



Christ Church of Arlington

Gathered Worship

May 12, 2024

Ascension Sunday

God Welcomes Us

* Call to Worship

Psalm 47:5-8

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

ALL: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

ALL: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

* Prayer of Invocation

* Song of Praise

Crown Him with Many Crowns

God Restores Us

Prayer of Confession

ALL: God of all providence, in Jesus Christ you give living water for the thirsty, bread of life for the hungry, the shelter of your wings for the fearful. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, thank you for your mercy. Dim in knowledge, we call to you: Christ, be our light. Cold of heart, we cry to you: Christ, be our warmth. Shrink our pride; enlarge our humility. Shrink our envy, enlarge our gratitude. Rise above our sorrows and fears, and let us rise with you.

Silent Confession of Sin

* *Please stand (if possible)*

* Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 49:13-16

Leader: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

ALL: But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me."

Leader: Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?

ALL: Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.

* Song of Adoration

Before the Throne of God Above

Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

ALL: That I am not my own, but belong -- body and soul, in life and in death -- to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Colossians 4:5-6 (p. 985)

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

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

* Song of Preparation/Dedication

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Sermon

"Life with the Living Lord: Testimony"

1 Peter 3:13-17 (pp. 1015-1016)

Rev. Billy Boyce

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

* Benediction

Sermon Notes

1. The Evangelist's _____

2. The Evangelist's _____

3. The Evangelist's _____

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School classes continue today and next Sunday, 11:30-12:30. Classes will be on break beginning May 26th and resume in the fall. For more information on our Kids Ministry, please contact our Kids Ministry Director, Tacye Clarke.

Women's Bible Studies: Acts

Our next Monday Women's Bible Study will be on May 13th at 10AM at Christ Church. Our next Tuesday study will be on May 14th at 7:30PM at Madison Laton's home. Contact Melynda for more details.

Women's Cookie Decorating Class

All women are welcome to learn cookie decorating techniques from professional baker Alison McCord on Friday, May 17th at 7:30PM in the CCA Chapel. The class is \$30/person (assistance available). Please RSVP to Melynda by May 3rd.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men are invited to a fellowship breakfast on Saturday, May 18th, at 7:30AM in the CCA Chapel. For more details or to RSVP, please reach out to Robert White.

Orthodoxology

The next Orthodoxology meeting will be on Saturday, May 18th, at 7PM at the Langborgh home. For more info or to RSVP, please reach out to Eric.

Congregational Meeting

Please join us for a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, May 26th. We will be voting on the installation of Paul Oh as a Ruling Elder on Session at CCA.

Session Meeting

The next meeting of CCA's Session will be on Wednesday, June 5th. Please let Pastor Billy know if you'd like to attend as a guest.

June CCA Potluck

Mark your calendar for our next all-church potluck on Sunday, June 30th.

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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