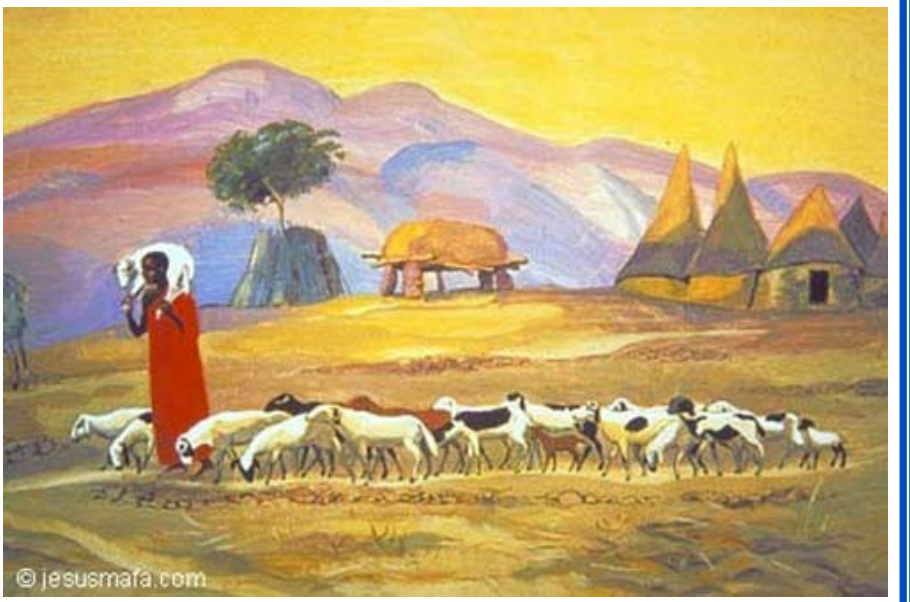
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025



"The Good Shepherd"

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CHRIST CHURCH

5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Easter season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:

The Sick and Others in Need— *Arnold, Barb, Brianna, Dennis, Doreen, Edith, Erica, Florence, Georgia, Hansford, Jean, Jeannine, Jefferson, Jim, Julia, Kristen, Margaret, Pam, Pat, Robert, Stanford, Steve, Thalia, Theayer, Timothy, Tisha, Vivian*

Anglican Cycle *– we pray for The Anglican Church in Japan*

Diocesan Cycle *– Church of the Good Shepard in Berlin and Pitman, The Revs: Marco Serrano, Margaret Sterchi*

Christ Church Ministry *– Music Committee*

Birthdays this week *– Beverly Briggs, Dawn Brown, Lori Covey, Marion Graham, Barry Qualls.*

Memorial Flowers— *are given by John Fleming in memory of Janet D. and Marvin D. Fleming, by Mrs. Leroy Oughton in memory of Anna Layton and Mary Lauretta Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeMatteis in memory of Mary and Harry DeAngelis, Catherin and Agostine DeMatteis*

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact the Rev. Joanna Hollis—732.354.1450 or the Rev. Daphne Roberts -732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Hollis and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Hollis or Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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Worshipping God Serving God's People
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE *Auf Meinen Lieben Gott (My Faithful God)* J.S. Bach

THE WORD OF GOD

All who are able please stand as the ministers enter and sing

The Presider welcomes the congregation, and then says

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

COLLECT OF PURITY *BCP, page 324*

The Presider says

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

The Presider continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA *BCP, page 324*

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

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.**

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and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
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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.

THE EPISTLE *Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will

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

SERMON Rev. Joanna Hollis

All who are able please stand

THE NICENE CREED

ALL **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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

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THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN "The King of Love my Shepherd is"

The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 645

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP page 340

Presider The Lord be with you.
ALL **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
ALL **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
ALL **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

ALL **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand or kneel as able

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given

thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

ALL **Amen**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

ALL **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread. After a period of silence, all sing

Presider Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

ALL **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and Cup are given to the Communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Recipient **Amen.**

Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Recipient **Amen.**

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

ALL **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and also are heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

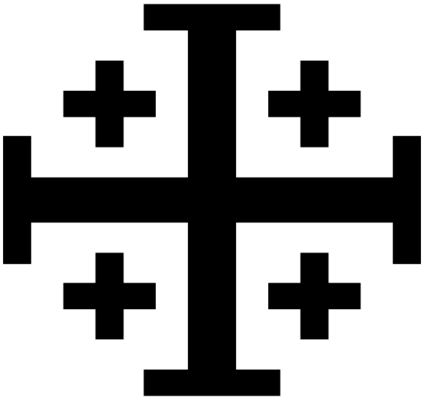
Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in A Major* J.S. Bach



