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8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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Collect of the Day

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the First Book of Acts.(17: 22 - 31)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66 vs. 7-18

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A Reading from the First Letter of Peter. (3: 13-22)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

**GRADUAL HYMN #5 CC Song Book “Be Still For
the Presence of the Lord”**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John. (14: 15- 21)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE READING

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN 375 “At the Name of Jesus”

SERMON

HYMN 425 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

The Creed

The Intercessions

The Spirit of truth, given to us, enables us to discern the living, risen Christ.

As we gather in the company of the living God, let us pray.

Lord of life, we pray that the Church may be alive with your risen life, refreshed and revived by the breath of your Spirit, purified and refined like gold and silver, so that we truly offer the possibility of saving love to the searching world.

You are the true God:
and we worship you.

Lord of life, we pray that in all meetings and conferences where important decisions are taken, hearts may be turned to honour what is just and true, compassionate and constructive. We pray that in all areas where there is corruption, deceit or distrust, consciences may be sensitised afresh to know what is right and strive towards it.

You are the one true God:
and we worship you.

Lord of life, we pray for the streets and places of work we represent. May they be places where the truth of your being is proclaimed daily by the way we live and

handle the everyday situations, through your leading. May our words and actions speak of your faithful love, your graciousness and your purity.

You are the one true God:
and we worship you.

Lord of life, we pray for all who feel out of their depth, all who are drowning in their pain, sorrow or guilt. Set them free, O God, and save them, support them to a place of safety and fix their feet on the solid rock of your love.

You are the one true God:
and we worship you.

Lord of life, we pray for those who have died and now see you as you really are. We ask for mercy and forgiveness, and commend them to your keeping for ever.

You are the one true God:
and we worship you.

Lord of life, your love for us is so great and our love for you so small. Thank you for accepting what we are able to offer; and ignite us to a blaze of love.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN 527 “How Firm A Foundation”

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen.

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The Lord’s Prayer p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #8 p. 213

The Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Holy Eucharist is a joyful celebration of our life together in Jesus Christ. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion here. The response to receiving the bread and wine is 'Amen'. If you would like to come forward and receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, please cross your arms as you come to the rail.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

553 "Ubi Caritas et Amor"

60 "I Come With Joy"

Prayer after Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more

than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

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CLOSING HYMN 312 “Sing A New Song Unto The Lord”

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, May 24th

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, May 25th

6:30 p.m.- Choir Practice

Sunday, May 28th

8:30 a.m.- Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Questions of Faith

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - **Seniors Appreciation Sunday. Luncheon to follow. Everyone welcome.**

7:00 pm - St. Monica's Meeting

Questions of Faith

The **QUESTIONS Of Faith** discussion group will begin meeting again today. We meet every second Sunday at 10:00 am in the Rector's office. All are welcome to come and ask the difficult questions about faith, life and spirituality!





On Sunday, May 28th at the 11:00 am service we will have our Seniors Appreciation Sunday, to especially thank our seniors for all their support in the past and their continued support today and in the future.

We are all part of the family of God and of this Parish of Christ Church. Together we praise God for all he has given us. Come and participate in this service.

A light lunch will follow the service and everyone is invited to attend.

A Message From the Rector

You may have noticed in the news that Amherst will be holding its first ever Pride Parade on June 3. The parade will start and end in Victoria park. I think that this is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to act missionally in our community, and support our LGBT brothers and sisters. Churches and Christianity are often seen as being totally opposed to LGBT folks, and unwilling to even be friendly with them. This is an opportunity to present ourselves as a wonderful, welcoming community of faith, a community that has good news for all people, no matter their sexual orientation. If you are interested in marching with a group from Christ Church, please talk to me as soon as possible! It would be just great to have a group who marches together from Christ Church to show our support for all members of our community. Will

Education For Ministry – are you interested in expanding your understanding of God, the Bible and the Christian faith? Would you like to dig deeper than a regular bible study goes into God's word, the history of the church, and theology? Education for Ministry is an in-depth program of theological education for ordinary Christians. We are exploring the possibility of setting up a new group of EFM at Christ Church, beginning in the fall. If this sounds intriguing to you, you can find more information at efmcanada.ca and please speak to the Rector.