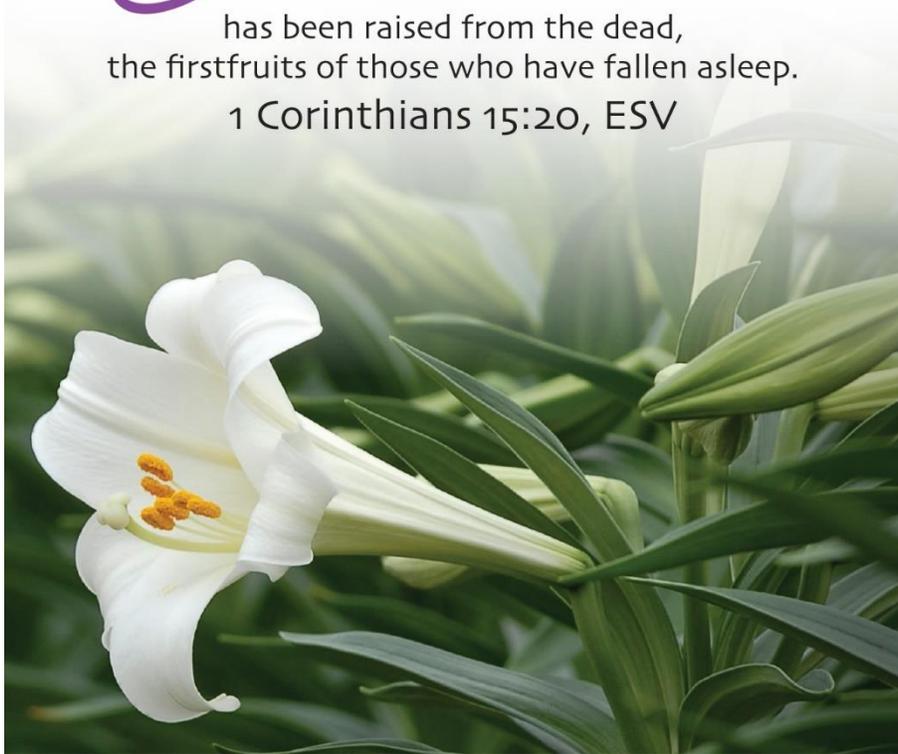


# Christ

has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:20, ESV



*Held in the Hands of God...  
Reaching our Hands out to others*

## ***The Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday***

Sunday, May 9, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Christ Episcopal Church  
12 Prospect Street  
Babylon, New York

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Year B

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10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II

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## *Prelude*

**Opening Hymn** *Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise* Hymnal 191

1. Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts and voices heavenward raise:

sing to God a hymn of gladness,

sing to God a hymn of praise.

He, who on the cross a victim,

for the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,

now is risen from the dead.

2. Now the iron bars are broken,

Christ from death to life is born,

glorious life, and life immortal,

on his resurrection morn.

Christ has triumphed, and we conquer

by his mighty enterprise:

we with him to life eternal

by his resurrection rise.

3. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits

of the holy harvest field,

which will all its full abundance

at his second coming yield:

then the golden ears of harvest

will their heads before him wave,

ripened by his glorious sunshine,

from the furrows of the grave.

4. Christ is risen, we are risen!

Shed upon us heavenly grace,

rain, and dew, and gleams of glory

from the brightness of thy face;

that, with hearts in heaven dwelling,

we on earth may fruitful be,

and by angel hands be gathered,

and be ever, Lord, with thee.

5. Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;

Alleluia! to the Saviour,

who has won the victory;

Alleluia! to the Spirit,

fount of love and sanctity;

Alleluia, alleluia!

to the Triune Majesty.

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Song of Praise Gloria

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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.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

## The Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## First Lesson A Reading from the Book of Acts

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. *Acts 10:44-48*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*People* Thanks be to God

## Psalm 98

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

### ***Epistle A Reading from the First Letter of John***

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. *1 John 5:1-6*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

### ***The Gospel The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John***

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another." *John 15:9-17*

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ

***Sermon***

Mother Nesmith

## ***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:  
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 worshiped 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***

*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Therefore I ask you, who praise the loving-kindness of almighty God, to join in prayer for all of God's people, and for all people everywhere according to their needs. That all may know the benefits of the paschal victory of Christ, we pray, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Grant that your faithful people, being chosen by your grace and sealed in baptism, may always proclaim your greatness by their deeds of love ... Bless and guide those who are working for the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

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

May the power of love overcome the anger and bitterness that divides people and nations ... Send your Holy Spirit to heal all divisions and to make known the love of the Father which is revealed in Jesus Christ.

