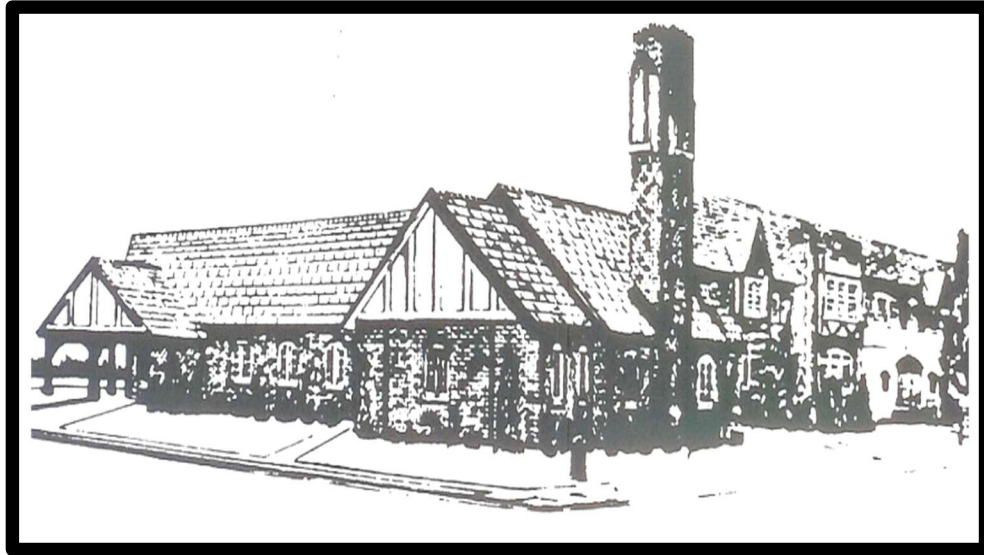


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Seventh Sunday of Easter



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Service: Holy Eucharist
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Eucharistic Minister:
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Sundays at 10:00am

Service: Holy Eucharist
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Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church of Somer's Point. We are glad to welcome you to our church. Everything you will need for worship can be found in the Red Book of Common Prayer and the Blue Hymnal. If you are new to the Episcopal Church and having a hard time following along, ask someone near you for help. They will be glad to show you where we are in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) or the 1982 Blue Hymnal. Again, welcome.

Entrance: Blue Hymnal No. 450 All hail the power of Jesus' name

Book of Common Prayer page 355

Gloria Hymnal S-278

The Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Reading from the book of Acts

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Exsurgat Deus

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of
God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 **God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 **The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 **Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 **He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

**36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!**

A Reading from the Book of Peter

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Blue Hymnal No. 215 See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you Lord Christ**

The Sermon

Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer pg. 358

Prayers of the People Form VI Book of Common Prayer pg. 392

Confession Book of Common Prayer pg. 393

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory: Choir

Eucharistic Prayer A Book of Common Prayer pg 361

Sanctus 1982 Hymnal S-127

Lord's Prayer Book of Common Prayer pg. 364

The Fraction Hymnal S-155

Agnus Dei S 161

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion Hymn Blue Hymnal No. 315 Thou, who art at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Post Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer pg 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn Blue Hymnal No. 494 Crown him with many crowns

Dismissal Book of Common Prayer pg 366



Flowers in the sanctuary are given in Memory of our mothers, Dorothy Felekey and Jeanne Hight by Jeff and Cindy Hight and for the glory of God

Last week's Sunday attendance:

Saturday 5:30 pm: 13 Sunday 10:00 am:67

form our hearts and make them thine.



COMING SOON: Financial Update of Pledges and Capital Campaign

Memorials & Thanksgivings: Altar Flowers for Sunday - \$50-Bulletin memorial- \$50; Altar candles- \$15- Mass cards- \$15- contact parish secretary for available dates

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- **Choir- meets Sundays at 9am in the choir room (parish house)**
- **Altar Guild- weekly preparations for Services**
- **Brotherhood of Saint Andrew-meets third Thurs. of the Month (except August) 6pm in the parish living room (parish house)**
- **Adelaide's Place- is a ministry of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary**
- **Knit Wits- Working on projects from home**
- **BSA Troop 55- Wednesdays at 6pm in the Scout Room or Parish Hall**
- **Cub Scouts, Pack 87- Mondays, 7-8pm, Church undercroft**
- **Both BSA Troop 55 and Cub Scout Pack 87 are Sponsored by our parish**
- **Ecumenical Food Pantry- our parish staffs the pantry Thursdays (except 1st full week of month closed) from 9am to 11:30am at 11 E/ Dawes Ave., Somers Point.**
- **Sunday School Sundays, begins Sept. 8, 9am -9:45am (see registration form in narthex or church website) in the church class rooms, undercroft**
- **Youth Forum, 9am-9:45am (in the undercroft)**

If you have questions or need further information about ministries or participation please contact our Secretary, who will be happy to help you at 609-927-6262 or Christchurchsp1971@gmail.com.

Church Information

Capital Campaign- To help us pay off this loan, we are doing two things:

- 1) We are holding a 3-year capital campaign to raise the money for this loan. If you need pledging information please check with a vestry member or call the church office.
- 2) We will be holding 3-4 fundraisers a year to help us with the cost of the loan. This includes our organ concert and other future fundraisers.

Memorial Garden Bricks- Bricks are a great way of preserving the memory of a loved one. They are also a great way to honor an achievement that a loved one has accomplished. Bricks are \$100 dollars to order and need to be sent in batches of 10 bricks at a time. These bricks were installed early last year. Forms to order bricks are on a table in the narthex. If you would like more information, please see Pat Conte.

Flower Donations- Donating funds for the altar flowers is a way to share your dedication of thanksgiving or to remember a loved one. These dedications are printed in the church bulletin. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. There are still many Sundays available to provide donations.

Prayer List- Please email the office at ChristChurchsp1971@gmail.com with your prayer requests. Each individual will stay on the prayer list for approximately 30 days, unless you specifically request longer.

The prayer list will continue to be important to our community.

The Rev. George Anne McDonnell, Rector

Pat Conte (2027) Jr. Warden
Karen Geller (2027) and Nancy Austin (2027) Co-Wardens
Carol Drumm, Parish Administrative Asst.
Arlene Santhouse, Treasurer
Michele Cianci, Asst. Treasurer
Carlos Torres, Sexton
Doug Murdock, Director of Music

Vestry:
Joe Zeigenfus (2028), Marie Bates (2028), Dennis Huey (2029),
Cecelia Khoury (2029) and Michele Cianci (2029)

Head of Altar Guild: Barbara Keown

Christian Education
Sunday School
Led By: Kirsten McMahan & Laura Napoli
Youth Forum
Led By: The Rev. George Anne McDonnell
Sundays
9:00am to 9:45am

Additional Events and ministry activities will be posted on our Website and Facebook Page
Our Church app: Ministry ONE
<https://egiving.ministryone.com/landing/294y>