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HOLY COMMUNION
with CONFIRMATIONS

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The SIXTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER
5 May 2024

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NEW HERE?

If you are new to liturgical worship, here are some pointers to make you feel more at home...

In General

We stand to praise, sit to listen, kneel to pray.

The Nave, where we worship, is a sacred space. We ask you not to bring food or drink with you.

At Communion

Everyone is welcome to come forward. Baptized Christians are invited to receive. Others may simply cross their arms over their chest and the priest will bless you. We have three "lanes." On the left or right, kneel at the rails (filling in from the center). At the center of the rail, stand to receive from the intinction-only station, in which the server dips the bread for you. To receive, place your right hand on top of your left and hold them out to the priest. This symbolizes the reality that we don't take, but receive a gracious gift. You may consume the bread immediately, or wait to dip it (intinction) in the chalice. When receiving wine, help the chalice-bearer guide the chalice to your lips. After you receive, our Prayer Team is available to pray with you through the double doors to the left of the altar. All requests are held in the strictest confidence.

PRELUDE

“JESUS CHRIST, GOD’S ONLY SON”
JS Bach

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,
People **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**
Celebrant Your old men shall dream dreams,
People **And your young men shall see visions.**
Celebrant You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,
People **That he is the Lord and there is none else.**
Celebrant And it shall come to pass
People **That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.**

OPENING HYMN—490

“I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT”
Houston

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Rowan

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. (*silence*)

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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, 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.**

Aidan

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 11.19-30

PSALM 33.1-8, 18-21 *Exultate, justi*

- ¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous; *
it is fitting for the just to be thankful.
- ² **Praise the LORD with the harp; *
sing praises unto him with the ten-stringed lute.**
- ³ Sing unto him a new song; *
make skillful melody and cry aloud with joy.
- ⁴ **For the word of the LORD is true, *
and all his works are faithful.**
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and true judgment; *
the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
- ⁶ **By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.**
- ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together, as in a heap, *
and lays up the deep, as in a treasure house.
- ⁸ **Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
stand in awe of him, all you that dwell in the world.**
- ¹⁸ To deliver their soul from death, *
and to feed them in the time of famine.
- ¹⁹ **Our soul has patiently waited for the LORD, *
for he is our help and our shield.**
- ²⁰ Our heart shall rejoice in him, *
because we have hoped in his holy Name.
- ²¹ **Let your merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.**
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 4.7-21

GOSPEL HYMN— 178

“ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!”

Alleluia No 1

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 15.9-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

(the Rt Revd) David C Bryan

THE PRESENTATION, EXHORTATION, AND EXAMINATION

The Candidates and Presenters stand facing the Bishop as the Presenters say

Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.

Bishop Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenters **They have.**

The Bishop then says

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, these Candidates desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the Candidates

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates **I do.**

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates **I do.**

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates **I do.**

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidates **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

The Bishop invites the People to stand, and addresses them, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

THE CONFIRMATIONS

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Each Confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, prays

Defend, O Lord, this your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until *he* comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop makes the sign of the cross with the Oil of Chrism on the forehead of the Confirmed

N., I sign you with the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

After all have been confirmed, the Bishop prays

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be upon these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that they may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Bishop The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

OFFERTORY SONG

“HE IS THE LOVE”
David Crowder

**This is the place I've known, here in the arms of one who loves
deeper than anyone. His are the hands I've grown to trust.**

**And this is the place I've known, here in the arms of one who loves
farther than I could run. His are the hands I've grown to trust,
and I believe...**

Chorus **His are the hands that spread the sky,
and his is the love that gives me life,
and his are the broken, the needy ones,
and he is the love.**

**His are the hands that spread to die, and his is the love that sacrificed;
and we are the broken, the needy ones, and he is the love.**

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DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old 100th

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

When the gifts are placed on the Altar

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through the great Shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and of might,
holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**Heaven and earth are full, heaven and earth are full,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Galway

The People kneel, if able, or remain standing

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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

**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 FRACTION

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

Paschal

THE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People **Have mercy upon us.**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

All baptized Christians who trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are welcome at the Lord's Table. Those not prepared to receive Communion are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing from the priest. The intinction-only station, in which only the server dips the bread into the wine, is from the center line. After receiving, the Prayer Team is available for prayer through the doors to the left of the altar. All requests are held in the strictest confidence.

COMMUNION SONGS

"COME, WORSHIP THE LORD"
John Michael Talbot

**Come, worship the Lord, for we are his people,
the flock that he shepherds. Alleluia.**

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"HUMBLE KING"
Benton Brown

**O, kneel me down again here at your feet,
show me how much you love humility.
O, Spirit, be the star that leads me to
the humble heart of love I see in you.**

Chorus **'Cause you are the God of the broken, the friend of the weak,
you wash the feet of the weary, embrace the ones in need.
I want to be like you Jesus, to have this heart in me.
You are the God of the humble; you are the humble King.**

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"THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS"
Peter Scholtes

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that our unity may one day be restored,**

Chorus **and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land,

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride,

All praise to the Father from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his Only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one,

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“PSALM 62”
Keyes and Townend

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation.
A fortress strong against my foes and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,
I'll look to him who hears me.

Chorus O praise him, hallelujah! My delight and my reward,
everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

Find rest my soul in God alone amid the world's temptations;
when evil seeks to take a hold I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven.

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely.
With ev'ry day pour out my soul and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath a sigh too deep to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death and I am his forever.