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

Make us gracious and loving in our relationships, that we may show ourselves to be those whom Jesus calls his friends ... Keep our families faithful to follow his commandment of love.

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

Have mercy on those who cannot love because they have never known love ... Visit with new life the outcast and neglected of our society ... Give us compassion and understanding when the will to love grows cold.

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

Grant to all who suffer the knowledge of where true healing is to be found ... Heal the hurt and broken bodies, give peace to the troubled minds, restore hope to the grieved and anxious spirits ... We pray especially for [*insert list*] Lead all human sorrow through the pain of the dying Christ to the joy of his Resurrection.

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

We celebrate with and give thanks for our Christ Church family, for [*insert special thanks*], for the birthdays of [*insert list*], and wedding anniversaries of [*insert list*]. We give thanks for all these blessings and for all who are blessings in our lives, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

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

We give thanks for those who were called to be followers and friends of Jesus Christ in this world, especially remembering [*insert list of deaths and memorials*]. Receive them into eternal life with that divine love which they partly knew through the gift of human love.

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

*Celebrant:*

*Hear our prayers on behalf of those for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our Paschal rejoicing, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen and eternal Lord. Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you

*People* And also with you.

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**

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

*Ephesians 5:2*

*During this time of pandemic, the people are asked to place their offerings, their alms and oblations in the offering plate, on the greeters' table, either before or after the worship service or as you come up to receive Communion.*

1. O Jesus, crowned with all renown,  
since thou the earth hast trod,  
thou reignest and by thee come down  
henceforth the gifts of God.  
Thine is the health and thine the wealth  
that in our halls abound,  
and thine the beauty and the joy  
with which the years are crowned.

2. Lord, in their change, let frost and heat,  
and winds and dews be given;  
all fostering power, all influence sweet,  
breathe from the bounteous heaven.  
Attemper fair and gentle air  
the sunshine and the rain,  
that kindly earth with timely birth  
may yield her fruits again:

3. That we may feed the poor aright,  
and, gathering round thy throne,  
here, in the holy angel's sight,  
repay thee of thine own:  
That we may praise thee all our days,  
and with the Father's Name,  
and with the Holy Spirit's gifts,  
the Savior's love proclaim.

*The priest prepares the altar for the celebration and offering of the Eucharist Feast*

**Offertory Response**

*Priest* All things come from you, O Lord

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

**The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)**

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

*Celebrant* 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.

*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 we are 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*

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 people continue standing*

*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.

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 the Glorious and Ever-blessed Mary, Saints Francis and Clare and 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.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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*Officiant* And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Officiant*

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**

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Priest* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **Communion**

*A Prayer for those of us who are unable to physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ at this time.*

*(Please join in with Mother Clare as she prays this prayer for all of us)*

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you are already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.*

**Post Communion Hymn** *Now the green blade riseth*

*Hymnal 204*

1 Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

2 In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,  
Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

### ***Post-communion Prayer***

*Priest* Let us pray.

*Priest and People together*

*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 Blessing***

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### ***Announcements***

## **Rogation Procession and Blessing**

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* In the name of Christ. Amen.

*During the movement from place to place, to preserve the solemnity of the procession, it is desirable for the people to refrain from conversation and to join in hymns, psalms, canticles, and anthems, litanies said or sung, bells, instrumental music, or silence.*

*The assembly will all follow the crucifer, acolytes, choir, and clergy out the front door of the church, down the front walk, turn right and go all the way around the church. We will then go all the way down our boundary to the sidewalk, turn right and return to the front walk, finally then to gather on and around the labyrinth.*

**Processional Hymn** *We plow the fields and scatter* Hymnal 291

1. We plow the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.

*Refrain*

All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.

2. He only is the Maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the wind and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread. *Refrain*

3. We thank thee, then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food:  
the gifts we have to offer  
are what thy love imparts,  
but chiefly thou desirest  
our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain*

**Psalm 103**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are like the grass; \*  
we flourish like a flower of the field;

When the wind goes over it, it is gone, \*  
and its place shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever  
on those who fear him, \*  
and his righteousness on children's children;

On those who keep his covenant \*  
and remember his commandments and do them.

The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, \*  
you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his,  
in all places of his dominion; \*  
bless the Lord, O my soul.

