Eucharist on Sundays in English at 8:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel, in the church proper at 10:30 a.m. (with music), and in Spanish at 12:30 p.m., with all welcome to all services.

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