CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL

10:00 AM

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



WELCOME

Christ Church is an Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of Massachusetts. We welcome and honor the God-given gifts that make us unique as individuals and strong as community. You and your family are welcome regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or prior religious affiliation.

A Note to Parents and Caregivers with Children in Church

Thank you for bringing your children to church. We are so glad you are here!

We know it can be difficult at times to manage little ones during the service.

For that reason, we have provided some resources which we hope will make it easier for you and your family to enjoy worship together.

You will find books and coloring pages at the back of the Mary Chapel. Please feel free to utilize these at any point during the service.

We have installed a TV in the nursery! You are welcome to visit the nursery with your child during any portion of our service and join us via our livestream.

It is okay to take breaks. If you need to step out with your child, our parish grounds are a great place to get the wiggles out.

Above all, please remember: You and your family are very welcome here!

Though your children may be squirming, talking, or making noise, they are also observing, copying, and learning. Children are a gift and an important part of our community; we are grateful to have them worship with us.

Hearing assistance devices are available in labeled baskets by the sanctuary entrances.

The Word of God

PRELUDE ***Processional Alleluia*** **C. Harry Causey**

ENTRANCE HYMN
Jesus Christ is risen today **1982 Hymnal 207**

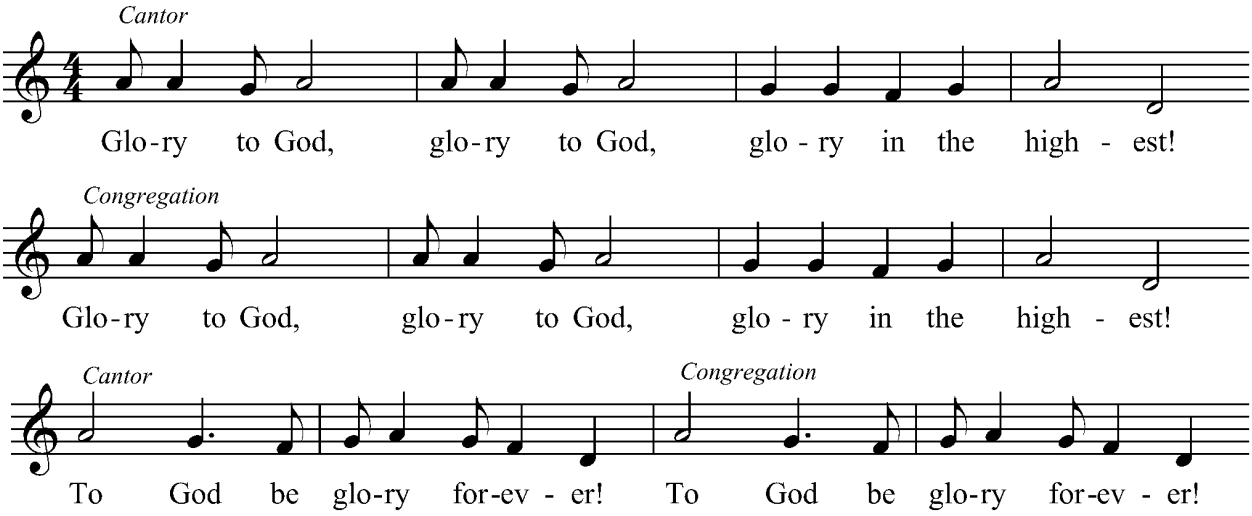
OPENING ACCLAMATION
The people standing, the Celebrant says