### **Psalm 104**

Bless the Lord, O my soul; \*  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

you are clothed with majesty and splendor.  
You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \*  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.  
You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.  
You make the winds your messengers \*  
and flames of fire your servants.  
You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  
so that it never shall move at any time.  
You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \*  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.  
At your rebuke they fled; \*  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.  
They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \*  
to the places you had appointed for them.  
You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  
they shall not again cover the earth.  
You send the springs into the valleys; \*  
they flow between the mountains.  
All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, \*  
and the wild asses quench their thirst.  
Beside them the birds of the air make their nests \*  
and sing among the branches.  
You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; \*  
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.  
You make grass grow for flocks and herds \*  
and plants to serve mankind;  
That they may bring forth food from the earth, \*  
and wine to gladden our hearts,  
Oil to make a cheerful countenance, \*  
and bread to strengthen the heart.  
The trees of the Lord are full of sap, \*  
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,  
In which the birds build their nests, \*  
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.  
The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, \*  
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.  
You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, \*  
and the sun knows the time of its setting.  
You make darkness that it may be night, \*  
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.  
The lions roar after their prey \*  
and seek their food from God.  
The sun rises, and they slip away \*

and lay themselves down in their dens.

Man goes forth to his work \*  
and to his labor until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, \*  
and the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## **Canticle 12**

### ***A Song of Creation (Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65)***

#### *Invocation*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

#### *I The Cosmic Order*

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*

all winds and fire and heat.  
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

### *II The Earth and its Creatures*

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,  
and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*  
O whales and all that move in the waters.  
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
and all you flocks and herds.  
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

### *III The People of God*

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

### *Doxology*

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

### **Canticle of the Sun (Saint Francis)**

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!  
All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.  
To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.  
No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,  
especially through my lord Brother Sun,  
who brings the day; and you give light through him.

And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!  
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;  
in the heavens you have made them, precious and beautiful.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,  
and clouds and storms, and all the weather,  
through which you give your creatures sustenance.

Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water;  
she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire,  
through whom you brighten the night.  
He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong.

Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth,  
who feeds us and rules us,  
and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of you;  
through those who endure sickness and trial.  
Happy those who endure in peace,  
for by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

Be praised, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,  
from whose embrace no living person can escape.  
Woe to those who die in mortal sin!  
Happy those she finds doing your most holy will.  
The second death can do no harm to them.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks,  
and serve him with great humility.

## **Psalm 67**

May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## **Rogation Day Prayers and Blessings**

*Leader:* Jesus says, "Whatsoever you shall ask in my name, will be given to you."

Let us ask God's blessings on this good earth, our hands and the works of our hands for these ministries which will enhance this property and bring protection, beauty, a place to rest, and good food.

*Leader:* The Lord be with you!

*Community:* And also with you!

The response to each petition is: *We pray you Lord, to bless our land.*

Almighty God, we gather together to ask your blessing on this property, our land, and these our projects begun, continued, and ended in you. We gather to reflect upon our own blessings. We dedicate our efforts in this place and in the gardens this summer to the glory of God, to be used for God's purposes here on earth.

As all the earth is a garden, Lord, we ask that you bless this small piece of the earth. As Your Light shines upon us and upon this place, giving us life; likewise help us to give light and life to others.

*We pray you Lord, to bless our land.*

We ask you, Lord, to bless the water that will nourish these grounds and garden. Help the roots of our plants tap into life-giving water. Help us to always be rooted in your love and in the water of the Holy Spirit.

*We pray you Lord, to bless our land.*

We ask you, Lord, to bless the soil that nourishes new life in this ground and in this community. Help us look in awe at the mysteries of your work not yet seen. Help us to appreciate the nourishment of your earth and use it wisely.

*We pray you Lord, to bless our land.*

We ask you, Lord, to bless the seeds and seedlings that will be planted here. Help them sprout and grow. Give all new life within this garden the right conditions to grow and bear fruit in Your Light.

*We pray you Lord, to bless our land.*

We ask you, Lord, for the knowledge, wisdom, and tools to best tend our garden and do your work to give life to ourselves and others.

*We pray you Lord, to bless our land.*

We ask you, Lord, for a bountiful harvest, both in our garden and in our lives. Give us the wisdom to take what we need to feed ourselves and to use our abundance to the benefit of others.

