



the well

Order of Worship

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

June 14, 2026

5:00 p.m.

*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839,
this Christian community has gathered for worship.*

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

five o'clock in the evening

THE REV. BILL RICHTER, *Affiliated Clergy*
Celebrant

BEN MCGEE, *Cantor*

BECKY BAXTER, *Music Coordinator and Harpist for The Well*

AMY WIGGS, *flautist*

FRAN KOINER, *cellist*

*Good evening and welcome to The Well. The order of service has been adapted
to observe the season of Pentecost. We are so glad that you are here.
Come close, draw near, and receive the grace of God.*

OPENING MUSIC

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH TUNES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand for opening prayer and hymn.

PRAYER FOR THE EVENING

Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.
Amen.

HYMN 376

Hymn to Joy

Please be seated. Let us open our hearts to receive what the Spirit is saying to God's people through hearing of holy scriptures.

PSALM 100

Jubilate Deo

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Please remain seated for the reading of the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE REFLECTION

The Celebrant says

God is in the midst of the city – our refuge and strength, our very present help. I invite you now to be present to God in our midst through a period of silence that will end with when the music begins to play.

Place your feet firmly on the ground. Let your thoughts, prayers, and concerns come and go. You may close your eyes or focus on an object or image in front of you.

Remember God’s words to the Psalmist – Be still and know that I am God ... Be still and know that I am ... Be still and know ... Be still ... Be ...

Please remain seated.

HYMN

Sung three times.

Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise
now let earth to hea - ven raise.
Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise:
these we of - fer to God.

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Please stand.

COLLECT

Tender shepherd to the helpless and lost; we praise you for sharing your power with a motley band of stumbling friends: may we who have received without payment give without charge and so bring your kingdom near; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen.**

THE NICENE CREED

Let us join the tradition of the saints who have gone before us, affirming our faith together by saying the ancient words of the 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.**

INTERCESSIONS

The intercessor says

Lord, may we bear the fruits of your Spirit:

Give us love, that boundless, healing energy which transforms the world.

Give us joy,

Because no darkness or evil can overcome you. *silence*

Give us peace,

To quiet our hearts, and to free us from bitterness. *silence*

Give us patience,

To go on following you even when it is hard. *silence*

Give us kindness,

To reach out to our neighbor and to the person who needs to be loved. *silence*

Give us goodness,

To give with a generous heart and without ulterior motive. *silence*

Give us faithfulness,

To stay at your side, come what may. *silence*

Give us gentleness,

To respect the freedom and integrity of others. *silence*

Give us self-control,

To see our weaknesses and overcome them in your strength. *silence*

Lord, may we bear the fruits of your Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

The intercessor continues

You prepare a place for us; we refuse your invitation. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Your table is open to all; we keep it for ourselves. Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Your welcome is wild; we are caged by fear. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Following the Intercessions during the instrumental music, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayer. As we see others light candles, we recognize that we are all carrying prayer concerns known to us alone, and we are reminded to treat one another with kindness and care. Tapers and votives are located to the right of the altar and in front of the transept to the left. Please feel free to go to either of these places to light a candle.

The Celebrant will be available to anoint with oil all those who wish to come forward for healing prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Spirit of God, Lord and Giver of Life, moving between us and around, like wind or water or fire; breathe into us your freshness that we may awake; cleanse our vision that we may see more clearly; kindle our senses that we may feel more sharply; and give us the courage to live as you would have us live, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

The Spirit bears fruit in love, joy, patience, faithfulness, gentleness and self control; to each the Spirit is given for the common good of all.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

