



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

***The Seventh Sunday of Easter***

Sunday, May 29, 2022  
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Christ Episcopal Church  
12 Prospect Street  
Babylon, New York

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May 29, 2022

8 a.m. Ante-Communion, Rite I

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Dcn. Gerrienne Griffin

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# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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May 29, 2022

## 10:00 a.m. Ante-Communion, Rite II

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### **Prelude**

#### **Opening Hymn** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

Hymnal 460

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, 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 ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."

2 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

3 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"?

#### **Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* 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.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

### ***The Collect***

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### ***First Lesson A Reading from the Book of Acts***

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Acts 16:16-34*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

## **Psalm 97**

- 1 The Lord is King;  
let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

## **Epistle A Reading from the Revelation to John**

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

*Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21*

*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 prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that

they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with

me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."  
*John 17:20-26*

*Deacon*    The Gospel of the Lord  
*People*    Praise to you, Lord Christ

## **Sermon**

Deacon Gerrienne Griffin

### ***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.

## ***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 to the Church the unity that is your will. Make us one with each other, that we may be made perfect in you, the first and the last. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, GERALYN, Daniel, and Bill, our Bishops, Clare, our Rector, and all ordained and lay ministers of the Gospel. Empower us to bring to others the water of life.

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

May the whole world know your love and see your glory. Give light to those who are in error and follow the ways that lead to darkness. We pray for the people of Ukraine, of Russia, and our own country. Bring all people into the gates of your Kingdom.

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

As we know ourselves loved in Christ, give us the same love for our families and friends and neighbours ... Bless all in our community who are coming closer to you and lead them into the fullness of faith.

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*.

Grant compassion to those who control the lives of prisoners. Have mercy on all who are in captivity of any kind, the captivity of sin, of sorrow, of pain. Give them hope for the future and show them the way to new lives. Heal hurt and broken bodies, give peace to troubled minds, restore hope to grieved and anxious spirits ... We pray especially for [*insert list*]

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

On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember before you all those who have died in service to the people of this nation. For their courage and care, we give you thanks. We pray, too, for [*insert list of the departed*]; receive their souls into the life of heaven. Give them rest and peace, in perfect union with Christ.

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

*Presider*

*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.*

*Presider* Let us now pray the prayer our Savior taught us, saying

*People and Presider*

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 Peace***

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

*People* And also with you.

### ***Offertory Hymn Rejoice, the Lord is King!***

Hymnal 481, tune 625 (*Ye holy angels bright*)

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.

2. The Lord the Savior reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above. *Refrain*

*Refrain*  
*Lift up your heart!*  
*Lift up your voice! Rejoice!*  
*again I say, rejoice.*

3. His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
to Christ the Lord are given. *Refrain*

4. Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home. *Refrain*

### ***Offertory Response***

*Presider* All things come from you, O Lord

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

### ***The Blessing***

May 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 us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight. *Amen.*

## ***Announcements***

### ***Closing Hymn*** *God's Dreams*

*tune Old 124th (Hymnal 149)  
Text by Sr. Diana Doncaster*

1 Sing praise to God for loving hopes and dreams.  
Dreams of a nation where all will live free.  
Though sin impedes them, God's dreams will not die.  
Though oft we fail, the light of hope still shines.  
Come Holy Spirit, come; our wills inspire.

2 Sing praise to God for those whose hearts have led  
to greater freedom than the founders dreamed.  
Sing praise to God for every race and creed  
given the hope to keep the dreams alive.  
Come Holy Spirit, come; hearts inspire.

3 Sing praise to God, still present in the times  
when evil blinds the visions of a land  
where all are welcome; truth and kindness guide.  
May we recover hints of Heav'nly Reign.  
Come Holy Spirit, come; our dreams inspire.

### ***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 29, 2022

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

Bill D., Bob C., Bob N., Bonnie H., Deb, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Sandy M., Elizabeth, Wayne, Sr. Joy, Michele, Earl & Lorraine, Lorrain, Lou-Ann, Penny, Jonathan, Tina, Michelle and family, Maggie, Ralph, Robin, Audrey, Lillian, Virginia, Beth, Robert C., Genesis, Lena, Robert, Rosaria, Barbara, Ruth, Theresa, Joanne, Dottie Z., Linda, Diane T., Raleigh, Letitia, Liz, Larry, Canon Glenworth Miles, Mthr. Sonia Waters, Bp. Rodney Michel, Mo. Vivian Lam, Fr. Eric Snyder

We continue our prayers for all across the United States and the globe suffering from Covid-19, those are hospitalized, and those who are in grief following the death of their loved ones from this disease.