Bridge O praise him, O praise him! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN—473

“LIFT HIGH THE CROSS”
Crucifer

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“FUGUE ON ‘JESUS CHRIST GOD’S ONLY SON’”
JS Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reach any clergy or staff member via email by visiting the “Who We Are” tab on our home page at www.apostlescolumbia.org.

Dinner on the Grounds and Mass in the Grass *May 26 at 11a*

Join us at Bethel Christian Camp for a traditional **Pork Pickin’ and Best Butt BBQ Contest!** We begin with Eucharist at 11a in the spacious mess hall followed by a feast featuring a whole smoked pig and taster’s paradise of various pork butts perfectly smoked by talented CotASaints (and thoroughly tasted and voted on by all picnickers!), all graced with sides of mac ‘n cheese, coleslaw, baked beans, and desserts. The lake and The Blob will be open for fun in the water and the mess hall will be open for fun on the dance floor. If you’d like to showcase your own specially prepared smoked pork butt, contact Shawn Smither (shawn@cotacola.org, or text 434.238.4550). Bring \$5 per person/\$15 per family for lunch and your chair.

Meal Train for the Millers



David Miller has suffered significant injuries from a recent cycling accident and he and Leaneet could use some help with meals for two while he is home recuperating. Please take note that David is seriously allergic to TREE NUTS. If you are able to help with a home-cooked meal, please be extremely cautious about the ingredients used. Traces of oils, flours, or specks of tree nut cannot be in anything provided. Other options outside of making a meal are cards or meals from some of their favorite places: Lowes Foods, Kroger, KFC, & Firehouse Subs. Coordinate with Leaneet (803-206-1402) for drop-off.

Sing with the Choir this Pentecost! Majesty and Glory *Sunday May 19, at 10a*

The choir will be singing Tom Fettke’s “Majesty and Glory” at Pentecost Sunday’s 10a service! If you’re familiar with the piece, please consider singing with us by joining us at choir practice Sundays at 5p. Contact Alyssa Stewart for rehearsal tracks (amstewart0324@gmail.com).

Recruiting VBS Volunteers *July 8-12 from 9a-12m*

It’s time to start planning for our summer VBS and we are in need of volunteers. This significant ministry of our parish cannot happen without you! If you are able and willing to volunteer (in any capacity!), contact Lily Dunn (lily@apostlescolumbia.org).

Pentecost Baptisms *May 19, 10a*

At our next High Feast Day we will have baptism at our one service at 10a. If you or a family member desire baptism, contact Fr Barr (john@apostlescolumbia.org).

Youth Guy’s and Girl’s Night Friday, *May 10 6-8:30p*

Youth are invited to our last guy’s and girl’s night of the semester at the Burnett’s home (830 Maple St, 29205). We’ll have dinner followed by a time of games and fellowship. RSVP to Micah, and let him know if your student has any food allergies.

May Ladies’ Hiking Day *May 11*

A hike to view the Rocky Shoals Spider Lily (a special flower for our area!) at Landsford Canal State Park. This hike will be mostly flat and a little more than a mile round trip. Park admission is \$6/person. We will meet at the park or contact Rebecca Milford (beccamilford@gmail.com) if you would like a ride. There will also be an opportunity to have lunch in Rock Hill afterwards.

Support Our Youth Mission Trip! *June 8-14*

This summer, a team of Apostles students will be going on a mission to Clarkston, GA to work with refugees (70% of Clarkston’s population is made up of refugees). We’ll be partnering and staying with Send Relief, and need to raise \$3,600 for our team to go. Would you prayerfully consider supporting our youth? They would love to find ways to serve and bless you out of thanks for your generosity. For more information, stop by the youth table in the Parish Hall after the service!

Honoring Our Graduates *Sunday, May 19 10a*

During the announcement time at our Pentecost service, we’ll have a brief time of prayer to recognize our graduating high school seniors as they go out to love and serve the Lord. If you have a student who is a senior, please contact Micah McCoy for more information.

W E L C O M E

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We're glad you're here.

TODAY AT A GLANCE

During the Eucharist (8.30 & 11a)

Nursery for infants and babies under 3yrs.

Children's Church during the sermon for ages 4yrs - 2nd grade.

Prayer during communion, through the doors to the left of the Altar.

Coffee Fellowship, Children & Youth Sunday School (9.45a)

Adult Christian Education (10a) *Visit our Connect Desk or website for class details.*

CotA Talks Parish Hall

CotA Studies Room 103

Life Together Conference Room

CotA 201 Room 105

Choir Rehearsal (5p) *Nave*

Youth Group (6p) *Parish Hall/Youth Wing*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY 8 May

7.30a **Mid-Week Eucharist** *Chapel*

FRIDAY 10 May

6-8.30p **Youth Night** *830 Maple St, 29205*

SATURDAY 11 May

All-Day **Ladies' Hike** *2051 Park Dr, 29704*

7th **SUNDAY**

of **EASTER** 12 May

8.30a **Early Eucharist** *Nave*

9.45a **Children & Youth Sunday School** *Children's Hall/Youth Wing*

10a **Adult Christian Education** *Various*

11a **Principal Eucharist** *Nave*

5p **Choir Rehearsal** *Nave*

6p **Youth Group** *Parish Hall/Youth Wing*

GIVING AT A GLANCE

2024 BUDGET

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	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2024 Budgeted Income</u>
Income	66,699	195,559	891,245
Expense	77,666	196,286	
Income(loss)	(10,967)	(727)	



VESTRY

Larry Helland (sr) • Charissa Ketcherside (sr) • Carl Roberts (sr) • Martha Acuff (md) • Thompson Kinney (md) • Tom O'Brien (md) • Larry Cook (jr) • Ralph Matthews (jr) • Caroline White (jr)