

Christ Church Bronxville

Choral Evensong

May 19, 2024

The Feast of Pentecost

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CHORAL EVENSONG

In this evening's liturgy, the service music is sung by the Choir. All worshipers are invited to join heartily in the Creed and the hymn.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Scherzo

Eugène Gigout

PROCESSION *please stand*

PRECES *sung by the choir*

William Smith

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir *And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir *O Lord make haste to help us.*

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir *As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Officiant Praise ye the Lord

Choir *The Lord's name be praised.*

The congregation may be seated for the Psalm and First Lesson.

PSALM 145 *sung by the choir*

Benedic, anima mea

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

Gloria Patri

THE FIRST READING *please be seated*

Isaiah 11:1–9

Lector A reading from Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.** *The congregation stands for the Magnificat.*

MAGNIFICAT (*THE SONG OF MARY*)

Charles Villiers Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Gloria Patri

The congregation may be seated.

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts

So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in God’s sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.” After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened.

After they were released, they went to their own people and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant:

‘Why did the gentiles rage and the peoples imagine vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers have gathered together against the Lord and against his Messiah.’

“For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands for the Nunc Dimittis, Creed, and Prayers.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*THE SONG OF SIMEON*)

Charles Villiers Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
 according to thy word;
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
 which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
 and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Gloria Patri

THE APOSTLES' CREED *sung - monotone*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SALUTATION

William Smith

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir *And with thy spirit.*
Officiant Let us pray.
Choir *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *sung - monotone*

Officiant Our Father
Choir *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 Choir continues

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. O Lord, save the State.

R. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. *And bless thine inheritance.*

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your 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 lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE NIGHT

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Come down, O love divine

William Harris

SILENCE

REFLECTION

Please stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *said by all*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM *said by the Officiant*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord, Allelulia, Allelulia.
People **Thanks be to God, Allelulia, Allelulia.**

THE BLESSING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** - *2 Corinthians 13:14*

HYMN 504 *please join in singing*

Veni Creator Spiritus

PROCESSION

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasy Toccata

Craig Phillips

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:

Benedicte Caneill, Sarina, Donna, Allie George, Christopher Sloan, Elyia, Caroline McPherson, Katie, Barbara Lewis, Vedyia, Vivian Lam, Tom, Treva, Kathleen Thomas, for peace in the Holy Land and for the Israeli and Palestinian people, Marion Pierce, Brad Bateman, Tony, Anthony Gagliardi, Nicole Totans, Brenda Alkins, Mike Epstein, Arthur Park, Chris Milner, the people of Ukraine, Nadia, Lori, Martin, Luis, Phyu Phyu Lwin, Mario Gagliardi, Clifton Haymon, Bob Bianco, Alan and Rhonda Newman, the victims of the recent tornados in the Midwest, Kathy Thornton, Carol McQuade, the Leopold family, Tom Kenney.

Prayer requests may be directed to Mtr. Kathryn Reinhard (kreinhard@ccbny.org).

Prayer intentions will remain listed for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

Announcements

Name that Chair!

We are continuing to replace the caned seat tops for solid wood on our chairs. Once again the stewardship committee would like to offer you the opportunity to “Name that Chair”! Chairs can be named in honor of, in thanksgiving for, or in memory of, a special person in your life. There are printed forms at the back of the church for you to fill out, and you can donate online using the QR code below. An engraved brass plaque for one chair is \$250, two chairs is \$400 and if you want to buy a whole row, we would be happy to give you a great price! Plaques need to be ordered in bulk and we are hoping to have our next order in by June 1 and ready by Homecoming in September. Questions? Please call Ian Kinman at 914-337-3544 or email christchurch@ccbny.org.



Adult Confirmation/Reception Preparation

Bishop Mary Glasspool will be at Christ Church on Sunday, June 16 to confirm and receive people at our 10am service. Our youth are being prepared together, but there are no age requirement. If you are interested in being confirmed or received, Join the clergy for a 5-week Episcopalian class on Sundays beginning May 5 at 11:30 AM (we will not meet on May 12). If you are interested, please email the rector at kgerhard@ccbny.org. The class is open to anyone even if you aren't interested in being confirmed or received.

Confirmation: The sacramental rite in which the candidates “express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop” (BCP, p. 860).

Reception: Baptized persons who have been members of another Christian fellowship and who wish to be affiliated with the Episcopal Church may make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism in the presence of a bishop.

Brownie/Cookie Bake for Hope

Brownie/Cookie Bake is soon! These are taken to Hope Community Center in New Rochelle that serves many homeless and poor people. Please plan on baking a batch or two for the clients of Hope. Your kids can help with this! Package in recyclable or zip lock bags with 2 brownies or 3 cookies. Drop off at Church next Sunday, May 19 and Monday May 20 by noon. Clients do love thee home baked goodies! Thank you for your outreach efforts.

EYC Sunday

We will celebrate our graduating seniors and our youth program on Sunday, June 2 at 10am. We have reached out to graduating senior families to prepare for our programming on that date. If we have missed you, please reach out to Ian Kinman at christchurch@ccbny.org.