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE *Auf Meinen Lieben Gott (My Faithful God)* J.S. Bach

Please stand and sing at the Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN "Glorious things of thee are spoken" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #522**

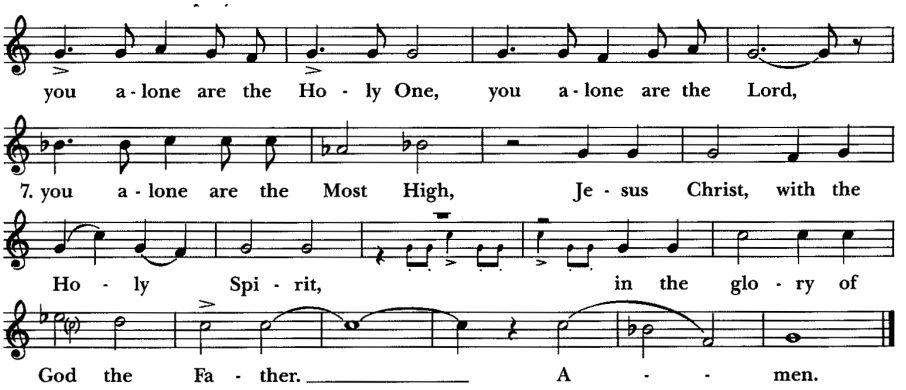
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People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

GLORIA *The Blue Hymnal 1982, S,* **#278**
William Mathias





Silence is kept for a space

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GRADUAL HYMN "My faith looks up to Thee" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #691**

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

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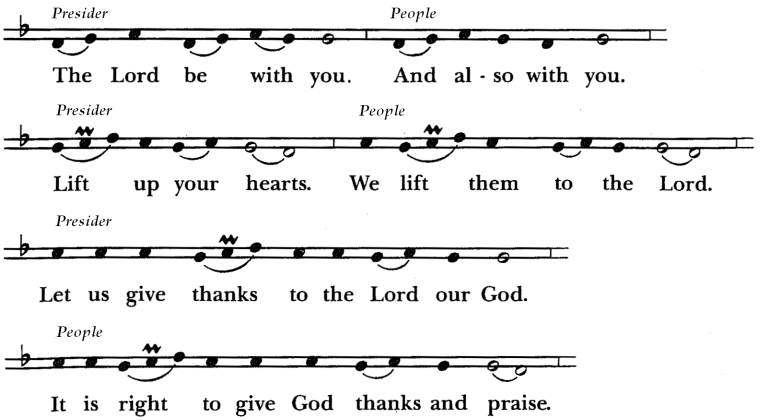
THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN "The King of Love my shepherd is " **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #645**

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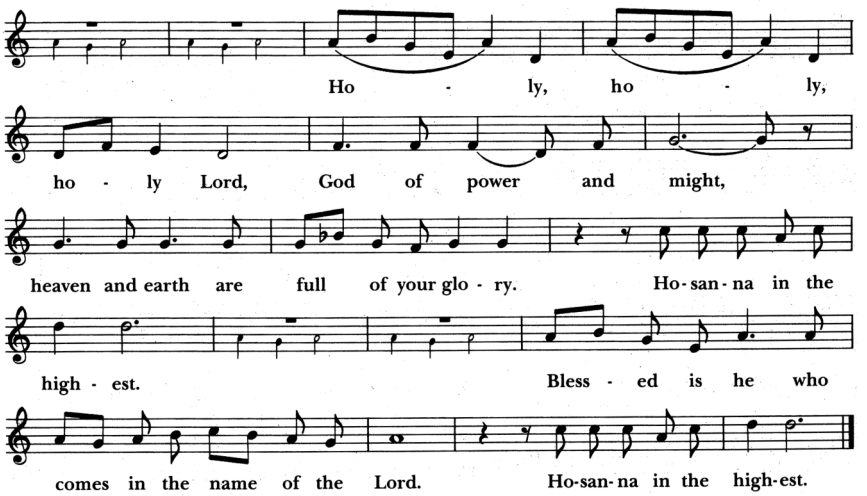
Adapt. from Janet Morley,
All Desires Known



Presider Loving and life-giving God, we praise you and give you thanks for having created us—people in your image. In Jesus Christ you broke forth from the grave; before the stone was moved, and the tomb of our world was opened wide. You were raised in power and revealed yourself to us as a beloved stranger, offering for the rituals of the dead the terror of new life and the comfort of hope. Therefore, with the woman who gave you birth, with the friends who loved you, mourned for you, and met you, risen from the dead; and with all the holy ones throughout the ages, we praise you, singing:

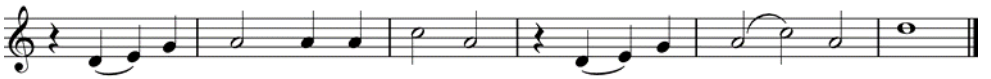
People

The Blue Hymnal 1982, S, **#128**
William Mathias



Presider Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our grief, and is known again in the breaking of bread; who on the night he was handed over, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: "This is my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this whenever you drink it, to remember me." And so in faith we pray:

People *The Blue Hymnal 1982, S*, **#135**



Pre-sider Remembering Jesus and the power of your love revealed through him, we ask you, Father and Mother and Friend of All, to bless this bread and this wine, making it for us the body and blood of Jesus the Christ. As we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection. In the body broken and the blood poured out, we restore to memory and hope the broken and unremembered victims of tyranny and sin; and we long for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come.

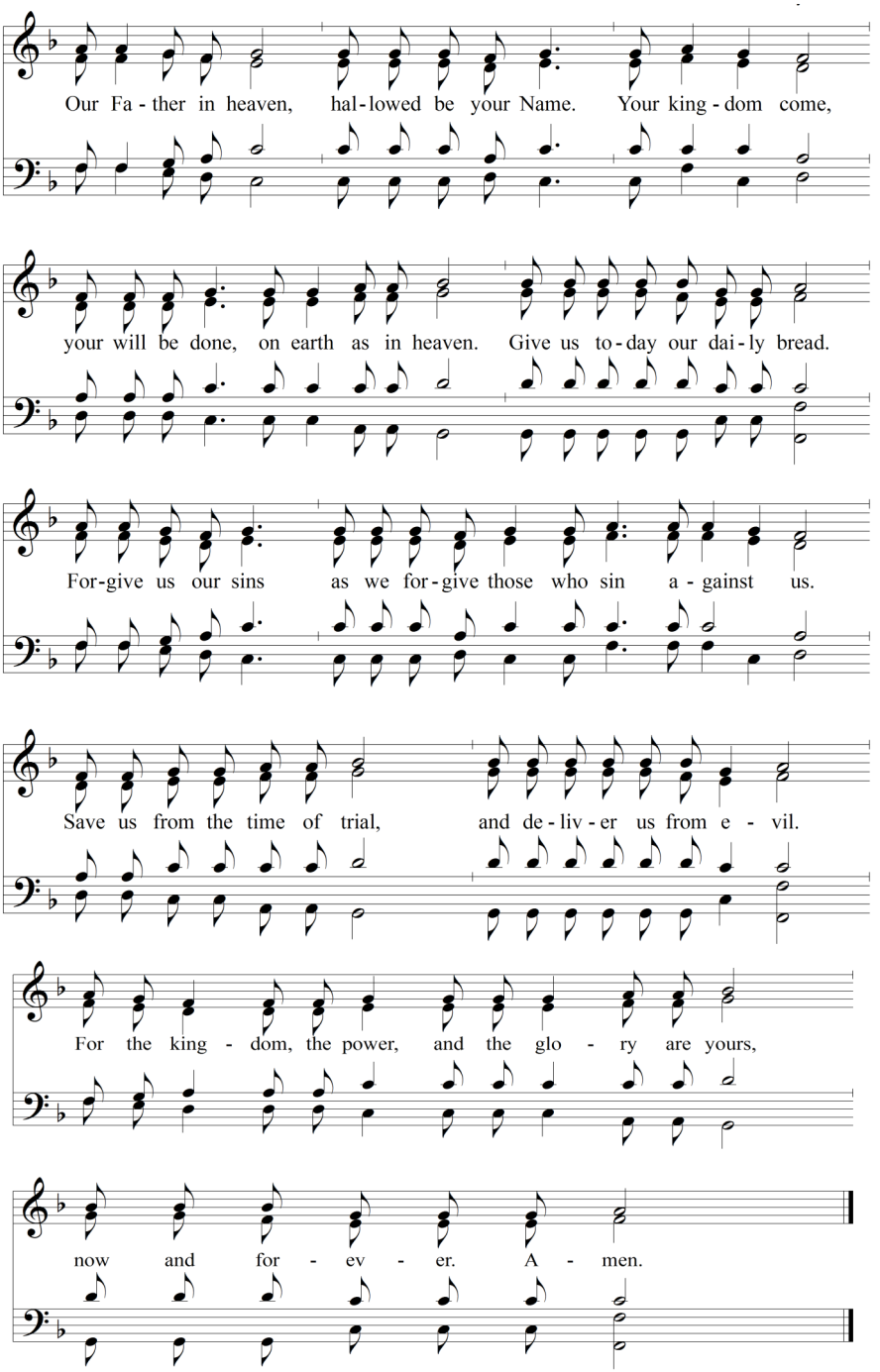
Presider Come now disturbing spirit of our God,

