



Christ Church of Arlington

Gathered Worship

May 28, 2023

Pentecost

God Welcomes Us

* Call to Worship

Revelation 5:11-14

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

ALL: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

ALL: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Leader: And the four living creatures said,

ALL: "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

* Prayer of Invocation

* Song of Praise

Let Your Kingdom Come

God Restores Us

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Almighty God, who sent the promised Holy Spirit to fill us with faith: We confess that we resist the power of Your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve You and reluctant to spread the good news of Your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions, and by Your Spirit draw us together. In flame us with a desire to do Your will and be Your faithful people, for the sake of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

** Please stand (if possible)*

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:1, 2, 5

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

ALL: And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic[†] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Song of Adoration

Before the Throne of God Above

Pastoral Prayer

[†] *Catholic in this sense means "universal, across all nations and cultures."*

Congregational Prayer

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God Nourishes Us

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 23:15-22 (p. 101)

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

ALL: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

* Song of Preparation

God the Spirit

Sermon

“When the Spirit Hits”
Acts 2:1-13 (pp. 909-910)
Rev. Jimmy Choi

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Humble Access for Holy Communion

ALL: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O Merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy even as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose eternal nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, that by faith in your dear son, Jesus Christ, our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, so that we evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Presentation of Communion Elements

Minister: Behold! The gifts of God for the people of God! Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Minister: When we eat this meal we are reminded that we are not our own,

ALL: But together belong to Christ, and in Christ belong to one another.

Minister: The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

ALL: And we who are many are one in Him! *(partake of the bread together)*

Minister: The cup that we drink is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

ALL: And we who are many are one in Him! *(partake of the cup together)*

* Doxology

Gloria Patri

* Benediction

Sermon Notes

Announcements

Ministry Appreciation Month

May is Ministry Appreciation Month, a time when we seek to recognize all those who serve faithfully in our various ministries. Thank you to our volunteers, for the many ways your service has blessed our church community!

Missions Q&A

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following today's service, to learn more about Doreen and Bernie's recent overseas missions trip. We will also be taking some time to write encouragement cards for two of our supported long-term missionaries. For more information, reach out to Deacon John.

Women's Bible Studies

Women's Bible Studies will not be meeting this week. Both Monday and Tuesday groups will meet the following week to conclude the study of Jude. Contact Melynda if you're interested in a summer Women's Bible Study on Philippians.

Orthodoxology

The next Orthodoxology gathering will be on Saturday, June 10th at 7PM. at the Langborghs' home in Vienna. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Eric.

Book Discussion Group

Our next book discussion will be on Saturday, 6/24 (time TBD), at Sandy Langley's home in Vienna. We will be reading and discussing *Heidi and the Portrait of Dorian Gray*. For more information or to RSVP, please reach out to Sandy.

Sunday Snack Volunteers

The diaconate is looking for a few people or families who are willing to join a rotation to bring Dunkin' Donuts and coffee to church on Sunday mornings. The process is straightforward and all expenses will be reimbursed. Volunteers can serve anywhere between once per month and once every two months. If you'd like to serve in this way, please contact Jared.

Welcome to CCA!

We hope you find rich fellowship with God and with his people this morning. As you enter worship, we'd like to make you aware of a few things:

For All Visitors:

- After the service, please join us for coffee and doughnuts.

For Those with Kids:

- Children of all ages are welcome to stay with their parents throughout the whole service.
- The nursery is available for infants and toddlers (through age 3).

About Communion:

- We celebrate the Lord's Supper (or Communion) every week at CCA.
- We welcome all baptized Christians – those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel – to receive Communion with us. If this does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate in spirit by considering the things you see and hear in worship, including God's love for sinners as portrayed in this meal. If you have any questions about whether you should participate in the Lord's Supper, please talk with our Pastor or one of our elders.
- For parents: to receive communion, a child must have been baptized and formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong.
- Our communion bread is gluten-free, and we offer both wine and juice. Wine is in the outer ring; juice is in the inner ring.

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