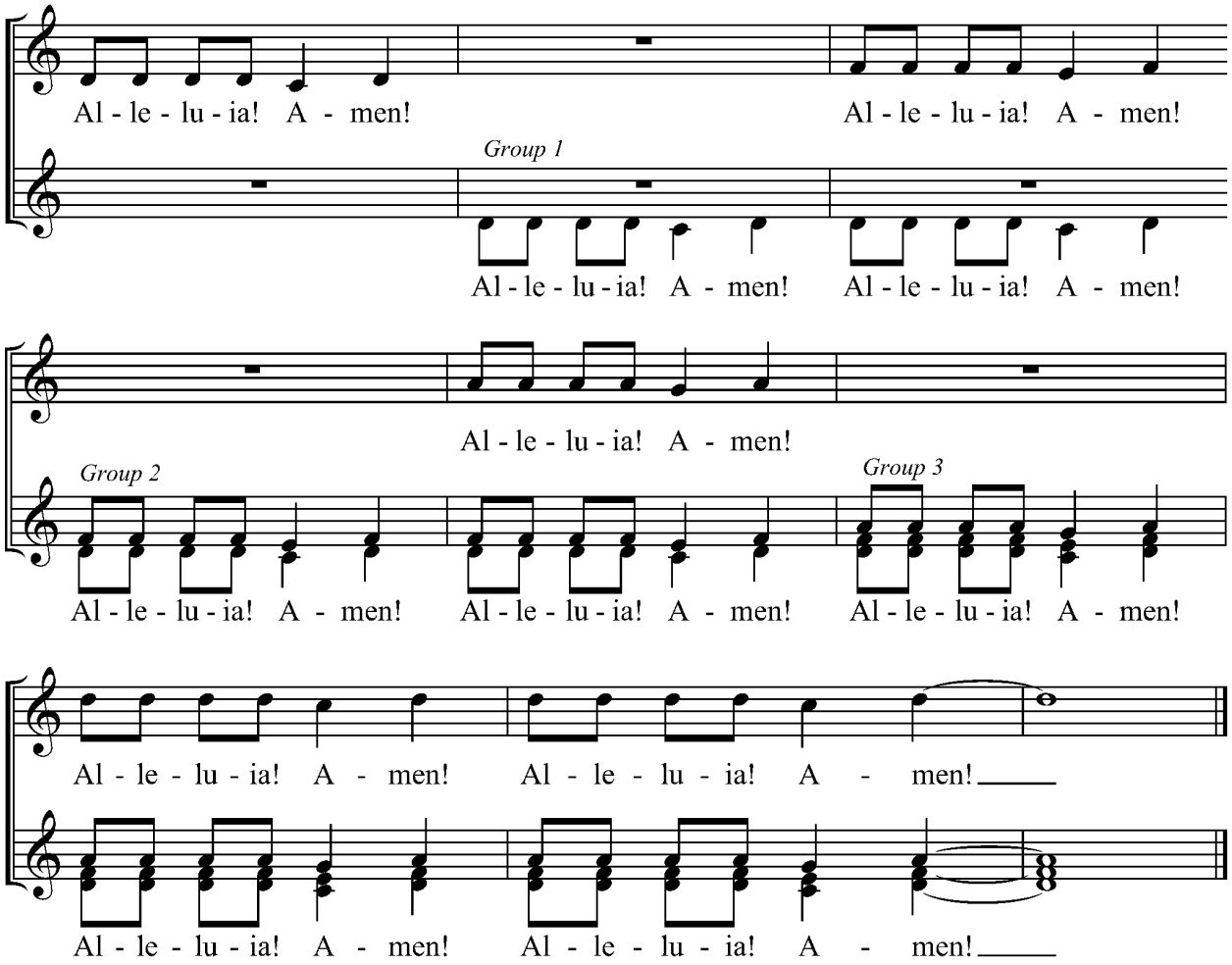
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY
The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE ***Glory to God***
MHSO 11
The following is sung, all standing





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: **Acts 10:34-43**

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

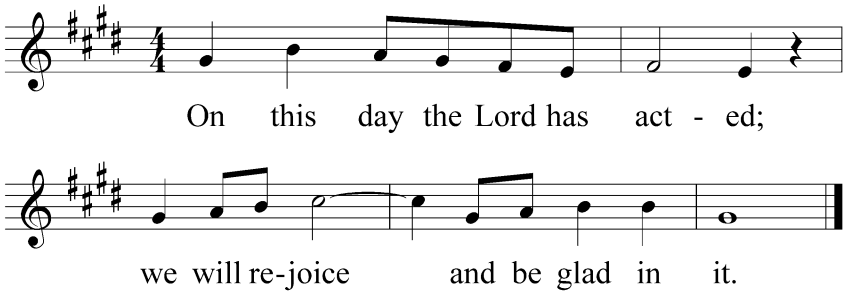
Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Remain seated.