Confirmation Sunday

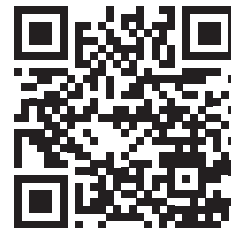
Bishop Mary Glasspool will be at Christ Church on June 16 for Confirmation. Our 8th graders have been preparing together for the last two years. Adults begin preparation this Sunday for Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church. Please plan to attend the service at 10am on June 16th followed by a cookout lunch in the courtyard afterwards.

Service and Formation

Taizé Pilgrimage 2025

Registrations are open for the 2025 pilgrimage to Taizé from February 13 to 23. The Taizé Community is our ultimate destination with 7-days immersed in the regular practices of this special place. Above is the reflection on this experience from some of the pilgrims from 2024. Our cultural experience this year will be in Madrid, the capital city of Spain. We will visit the Prado Museum, the Cathedral, the Royal Palace, Plaza Mayor and the street life of Madrid's central tourist area. Christ Church is actively seeking other church youth groups to experience this amazing week of prayer and connection with us. We find it important to know everyone on the pilgrimage really well, so we aim for a group no larger than 26 total people.

For more information and to register, see the website.



Refugee Ministry Drivers Still Needed!

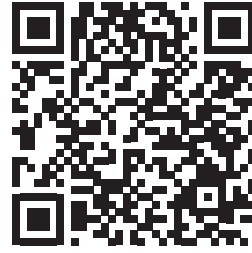
Hopefully, you had the opportunity to get to know this lovely family. Even though the family is now mostly settled in their new apartment, we still have an ongoing need for volunteers to drive family members to various appointments. This is a highly flexible service opportunity. Volunteers offer rides whenever they are available: once or twice when you have a chance. or you can do a regular on-going assignment, such as a weekly medical appointment or grocery trip. You'll have a wonderful time engaging with the family and will help set them up as they become self-sufficient in their new context.

The only requirement you need to fulfill before you start driving them is to complete the Hearts and Homes Security Clearance process. It's easy and takes only two to three days once you get the link. To do that, contact Mtr. Kathryn (kreinhard@ccbny.org), Charlotte Church (cnchurch@att.net), or Jane Johnston (jane.johnston44@gmail.com) to get started. As soon as you have the security clearance confirmed, you will be added to the available driver list managed by Heather Scholes, and you'll start receiving requests for specific times. We'll greatly appreciate you as a key member of our great support team!

We're counting on you! Please offer some rides and keep the donations and quarters coming.

Refugee Ongoing Fundraising

A HUGE thank you to all the generous donors who have already contributed to our refugee fund! However, our work isn't done yet! As we work with HHR to help our family become self-sufficient, CCBNY will need to continue to assist them with expenses, including rent. You can make a donation, in any amount, at any time, to our Refugee Fund: use this link to donate directly, put a check in the offering plate with "Refugee Ministry" in the memo line, text "CCB refugees" to 73256 using your mobile device, or utilize the QR code below.



The Refugee Committee is also collecting quarters, on an ongoing basis, for the Lwin-Kyaw family to use in the building's laundry machine. Look for the donation jar in the Narthex of the Church. Collecting quarters can be a great way for kids to participate in our Refugee Ministry, and to introduce them to the concept of service. Parents: please be sure that only quarters are placed in the jar, so that the Lwin-Kyaws don't need to sort their coin donations. Thank you for the many ways you are supporting CCBNY's Refugee Ministry!

Reminder: Ongoing donations to St. James Fordham Food Pantry!

Lent is over. Our season of fasting and penitence has passed. Unfortunately, Easter is not a feasting season for all New Yorkers, particularly our food-insecure neighbors. Don't forget, CCB continues to collect food donations for the St. James Fordham Food Pantry. We have an ongoing need for canned veggies, canned protein (tuna, chicken, sausages), shelf-stabilized milk, and healthy breakfast cereals like Cheerios & Special K. Donations can be left in the Narthex of the church and will be delivered to the food pantry – housed in St. James' new community center – after the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for continuing to help our neighbors who rely on St. James' food ministry to meet their daily and weekly grocery needs.

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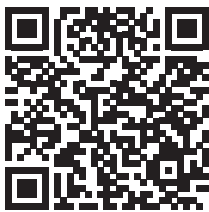
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Who We Are

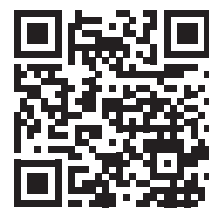
The people of Christ Church Bronxville have built an Episcopal community based on the knowledge that God's love for humanity knows no bounds, and that with God all things are possible. We are committed to spiritual growth, a deeper understanding and expression of our faith, and service to others in the name of Jesus Christ. Christ Church Bronxville's racially, ethnically, and economically diverse congregation from Westchester and NYC embraces the Gospel's vision of hope, love and profound acceptance in the name of Jesus Christ. We believe God has called us together to reflect a better way of being in the world, and we challenge ourselves to fearlessly share Christ's love. We invite you to join our community!

Newcomers

We're so glad you joined us today! We invite you to fill out a Newcomer's Form by scanning the QR code below. Alternatively, you may fill out a physical form located in the narthex (lobby) and hand it to an usher or clergy member.



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