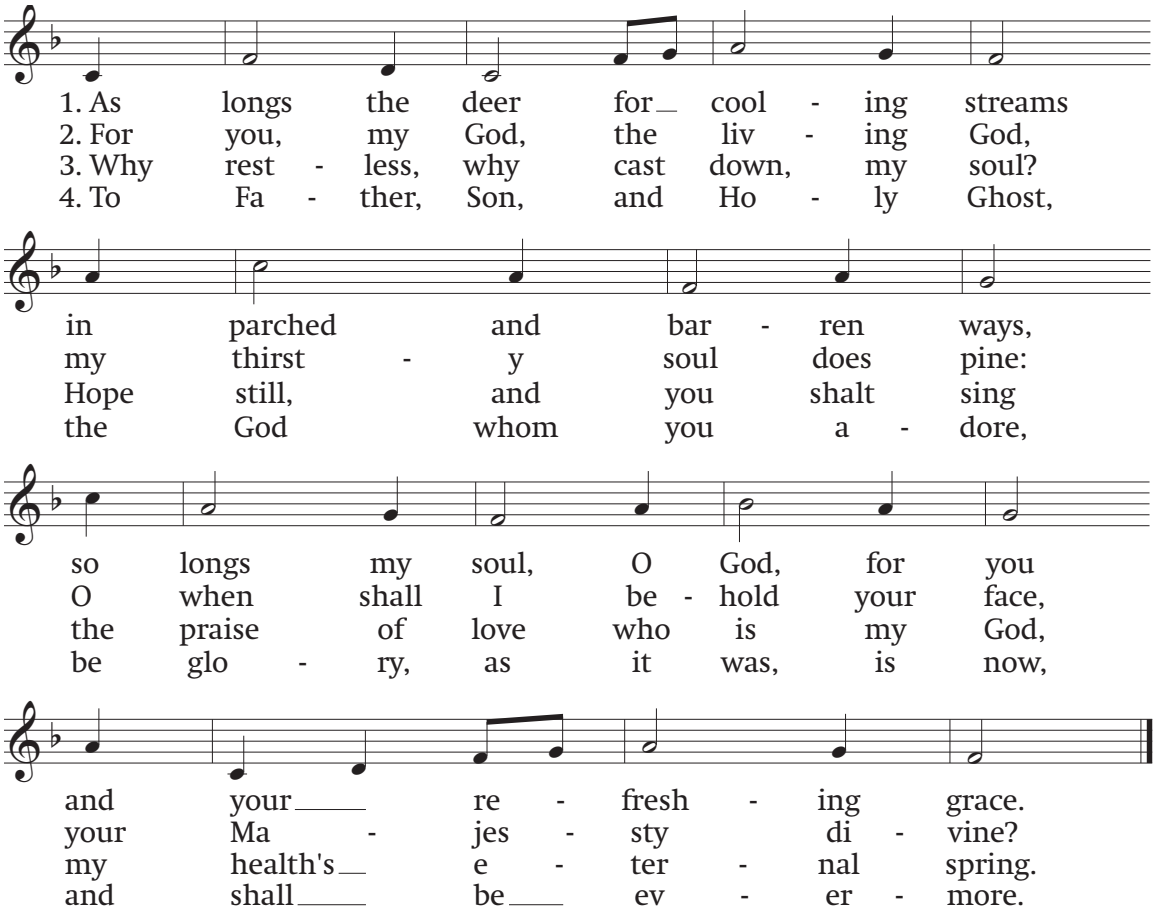
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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OFFERTORY HYMN



1. As longs the deer for cool - ing streams
2. For you, my God, the liv - ing God,
3. Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul?
4. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

in parched and bar - ren ways,
my thirst - y soul does pine:
Hope still, and you shalt sing
the God whom you a - dore,

so longs my soul, O God, for you
O when shall I be - hold your face,
the praise of love who is my God,
be glo - ry, as it was, is now,

and your re - fresh - ing grace.
your Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
my health's e - ter - nal spring.
and shall be ev - er - more.

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The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**

God of wind and flame, we praise your wild beauty flying free in the shining air.

Your Spirit nurtured life in outrageous diversity; she raised up judges to protect the weak, made kings dance in ecstasy, and prophets burn with holy anger. Through the Spirit, the Word became flesh and the world was called to hear his voice; she drove him to the desert his first sure step to victory over death and division.

When he left his followers, she was poured out on all flesh and crossed the line between male and female, slave and free, Jew and gentile. She is with us now, bringing Christ near, filling our worship, guiding us in hope.

Therefore, with all God's rainbow people, and all who have tasted the Spirit of life, with the thirsty and the cold, and all who long to dream again, we worship your glory as heaven touches earth:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread and broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper, he took the cup saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people without number will come from east and west, north and south, to share the kingdom meal.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

People **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

At the direction of the ushers you are invited to form a single line in the central aisle to receive Communion in front of the altar.