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1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: **Colossians 3:1-4**

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

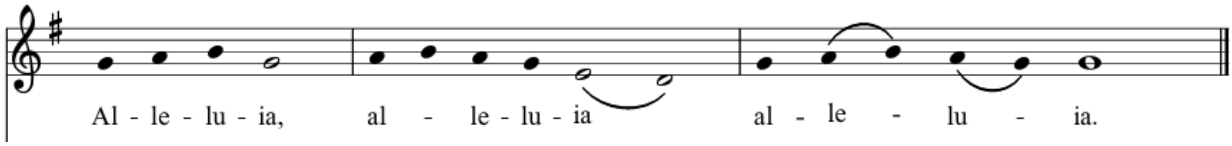
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand.



GOSPEL: **Matthew 28:1-10**

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

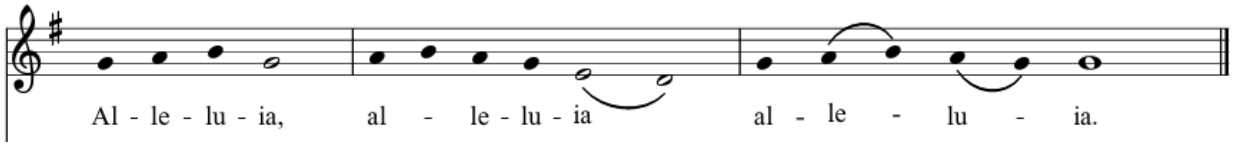
After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped

him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE SERMON **The Rev. Melissa Howell**

Silence may follow.

THE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
All remain standing.

Deacon: Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia! Let us pray, saying, "Risen Christ, hear our prayer."

Leader: Heavenly Savior, we give thanks that through your life, death, and resurrection, you have offered the gift of redemption to us and to all people. Empower us and all members of your Church to sing your eternal praises with our voices and our lives.
Silence
Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Redeemer, inspire the leaders of our towns, state, country, and world to serve their communities with open minds and hearts, and to promote restorative justice, peace, dignity, and flourishing for all people.
Silence
Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Incarnate Love, bring your transformative and healing presence to all who are grieving, suffering, or in danger. We remember those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now, either silently or aloud.
Silence is held for a time as the congregation offers their intercessions.
Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Author of Life, remind us that we are inter-connected with you, with one another and with all living things. Compel us to care for your Creation.
Silence
Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, we give thanks that you have opened heaven's gate and freed us from the power of sin and death. We pray for the dying and for those who have died. May they forever be united with you in Resurrection joy. We remember especially those we name now, either silently or aloud.
Silence is held for a time as the congregation offers their intercessions.

Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect:
Living Christ, you are risen from the dead, and love reigns! You are life stronger than death. Raise our hearts to you as the new day dawns, for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

THE PEACE
All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

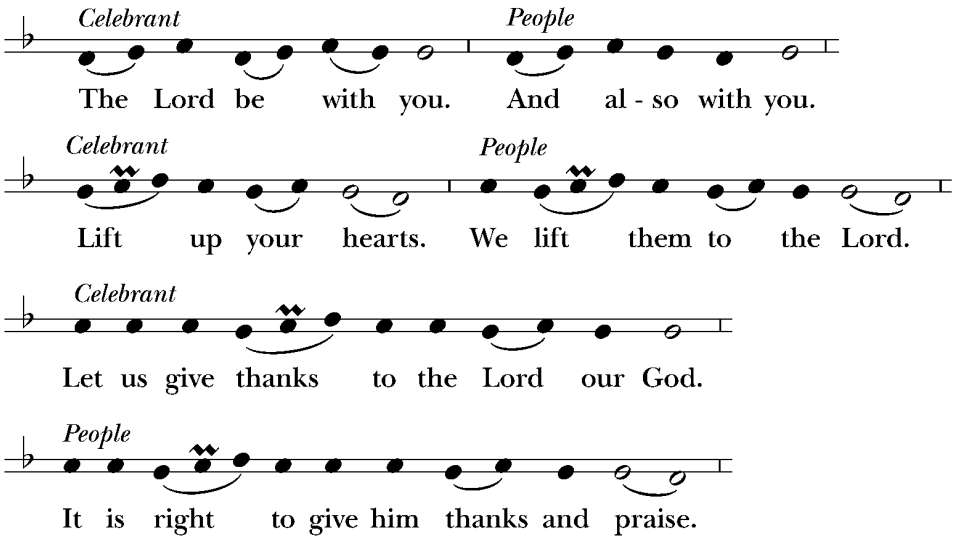
If you wish to make a gift to support the ministries of Christ Church Parish, you may place your offering in the plate, or scan the QR code to the right to donate online. Thank you!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM ***A Day of Celebration*** **Brad Nix**

DOXOLOGY **1982 Hymnal 380, v3**

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.



Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS ***Holy, holy, holy*** **1982 Hymnal S 128**

Celebrant and People

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made

flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

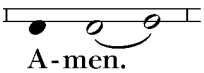
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People



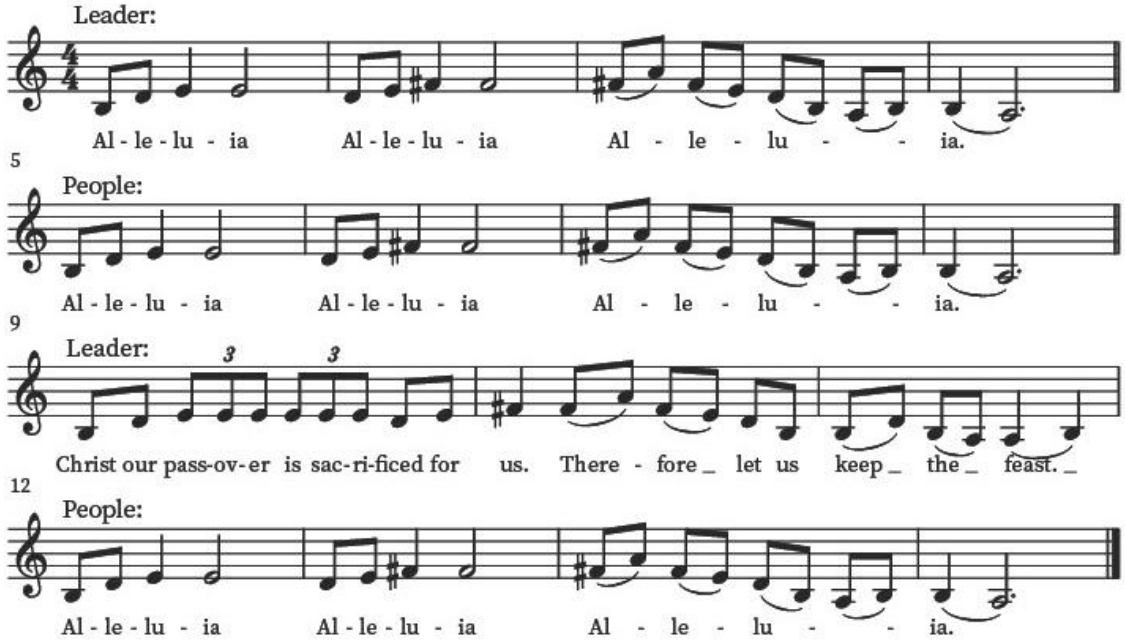
THE LORD'S PRAYER
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM



INVITATION

The Presider invites the people to Communion with these or similar words:

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

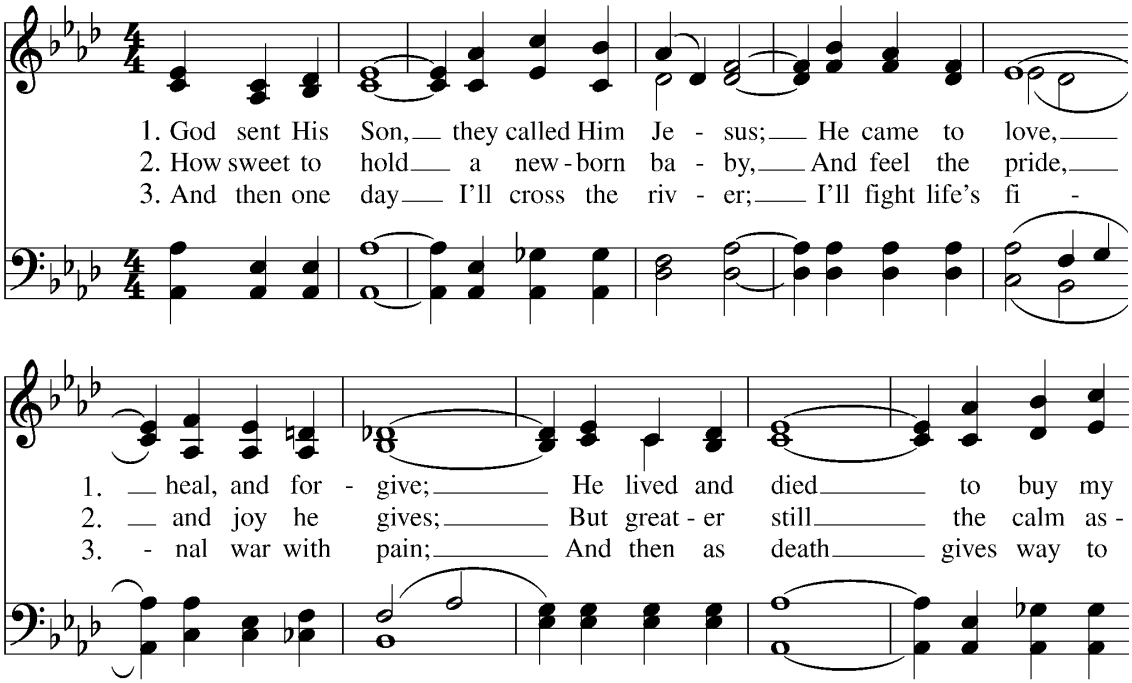
To receive the Sacrament, come forward in two lines down the center aisle, to either the main altar or the chapel altar rail. Please fill in all the spaces along the rail. Standing or kneeling, hold out your hands. The minister will place the bread in your palm. You may then receive the wine by drinking from the larger cup or intincting (dipping) the bread in the smaller cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms across your chest as the cup bearers come to you. If you would prefer a blessing, come forward to the rail, cross your arms across your chest, and the minister will bless you.

