



Sunday. Every Day.

Christ Church Episcopal

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Lydia of Thyatira

Coworker of the Apostle Paul

May 21

· Wednesday, May 20, 2026 · · Chapel · 5:30 p.m. ·

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Opening Sentences Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Glory Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, who gives good gifts to all people, and who grants the spirit of generosity: Give us, we pray you, hearts always open to hear your word, that, following the example of your servant Lydia, we may show hospitality to those who are in any need or trouble; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 15:8-10

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “What woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

Reflection

You may kneel or sit.

The Prayers of the People Form IV, Page 388, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Candle Lighting

*We continue our prayers through the lighting of votive candles as a symbol of our love and concern for others.
You are welcome to light a single candle as a symbol of your prayers.*

Please stand.

The Peace Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God's table.

All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

Communion Music

You may kneel or sit.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Blessing

Please stand.

Final Hymn

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

LYDIA OF THYATIRA

Lydia of Thyatira (Greek: Λυδία) is a woman mentioned in the New Testament who is regarded as the first documented convert to Christianity in Europe. Several Christian denominations have designated her a saint.

The only reference to her is in Acts 16:13-15 (NRSV):

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Lydia was most likely a Greek Macedonian even though she lived in a Roman settlement. She was evidently a well-to-do agent of a purple-dye firm in Thyatira, a city southeast of Pergamum and approximately 40 miles inland, across the Aegean Sea from Athens. Lydia insisted on giving hospitality to Apostle Paul and his companions in Philippi. They stayed with her until their departure, through Amphipolis and Apollonia, to Thessalonica (Acts 16:40-17:1).

Because these encounters and events take place "in what is now Europe," Lydia is considered "the first 'European' Christian conver



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pentecost Cake Contest

May 24, 10:15 a.m., Westbury Dining Hall
We are celebrating Pentecost with a delicious Cake Contest! Pentecost, often referred to as the Church's birthday, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. It marks the beginning of the Christian Church as we know it today. For your cake creations, consider incorporating design elements symbolic of Pentecost: think doves and vibrant hues of red, orange, and yellow to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit. Bring your best homemade cakes to the dining hall by 10:15 AM on Sunday May 24. Judging will commence right at 10:15 AM. We can't wait to taste your creations!

Bilingual Service on Pentecost Sunday

May 24 | 11:15 a.m. | Contemporary Worship Space

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability". (Acts 2:4) Join us for this spiritual feast of the Spirit with music, preaching, and the breaking of bread in a multicultural and joyful celebration of our faith. The service will be followed by a potluck lunch in the Parish Hall. You are invited to bring a favorite dish to share.



For a complete list of events, ministry activities, and more please visit our website.