*We pray you Lord, to bless our land.*

Bless this garden, O Lord, and all life within it. Give us nourishment from this garden, as we feed ourselves and the entire human family through our love and your gifts.

*We pray you Lord, to bless our land.*

### **Prayer of Blessing on Garden Implements and Seeds**

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon these (seeds, seedlings, garden implements, etc.) and grant that they may serve to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer of Blessing the Work of Our Hands**

*(Please repeat each sentence after me.)*

Blessed be the works of your hands, O Lord  
Blessed be these hands that have touched life.  
Blessed be these hands that build and repair.  
Blessed be these hands that nurture creativity.  
Blessed be these hands that open in generosity.  
Blessed be these hands that have held pain.  
Blessed be these hands that have embraced with passion.  
Blessed be these hands that will shovel and dig.  
Blessed be these hands that tend gardens.  
Blessed be these hands that will plant new seeds.  
Blessed be these hands that will harvest ripe fields.  
Blessed be these hands that have reached out and that have received.  
Blessed be these hands that hold the promise of your future.  
Blessed be the works of your hands, O Lord.

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Blessing of the Parish**

O God our Father, whose Son was content to share the life of his village at Nazareth: Bless the life of this parish with your continual presence. Grant that in every home your Name may be hallowed and your will be done, that our people may learn to love every neighbor and live godly lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, walking in the Way of Love. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Prayer List for Sunday, May 9, 2021**

### ***Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength for:***

Barbara & Frank, Bill D., Bob M. Bob C., Bob N., Bonnie H., Deb, Eileen & Kirstin, Grace, James, Joanne, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Sandy, Elizabeth, Sr. Joy, Nancy, Shannon, Jeff, Charles, Kristin, Rosemary, Bonnie S., Millie, Janine, Murray, Donna, Virginia, Fran, Michele, John, Peggy, Jake, Renne, Gina, Mike, The Caribbean Island of St. Vincent, The Hannan Family, Suzanne, Jasiah, Alijah, the whole Reid Family, Canon Glenworth Miles, Corwin, Victoria, Chris

We pray for all across the United States and the globe suffering from Covid-19 especially the people of India. We pray for all who are worried about their loved ones and friends who suffer and are hospitalized, and those who are in grief following the death of their loved ones from this disease. We pray for those who still do not understand the seriousness of this disease.

We pray for all living in congregate settings: nursing homes, assisted living and other senior facilities, group homes, prisons, and jails, and in all places where people must live closely together.

We pray for all those in the field of medicine: doctors, nurses, nurses' aides, therapists, and all who work in hospitals and group settings including building engineers and building custodians. We pray for those in medical research, for those working to administer the vaccine, and for all those working in public health, especially Nancy and our local Suffolk County Dept. of Health. And we pray for all who work in public safety, all emergency personnel and first responders.

We pray for all who are struggling economically during this time, for those who are unemployed and under-employed, those who are hungry and food insecure, and those who are homeless or fear eviction or foreclosure. We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and with the homeless ministry, especially for those volunteers who give of their energy and passion to Nourish Babylon.

We give thanks for all who continue to work behind the scenes to keep our church running over these many months we have not been able to gather in the building.

***Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating birthdays:*** Edward Kunz, Caroline Kunz

***Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating their wedding anniversary:***

### ***Let us pray for those who have died:***

We pray for the over 578,000 who have died of Covid-19 in our country, and we pray for all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial violence, especially those who have been killed in the past weeks. We pray for their family members and friends who mourn and we pray for a time when we will not fear gun violence.

### **Prayer for the Human Family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## **All Are Welcome**

Christ Episcopal Church of Babylon represents and celebrates the diversity that is Long Island. We welcome everyone and believe that there should be no outcasts in the Episcopal Church. Our welcome knows no boundaries of marital status, age, race, ethnicity, cultural or religious background, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic condition, and physical or mental ability. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Episcopal Church.

## **This is God's House...**

and we are blessed by the gift of your presence with us. In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please let the priest know by crossing your arms in front of your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free bread is available; please ask at the communion rail.

## **Handicapped Accessibility**

Our building is equipped with a lift located in the Sanctuary Annex, and a handicapped bathroom located on the lower level. For full access of the building and to join us for Coffee Hour downstairs, please ask a Greeter for assistance.

## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

Until further notice: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
During this time of coronavirus, we are livestreaming all services,  
and will be in-person outdoors weather permitting.  
In-person Sunday School is suspended for the present time.

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