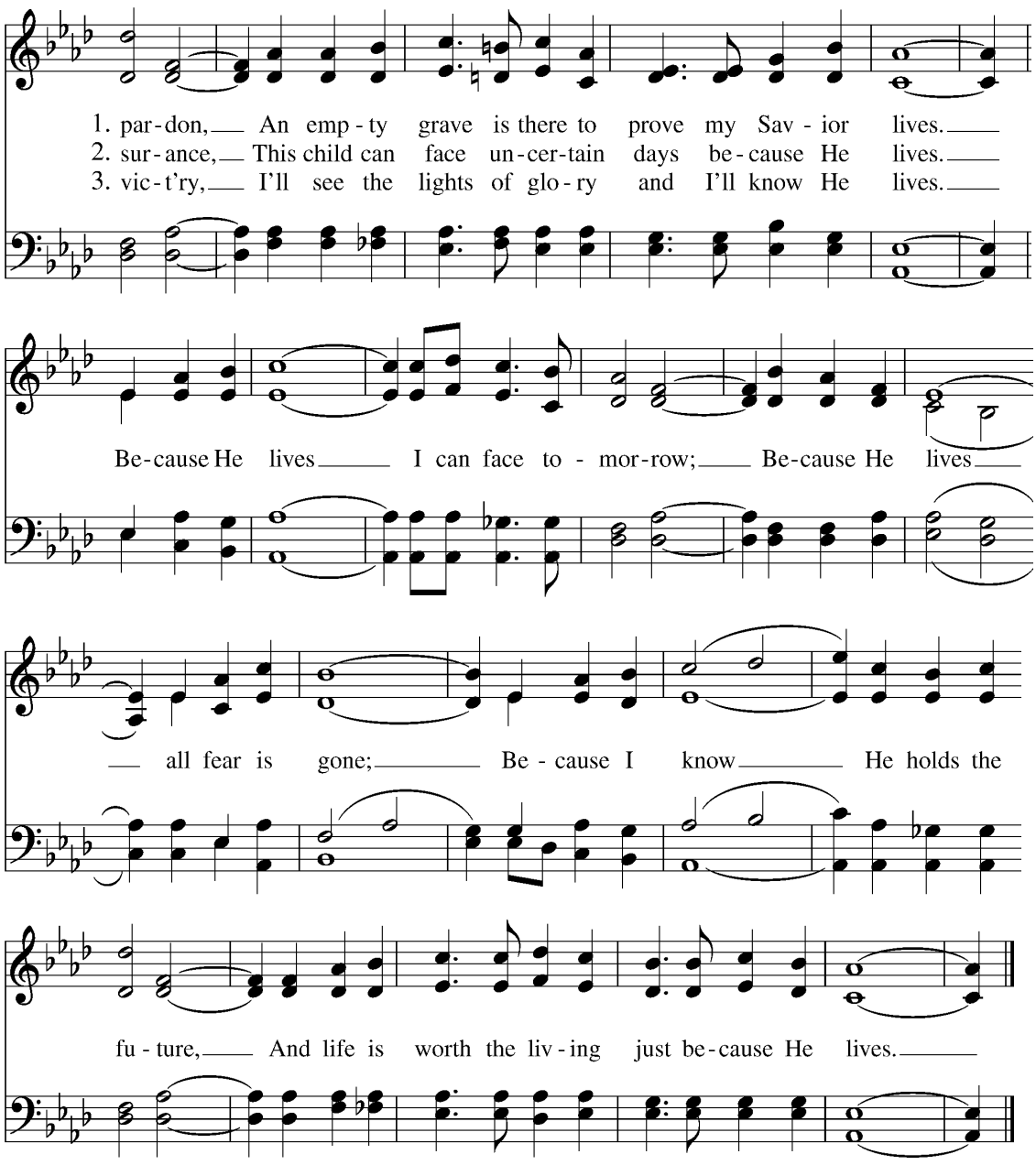
At the main altar, once you have received, stand and exit through the side door closest to you (either left past the organ or right through the choir room) to walk around and back into the sanctuary, using the side aisles to return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord **Celebrate 37**