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. 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. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

The People stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

God revealed in the stranger's approach and the bread of hospitality, in the message of new life and the laughter of response: we thank you for this meal, this sharing in yourself, and we pray that our communion might be broken apart for the world. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the outrageous welcome of the Father accept us for who we are; may the incarnation of the Word touch and hold us close; may the wandering of the Spirit help us risk ourselves for love; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you this night and always. **Amen.**

HYMN



1. O ___ breathe on me, O ___ breath of God, Fill ___
2. O ___ breathe on me, O ___ breath of God, Un -
3. O ___ breathe on me, O ___ breath of God, My ___
4. O ___ breathe on me, O ___ breath of God, So ___



me with life a - new, _____ That I may
til my heart is _____ pure; _____ Un - til my
will to yours in - cline, _____ Un - til this
shall I nev - er _____ die, _____ But live with



love the things you love, And do what you would do. _____
will is one with yours, To do and to en - dure. _____
self - ish part of me Glows with your fire di - vine. _____
you the per - fect life Of your e - ter - ni - ty. _____

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. Go now in peace to pour out this love to the world.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING MUSIC

TRADITIONAL NORTHUMBRIAN TUNE

Portions of this service for the Intercessions: come from "Book of a Thousand Prayers, pg. 669" for the prayer for the evening; "Prayer at Night's Approaching" by Jim Cotter, pg 112-113; for the The Blessing come from Prayer at Night's Approaching" by Jim Cotter, pg 117; and for the Dismissal, are adapted from Claiborne, Shane; Wilson-Hartgrove, Jonathan; Okoro, Enuma. Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals (p. 386). Zondervan. Kindle Edition.

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Welcome

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Announcements

- ❖ **World Cup Hospitality Ministry: June 14–July 19** • Houston is welcoming visitors from around the globe, and we have a unique opportunity to be a bright, radiant beacon of welcome, love, and hospitality to all who travel through our doors. We're greeting visitors with water, hospitality, information, invitations to pray, and a quiet space for reflection. We have great momentum, but many slots still need to be filled! Sunday slots are one hour; weekday slots are two hours. To sign up, stop by the hospitality on your way out, find the sign-up form in last week's e-news, or get in touch with Elizabeth Cuevas. This is our chance to be a generous, welcoming presence right from the very first whistle.
- ❖ **Cathedral Reads Summer Reading Groups** • Join with fellow parishioners to discuss this summer's read, *Encounters with Unexpected Animals*. Two groups will meet: one on Sundays in person at 10 a.m. and one on Wednesdays via zoom at 6:30 p.m. beginning the week of June 14. Join the Cathedral Reads Kickoff this Monday, June 15 via zoom at 6:30 p.m. with author and UH professor Antonya Nelson who'll help orient us to the short-story genre. Find the Zoom link on the calendar on our website.
- ❖ **Father's Day Reception** • Latino Ministry invites our entire community to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 21. We will gather in Reynolds Hall from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. to honor all fathers on their special day.
- ❖ **Youth Summer Shade: The Treehouse Cup** • Contact Marcia Quintanilla for more info or to sign up.
 - June 14: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. FIFA Fan Fest
 - June 26: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hurricane Harbor Splashtown
- ❖ **Organ Mini-Concerts — Sounds of the World: Pipes, Praise & Fútbol** • During the World Cup, Christ Church Cathedral invites the community to a special concert series celebrating music, culture, and connection. Each week (June 17, 23, 24, 29, and July 1) from 10:30–11 a.m., Cathedral Organist, Valentina Huang, and guest organists will present 30-minute mini-concerts designed for both music lovers and first-time listeners alike. Admission is completely free.
- ❖ **Cathedral Sees: "Pride" at the River Oaks Theatre, Saturday, 2:30 p.m** • The Cathedral will sponsor a showing of *Pride* at the historic River Oaks Theatre on Saturday, June 20 at 2:30 p.m. Welsh miners and London's gay and lesbian activists find common cause in this warm, true story of unlikely solidarity. Please purchase tickets directly from the River Oaks Theatre. Link is available on our website calendar.

For more information on these events or to RSVP, visit christchurchcathedral.org/calendar