



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
CONNECTICUT'S CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral
Hartford, Connecticut
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

We acknowledge the Tunxis, Sicaog, Wangunks and Poquonook people, the traditional custodians on the land on which Christ Church Cathedral is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions as a continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.

Welcome to our community! Wherever life is taking you, know that we are honored by your presence and invite you to experience God's life-giving grace with us at Christ Church Cathedral. As a community of faith we celebrate God's graciousness by proclaiming in word and deed that God's love is abundant and unconditional. At the Lord's Table, all baptized are welcome to receive Communion. Please turn off your cell phones once the prelude begins. Should you like to speak with a priest following the service, please contact an usher.

Hymns are in The Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS).

The Liturgy of the Word
8 AM

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

Gloria in excelsis

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty,

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,

With the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Reading ~ Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit, me ~ Spoken*

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel ~ John 10:1-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. . .
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon ~ The Rev. Dr. Jay Cooke, Priest Associate

The Celebrant stands. Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

**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

God of peace, enter in and hear us as we lift up our hopes and needs to you as we say,
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"

Bring peace to our world, let us be instruments of reconciliation in all areas and places of conflict
that we may no longer call one another enemies.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant your church and its leaders to always hold fast to the example of Christ's life and the hope of
His resurrection. We pray especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding
Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; Harlon, our Interim Dean; Tony, our Canon for Latino Ministry;
Bonnie, our Deacon; and all our priests associate.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our Cathedral congregation, in this time of transition, that we may continue to grow in faith and

work together to discern and carry out your mission for us we pray,
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That this nation may fulfill its promises, offer dignity to all its people, and be an advocate for justice, mercy, and peace in the world we pray,
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That our local communities might be places of safety and opportunity for all our neighbors, where our children may grow into the people they were created to be, we pray,
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Encourage in us the desire to be effective stewards of the created world, who with courage and hope respond to the environmental challenges we face.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant your healing presence to those who are sick, suffering, imprisoned, frightened, alone, or in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: **Will, Kathleen R. Joan Z, Maïa, Lee, Almeta, Camille, Gerard, Lourdes, Lenora, Ardyce, Mike R., Adrienne, Felicity, Sherrod, Graham, Richard, Betty Jo, Michael, Jason, Andrew, Jeannie, Denise, Shelly N., Dennis, Charlene, Marcia, Sean, Diane, David, Shaun, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Nelson, Joan, Treviana, Bob, Tyrone, Todd, Javon, Debbie, Julian, Rose, Samy, Eugenia, Louis, Sylvia, Anne, Harmony, Cristianne, Joslin, Sheila, Priscilla, Guale, Mercy, Deborah, Mark C., John, Heather, Susan, Lanny, Becky, David M., Nancy, Edgar, Goodwin, Pam, Allen and Sally M., Rayfield, Desiree, Evelyn O., Camden,** and those we now name in our hearts. (*pause*)
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome the dying, comfort the grieving, and bring us, at the end of our earthly journey into your loving embrace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant:

Most gracious God, in Christ your love was made manifest in our world. Embolden us to courageously continue his ministry and to go without fear where love might take us, confident in Christ's promise to walk with us always. **Amen**

The Peace

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

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements ~

The Rev. Dr. Jay Cooke

Offertory Words

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 ~ Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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,

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

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 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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please follow the direction given by the ushers. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacraments will be brought to you.

Postcommunion Prayer

**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.**

Easter Blessing

May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

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

If you are visiting us for the first time, WELCOME! We would like to keep you informed of the amazing blessings we experience in this house of prayer. Please introduce yourself to Interim Dean Dalton, Canon Garcia, or Deacon Matthews.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**Saturday, May 2 at 3 PM ~ Engaging the Arts Event at the Cathedral:
The Meaningful Magic of David Reed Brown**

May Formation Series (3, 10, 17 & 31) at 9 AM- Study of the Epistle to the Romans

**Spanish Language Formation Series (May 3, 10, 17 & 31) at 1:30 PM - Evangelismo
Intencional: Orando la Biblia**

Thursday, May 7 9AM to 2 PM - ECW Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 7 at 7:30 PM via Zoom - Special Cathedral Chapter meeting

Saturday, May 16 at 11 AM - Memorial service for The Very Rev. Richard Mansfield

Sunday, May 24 at 10 AM - Pentecost Sunday Combined Bilingual Service - Heritage Luncheon



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All faithful lay people and clergy of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

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The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

The Rev. Dana Campbell, the Rev. Dr. Jay Cooke, the Rev. Canon Rebekah Hatch, the Rev. Canon D Littlepage,

the Rev. Canon Ranjit K. Mathews, and the Rev. Canon Kevin Olds, Priest Associates

Dr. Jilda Aliotta, Chair of Congregation Committee

John Decker, Co-Chair of Congregation Committee

Since 1762, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to speak to the clergy or parishioners after the service.

Serving at 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Jay Cooke

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The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon

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