COMMUNION HYMN ***Because He Lives*** **LEVAS 43**





COMMUNION HYMN

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing **1982 Hymnal 182**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent out to bring the Sacrament to those who cannot be with us in-person, the following is said as the Visitors are handed the bread and wine:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.
People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread and one cup.**

BLESSING
The Priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and adopted us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, bless you richly. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen**.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and everlasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people.
The people respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

The ministers, and then the congregation, depart. Children are invited to head outside for an Easter egg hunt on our parish grounds. All are welcome outside to participate in the flowering of the cross, and/or to coffee hour upstairs in our parish hall.

Donations for Easter Flowers and Guest Musicians

Given in Loving Memory of:

Albert, Andrew, & Bonnie Bell also Patricia Chase by Mary Bell
Baby BeeGee Bazan Greene & our loved ones by David, Dorothy, Alteira & Keara Greene
Bradley & Fall families by Brad & Judy Bradley
Charles M. Boulanger & Karen L. Jacobs by Nancy G. Boulanger
The Christian, Hill, Billingham & Beal families & Priscilla Palombo by Don & Debbie Hill
Debra A. Johnson by Paul Johnson & family
Denis H. Hassan Sr and Jr by Marilyn Hassan
The Gault, Tracy, Wall & Stephan families by Charlie & Laurie Wall
The Giaccaglia & Becker families by Jackie & Denise Giaccaglia
Jim & Johnny Ridpath & Carlos Guerra by Karen Guerra
Jim Stanne by the Stanne & Chin families
June Smith by Dennis Smith & Michael, Tanya, Jack, Finola & Harry Morini
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Lenny Williams by Holly Williams & Jennifer Keyes
Rena and Charles Melahoures by Connie Melahoures
Reva Dickson, Bessie Zoraboucas, Jane Carey & Jeanne Mann by Norm & Wanda Harbinson

As a Thank Offering by:

Adrian Massie for Lea Tyler & Peter Litchfield
David & Gail Elliott for all who serve Christ in His church
Karen Guerra for all my grandchildren
Mary Bell for Lea, Peter & the choir
The McTighe-Tassinari family for our wonderful family
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Thank You

Thank you to our staff and all who have worked behind the scenes and up front to make our Holy Week and Easter worship to God's glory and praise, among them: acolytes, altar guild, choir, musicians and soloists, drafters and printers of bulletins, Eucharistic ministers and lectors, ushers and greeters, caretakers and cleaners of our sanctuary and grounds, brass polishers, liturgical arts ministers, our worship committee, our church school and youth group, and last but not least all the parishioners who make these holy days so special at Christ Church Parish.

Announcements

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week. Any names added this week are in bold.