People **Breathe on this bread and wine and make them the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Breathe on us and make us one with Christ. Open our graves, unbind our eyes, and claim us here. Touch and heal all that has been buried in us that we need not cling to our past, but may go forth with power to release resurrection in the world. Amen.**

Presider As our brother Christ taught us, we now pray,

ALL

Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov
From the Liturgy of St. Chrysostom, Op. 22



INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and Cup are given to the Communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Recipient **Amen.**
Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Recipient **Amen.**

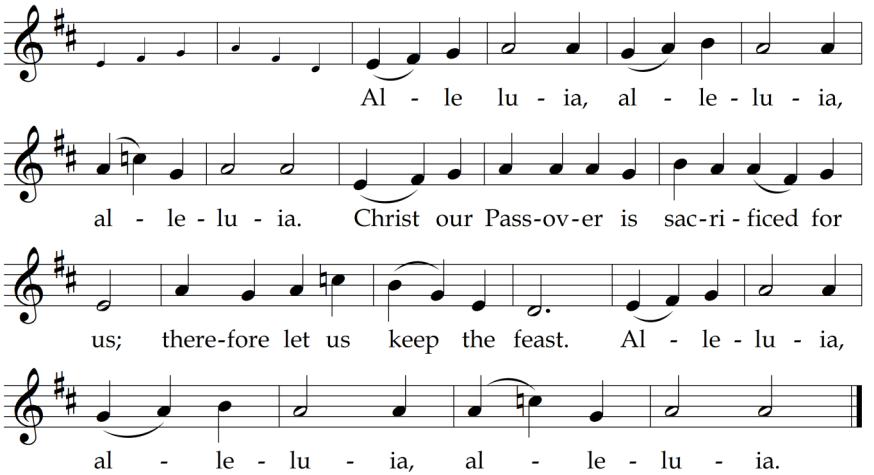
Spiritual Communion Prayer For Those Joining Us Online:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread. Then All sing

ALL *Gerald Near*



COMMUNION ANTHEM "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" Christ Church Choir



All who are able please stand

AFTER COMMUNION *From* Enriching Our Worship

Presider *Let us pray.*

People **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN "Awake and sing the song of Moses"

The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #181

BLESSING & DISMISSAL *From* Feasting on the Word

Presider Now may the truth of the empty tomb—the astonishing reality of Jesus' resurrection—keep you fearless and sure that you will see the Resurrected One again and again in this life. May the power of God's endless love surround you and guide you this day and always.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in A Major* J.S. Bach

Parish Notes

Parish Schedule for May 11– May 17, 2025

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday and Wednesday – 9:30am to 3:00pm
Friday – 9:30am to 1:00pm

Sunday	**8:00 a.m.**	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Warm Up, Choir Room
	9:30 a.m.	Church School, Ross Room
	10:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting, Zoom
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom
Thursday	4:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

*Join Us AFTER THE 10:30 AM Service for Coffee Hour in the Nicholas Room



Join Christ Church's Open Choir+ NEXT Sunday, May 18!

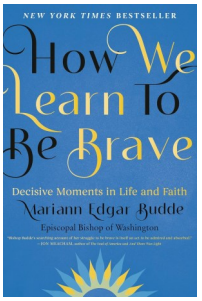
All are Welcome to Sing!
Meet up at 9:30am in the Sanctuary.



Join members of Christ Church NEXT, Sunday, May 18 after the 10:30am service for a "Packing Party"!

Supplies will be packed for the Choice Food and Resource Center during Coffee Hour. Goodies will be supplied by the Ambos Family. We hope to see you there!

Donations can be made via Zelle or check please note "diaper donation" or "Choice Food and Resource Center in the subject line.



The Tuesdayers' Next Book: "How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith"

This is an inspirational guide to the key junctures in life that, if navigated with faith and discernment, pave the way for us to become our most courageous selves. Episcopal bishop Mariann Edgar Budde teaches us that being brave is not a singular occurrence; it's a journey that we can choose to undertake every day. Readers will learn to live and to respond according to their true beliefs and in ways that align with their best selves. Bishop Budde provides much-needed fortitude and insight to anyone searching for answers in uncertain times. The Tuesdayers invite you to join our discussion, which will start on May 20. We meet over Zoom on Tuesdays (except the second of the month), 7:00-8:30 pm. For more information contact Jonathan Clark at im4canoes@yahoo.com.



