



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday
May 24, 2026, 11 a.m.

 *The Cathedral is equipped with a hearing loop for assisted listening via telecoil.*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE VERY REV. NATHANIEL KATZ, *Dean*
Celebrant

*The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
Hymns and service music (S) are in The Hymnal 1982.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Allegro Vivace from Organ Symphony No. 5 Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

CHORAL INTROIT

Tone VII

V: The Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole world, alleluia:

R: And that which contained all things hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN 225

Salve festa dies

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you;
and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all
Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

People **The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: O come, let us
adore him. Alleluia.**

HYMN 506

Finnian

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP page 323

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND THE SUMMARY

GLORIA *Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale)* Harold Darke (1888-1976)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Numbers 11:24-30

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



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 Le / viathan, *
 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 cre/ated; *
 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.
 Bless the LORD, O my / soul. *
 Halle/lujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

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

HYMN 513

Bridegroom

ALLELUIA

Tone II



Al - le - lú - ia.

V. **Alleluia.** Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful people;
R. And kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia.**

In celebration of the miracle of inclusivity and unity at Pentecost, the Gospel is first read in many languages.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**
After the Gospel reading, the Priest says
 The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Bradley Varnell

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To the call, “We pray to you, O God,” the people are invited to respond, “**Come, Holy Spirit.**”

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord, after which the people are seated for brief announcements.

The Holy Communion

Offerings of alms and bread and wine are received.

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor: he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

—Luke 4:18-19, Isaiah 61:3, 11

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Harold Darke

Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale)

*During Eastertide through the Day of Pentecost,
it is Cathedral custom to remain standing.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

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FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI

Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale)

Harold Darke

The sacrament of Holy Communion has been precious to Christians for 2,000 years. It is a way in which many sense the reality of God's forgiveness, our union with God and each other, and the eternal life to which we belong. Please know that you do not have to be an Episcopalian to receive Communion. To receive, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask at the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM

Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya!
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluya!
We will serve thee faithfully.

— Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors take the Sacrament to members of our Cathedral family:

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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THE BLESSING

HYMN 516

Down Ampney

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Toccata from Choral Variations on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Cathedral tours, highlighting the history of our beautiful building, are given by a Cathedral Tour Guide each Sunday following the 11 o'clock service. Join the guide under the Crucifixion Window at the rear of the nave.

Readings this Week from the *Revised Common Lectionary*

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses

said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs— in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember David Howard Miller.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents Priscilla Rodman Wandel and John Philip Wandel by Gail Wandel Hendryx and Deborah Wandel Francis.

The flowers at the World War II Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and honor of Joseph Abel Adams by his daughter Ramona Adams.

Welcome

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Announcements

❖ TODAY

Whitsuntide Concert • Join the choirs of Christ Church Cathedral tonight at 5 p.m. for a magnificent evening of choral and instrumental masterworks. The evening culminates in Joseph Haydn's powerhouse Missa in Angustiis (mass in troubled times), popularly known as the Lord Nelson Mass.

❖ **Education for Ministry – Fertile Ground to Grow Your Faith** • On May 31, four parishioners will celebrate their completion of the Education for Ministry (EfM) program: Michael Cruz, Gay Gullede, Nina Johnston, and Ellen Luby. A graduation ceremony will be celebrated during the 11 a.m. service, followed by a reception in the Mellinger Room. EfM at the Cathedral will resume meeting on Tuesdays from 6:30–9 p.m. starting September 8. This year we will transition to being a Zoom meeting only. For more information on tuition, registration, or about EfM in general contact the mentor: Lucy Wagner, 713-253-4903, lmwagner1219@gmail.com.

❖ **Save the Date for Pride Eucharist and Events** • Pride month is kicking off with so much to celebrate with more info at christchurchcathedral.org/pride.

— JUNE 3: Join our friends at Palmer Episcopal on Wednesday, as author, historian, and New York University professor William Stell visits Palmer to discuss his forthcoming book, *Born Again Queer*, which explores the history of evangelical gay activism in the 1970s and 1980s. The conversation will begin at 7 p.m. in St. Bede's Chapel and will be followed by a reception and book signing.

— JUNE 5: Join us at 6 p.m. in Reynolds Hall for Poster Making and a Reception and then at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral for our Pride Eucharist.

— JUNE 6: Saturday, Houston Pride Parade begins at 7:30 p.m.

❖ **Celebrating with Deacon Kate and the Rev. Brett** • On Thursday, June 11 at 5 p.m., the Rt. Rev. Hector F. Monterroso will ordain the Rev. Brett McCleneghan to the Sacred Order of Priests. The ordination will take place at Saint James' Episcopal Church, located at 3129 Southmore Boulevard, where Brett will serve as Curate. All are enthusiastically invited to attend both the service and reception to follow. Join us in celebrating Kate Mumey on her first Sunday as a transitional deacon. The Rev. Mumey will serve at 9 and 11 a.m., and we will celebrate her at the 10 o'clock hour with treats and gifts. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

❖ **Summer Shade 2026: The Treehouse Cup** • This summer we're kicking things off with the Treehouse Cup, a series of fun outings across Houston as the city gets ready to host the World Cup. From movie night under the stars to adventure parks, Fan Fest, and a water park day, Summer Shade is all about spending time together and making the most of the summer. Grab a friend and come hang with us this summer. Soccer jerseys welcome! Space may be limited for some events, so be sure to register on our announcements page.

❖ **Organ Mini-concerts — Sounds of the World: Pipes, Praise & Fútbol** • During the World Cup, Christ Church Cathedral invites the community to a special Wednesday morning concert series celebrating music, culture, and connection through the pipe organ. Each week (June 17-July 15) from 10:30–11 a.m., Cathedral Organist, Valentina Huang, and guest organists will present engaging and accessible 30-minute mini-concerts designed for both music lovers and first-time listeners alike. Admission is completely free.

❖ **Volunteer During World Cup Days at the Cathedral** • On select days we'll be reaching out to those downtown from all over the world during the World Cup, offering them presence, hospitality, worship opportunities, and a chance to learn more about the Cathedral. To learn more about volunteering, please visit the cloister table.