Anita Chase; Arnie Kaupp; Barbara Hulme; Carol MacPhee; David Flynn; David Mann; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Dorothy Smith; Elizabeth Liuzzi; Ellen Nordquist; Evelyn Ferioli; Francis Ferioli; Forrest Berardi; Greta Couter; James Elksnin; Jim Kelly; John Powderly; John Steele; Karen Guerra; Katharine LiBretto; Kathy Rust; Kenny Blackwell; Kesha Nielsen; Kim Stevenson; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; **Linda Quigley;** Mark Poster; Nancy Dixon; Peter Trenouth; Polly Chadwick; Raymond Reid; Sandy Underhill; Skip Nielsen; Stephanie "Petie" Blanchard; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Sylvia Wade; Theodora DeGaust; Mark Ouellette; Valerie B. Pflock

We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families:
Aidan McKinney, Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Harry Morini, Joel Carveiro, Josh Zabin, Peter Leone

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for:
Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery, including
Church of the Good Shepherd, Wareham
St. James the Fisherman Church, Wellfleet
Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole (Falmouth)

From the Office

In order to have your announcements included in the weekly bulletin and *Keeping Connected,* please send them to the office by 12 Noon on Wednesday. They should include date, time, place, description of event and contact information and should be written exactly the way you want them to appear.

Easter Pansies for Children - Following the 10:00 Easter Sunday service pansies will be given to the children from the "Pansy Garden" under the Altar. Children's parents grandparents or guardians can just come to the altar rail and someone will be there to distribute them.

Celebrate Veterans Free Breakfast - Saturday, April 18, 2026 @ 9:30am
White Pine Village Clubhouse 6 Della Way East Bridgewater, MA 02333 Sponsored by: VFW Post 6258 Halifax. Enjoy a free hot breakfast with other Veterans. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, French toast w/syrup, fresh fruit salad, assorted juices, coffee, & tea.
Limited to 50 attendees. Please call or text 774-222-3070 Bill Finn, Quartermaster VFW Post 6258 before April 10, 2026.

Sharing Our Grief Journey - Meets the 3rd Friday of every month from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**.** Join us Friday, April 17. Meeting in the Hospitality Suite.

Christ Church is offering a series of get togethers designed for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, whether the death is recent or in the past. Participants will have the opportunity to share where they are on their grief journey, receive mutual support, share ways to cope, and may, through prayer and meditation, find new strength and hope to continue on their healing journey. Please join us.

Good Food. Great Fellowship. Second Saturday Supper! - Kick off our first-ever Second Saturday Supper April 11th @ 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall! Whether you're a familiar face or a first-time guest, pull up a chair for great food and even better company. All food provided.

RSVP: Online via link in KC or call Melissa Peachy (508-565-9495).

Be Informed - See how disaster relief at home and abroad is impacting our world.
Event Details
Date: April 22, 2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Christ Church Episcopal Parish Hall
Admission: FREE

Featured Speakers

- Bill Schmid — Federal Disaster Recovery Officer (Retired), Department of Homeland Security / FEMA
- Paul Bolton — Senior Scientist, Center for Global Mental Health, Department of Mental Health, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Paul also worked extensively with USAID.

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - If you haven't visited the Thrift Shoppe recently, you should definitely swing by and take a look at our fresh new look. Spring fashions brighten every corner, and new household items come in every week, generously donated by our kind supporters.

Thrift Shoppe Hours
Thursday and Friday 10-4
Saturday 10-1

Week At - A - Glance * April 5, 2026 – April 12, 2026

SUNDAY	**8:00 AM**	**Holy Eucharist Rite I – Easter Sunday**
	10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – Easter Sunday**
	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour
	11:30 AM	Easter Egg Hunt and Flowering of the Cross
MONDAY	**9:00 AM**	**Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Companions Group
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	6:00 PM	Invite Welcome Connect
WEDNESDAY	**9:00 AM**	**Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
THURSDAY	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Food Pantry
	1:00 PM	Faith Based Book Study
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Food Pantry
FRIDAY	**9:00 AM**	**Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Food Pantry
	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	5:00 PM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Second Saturday of Easter**
SUNDAY	**8:00 AM**	**Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Second Sunday of Easter**
	9:00 AM	Church School, Grades PreK-5
	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Youth Formation
	10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Second Sunday of Easter**
	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour

Christ Church Parish
Seeking Christ in Ourselves * Serving Christ in the World

JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

MINISTERS

All the people of Christ Church Parish

Staff
The Rev. Melissa Howell, Rector
The Rev. Deacons James & Natalie Thomas
David Tyler, Parish Administrator
Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Peter Litchfield, Accompanist
Sam Stevenson, Sexton

Officers and Vestry Representatives
Robb Pflock, Senior Warden
Alex Manchester, Junior Warden
Ray Rogers, Treasurer
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