Join Christ Church member Anna Rose Gable, an ESL teacher, for a discussion of challenges facing Christ Church's undocumented neighbors, and learn about various ways to get involved in efforts to provide relief.

We will meet in the Children's Chapel after each service on Sunday, June 1, 2025.



Christ Church 1st Sunday Communion Bread

Calling All Bakers (and Aspiring Ones Too)!

We're on the lookout for warm-hearted volunteers to bake Communion Bread for the 1st Sunday of each month. Whether you're a seasoned baker or just love the smell of fresh bread, this is a beautiful way to serve our church family!

Want to learn more (including the recipe!) and sign up?
Click the button in the weekly email.

MAY 11, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

taking faith home

Jesus shepherds us so we can shepherd others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**John 10:22-30**	**Jesus promises life to his sheep**
Monday	**Acts 9:36-43**	**Peter brings Dorcas back to life**
Tuesday	**Revelation 7:9-17**	**The multitude from every nation**
Wednesday	**Ezekiel 34:11-31**	**God, the true shepherd**
Thursday	**Luke 12:22-34**	**Do not worry**
Friday	**Isaiah 40:1-11**	**God's people are comforted**
Saturday	**Psalm 23**	**The Lord is my shepherd**
Sunday	**John 13:31-35**	**Love one another**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.
Acts 9:36 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
God of goodness and mercy, thank you for your shepherding love that leads us to care for one another through Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Shepherding God, we thank you that our cup overflows with your never-failing love that pursues us with goodness, mercy, and this gift of food. Amen. (Psalm 23:5-6)

A Blessing to Give:
May the Good Shepherd lead you to shepherd others.

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MAY 11, 2025

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shepherd Me, O God

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- If you were a shepherd, what do you think your work would include?
- How is Jesus a shepherd for us and how are we shepherds to one another?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Acts 9:36-43.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is the Good Shepherd Sunday. The theme for this week's scripture readings is shepherding. In John 10:11 Jesus says, ***"I am the good shepherd."*** And in John 10:22-30 Jesus speaks of his protection of the sheep in his care. Psalm 23 begins by announcing God as ***"my shepherd."*** In Acts 9 we see a woman named Tabitha who has cared for other women, specifically widows. These women are moved to tears by the care and service of Tabitha, also known as Dorcas. She shepherded women through her service without the acknowledgment of being an official servant. The story of Peter bringing Tabitha back to life lifts up the role of Tabitha as a servant to others. This is an honor given by a disciple to a woman in a male dominated culture. This act expands the ministry of the church to other leaders. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, it is a reminder of how we all are called to shepherd one another in faith and love.

Discuss: Who can you shepherd in faith and love?

Pray: **Living God, we thank you for Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and for all those you place in our lives to nurture faith in you and love for all that you have created. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what unexpected act of kindness can you do to surprise someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

As Tabitha shepherded other women long ago, we have women in our lives who have shepherded us. Today is Mother's Day. It is a time to be thankful for the women in our lives who have guided and shepherded us. Write a list of words that describe a woman in your life who has devoted time to showing care for you. Take a moment to sit quietly and be thankful.

Pray: **Lord God, thank you for [name] and for how she has been a gift to my life. Amen.**

MILESTONES MINISTRY

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: **www.milestonesministry.org**

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	May 11	May 18
Presider	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Preacher	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Deacon	Daphne Roberts	Daphne Roberts
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
	8 AM	**8 AM**
Lector & Intercessor	Meegan Adames	Kevin Stansbury
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Elizabeth Clark	Sheila Cooper
Vestry Announcements	Meegan Adames	Jonathan Clark
Ushers		
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Nancy Walworth	Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper, Margaret Brown-Stansbury
	10:30 A.M.	**10:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor		
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Kabir Golfphin	
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announcements		
Usher		
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Nancy Walworth	Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper, Margaret Brown-Stansbury
Coffee Hour		

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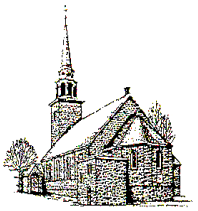
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Historic Christ Church is a mutually supportive Christian community worshiping in the living Anglican tradition of beauty in liturgy and music. Christ Church bears witness to the love of Christ in prayer, service and fellowship.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE.

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