We pray for all who are struggling economically during this time, for those who are unemployed and under-employed, those searching for employment, 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 pray for our junior and senior high schools, its students, former students, administration, and faculty, and for the whole community as we grapple with the allegations that have come to light in our local schools. We pray for all who have been harmed emotionally, psychologically, spiritually, and physically.

***Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating birthdays:*** Shannon Palmieri, Jackie Barnes, Christopher Scharf, June Walsh

***Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating their wedding anniversary:*** Fred & Aileen Reuther

***Let us pray for those who have died:*** On this Memorial Day weekend, we pray for Wilfred Sumerfield and George Sutta in whose memory the flowers and candles are given this morning, and in celebration of their friendship and service to our country, and in thanksgiving for their inclusion in the risen life of Jesus. We pray for the over 990,000 who have died of Covid-19 in our country, those who have died in the war in Ukraine, and we pray for all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial 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. BCP p 815*

### **Prayers for Ukraine**

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and for all whose lives and livelihoods are endangered by war. May they be held in your loving care and protection, and given strength to endure what suffering or hardship may come. Transform the hearts and minds of those inflicting harm, and guide leaders and citizens to choose the way of peace. We ask this through your son Jesus, the true Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

## Announcements

### Sabbatical Plans

The first month of Mother Clare's sabbatical has been during May. Morning and Evening Prayer over Facebook Live is on hiatus, as will our Thursday evening study, until June 6. For any emergency pastoral needs, please contact the Warden, Diane Gaidon, or leave a message on the office phone, and she will arrange for a priest to be in touch with you.

Welcome home today for a service with Deacon Gerrienne Griffin as preacher. On May 15 and May 22, Christ Church was on the road having a sabbatical experience of worship: St. Mary's Ronkonkoma at 10:30am on May 15, and the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City at 11:15am on May 22.

Mother Clare will return next Sunday for our Pentecost service on June 5, a unified service at 10:00am, as we rejoice in the celebration of the Giving of the Holy Spirit, the third of the three greatest feast days of the Church.

**Gently Used Formal Wear Boutique**- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Islip NY (in the Chapel)  
Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

They have a lovely selection of gowns (\$5.00 - \$25.00) for all occasions: Prom Dresses, Bridal Gowns, Communion Dresses, Baptism Gowns, Bridal Veils, Accessories & Shoes

### **Taizé Prayer Service - June 18, 4-5pm**

What is Taizé Prayer? Everyone is welcome, regardless of faith tradition. This low-key prayer service is filled with song, scripture and silent meditation. This ecumenical form of prayer is modeled on the style as practiced in the Taizé Community in France. Those who attend regularly find a profound peace and tranquility in this style of prayer. Plan to come!

**Our Organist Today** Please be sure and say "Thank You!" to Eleanor Gould, who is our organist for this Sunday. We will continue to see her and others on our organ bench as they fill in while we continue our search for a new organist and minister of music.

### Digital Giving Options

Scan this QR code to access our online giving site:



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### Three Ways to give for relief for Ukraine

Episcopal Relief and Development/ERD <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>

World Central Kitchen <https://donate.wck.org/give/396273/#!/donation/checkout>

Doctors without Borders <https://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org/secure/donate>

## **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 events and meetings downstairs, please ask a Greeter for assistance.

## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I      10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
Physical distancing protocols are requested and face covering are no longer mandatory.  
The 10:00 a.m. service is also livestreamed  
In-person Sunday School is suspended for the present time.

## **Church Officers and Vestry**

Diane Gaidon, Warden (2024)		
Michelle Taormina, Treasurer	Annette Lepsis, Clerk	
Jackie Barnes (2025)	Vikki Boning (2024)	Marianne O'Connor (2022)
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	Vera Langstone (2024)	Blosome Whyte (2023)

## **Clergy and Staff**

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island  
The Very Rev. E. Clare Nesmith, Rector and Dean of the Atlantic Deanery

## **Parish Office Hours:**

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
and by appointment

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