The Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025



"Cast Your Nets"
Artist: John August Swanson

Episcopal Community Services Sunday

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CHRIST CHURCH

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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 Church of Ireland*
Diocesan Cycle *– The Ven. Dcn. Carol Ann Pepe; Members and Ministry of Episcopal Community Services New Jersey*
Christ Church Ministry *– Lectors and Intercessors*
Birthdays this week *– Jonathan Gloster, Julia Smout, Ashlinn Stansbury-Fields*
Memorial Flowers— *are given by B. Pat Lowe and family in memory of Julius Lowe, by Mr. James Deshler II in memory of Caryle O. Deshler*

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 *Gaelic Blessing* arr. K. Chapman

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.

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When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Let us pray to our God, saying "Create in us hands to aid and hearts to bless, O God, make us ready to do work in your name to serve the world."

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect

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 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 174

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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.**

The Prayer Ministry is a confidential, personal way to pray for your particular needs and recognize God's presence in your life. Members of the Prayer Ministry will be waiting to pray with you ***in the back of the church*** *immediately following Communion and until the end of the service.*

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

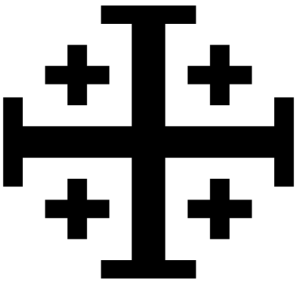
Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, 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 *James' Air* arr. D. Wood



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE *Gaelic Blessing* arr. K. Chapman

Please stand and sing at the Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #460**

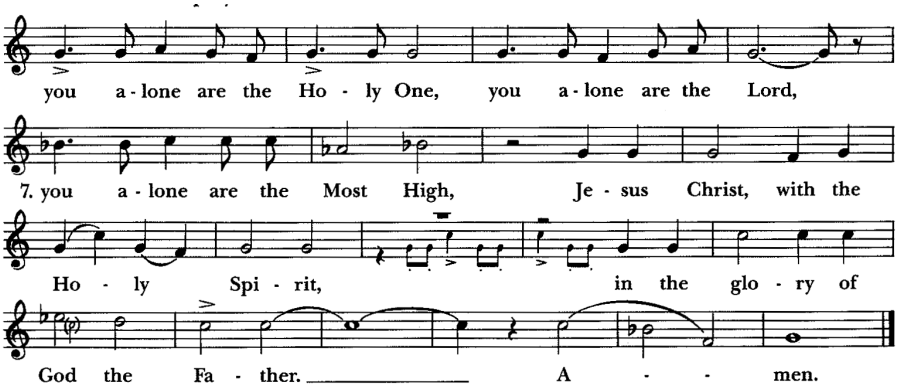
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Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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





Silence is kept for a space

THE COLLECT

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GRADUAL HYMN "Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain"
The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #204

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After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some

clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Presider 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 heav-

en; 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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray to our God, saying "Create in us hands to aid and hearts to bless, O God, make us ready to do work in your name to serve the world."

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.
After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect

The Peace

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

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

Announcements

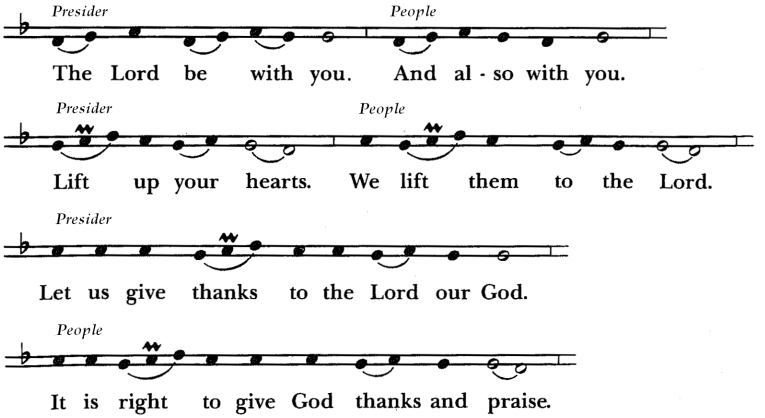
The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #174**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

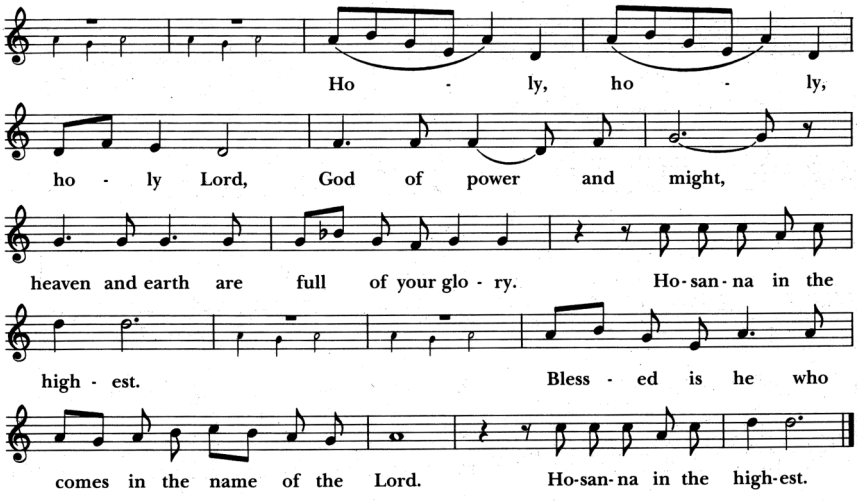
Adapt. from Janet Morley,
All Desires Known



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:

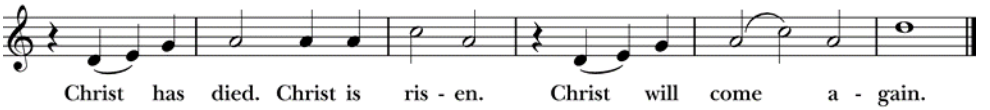
People

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**



Presider 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.

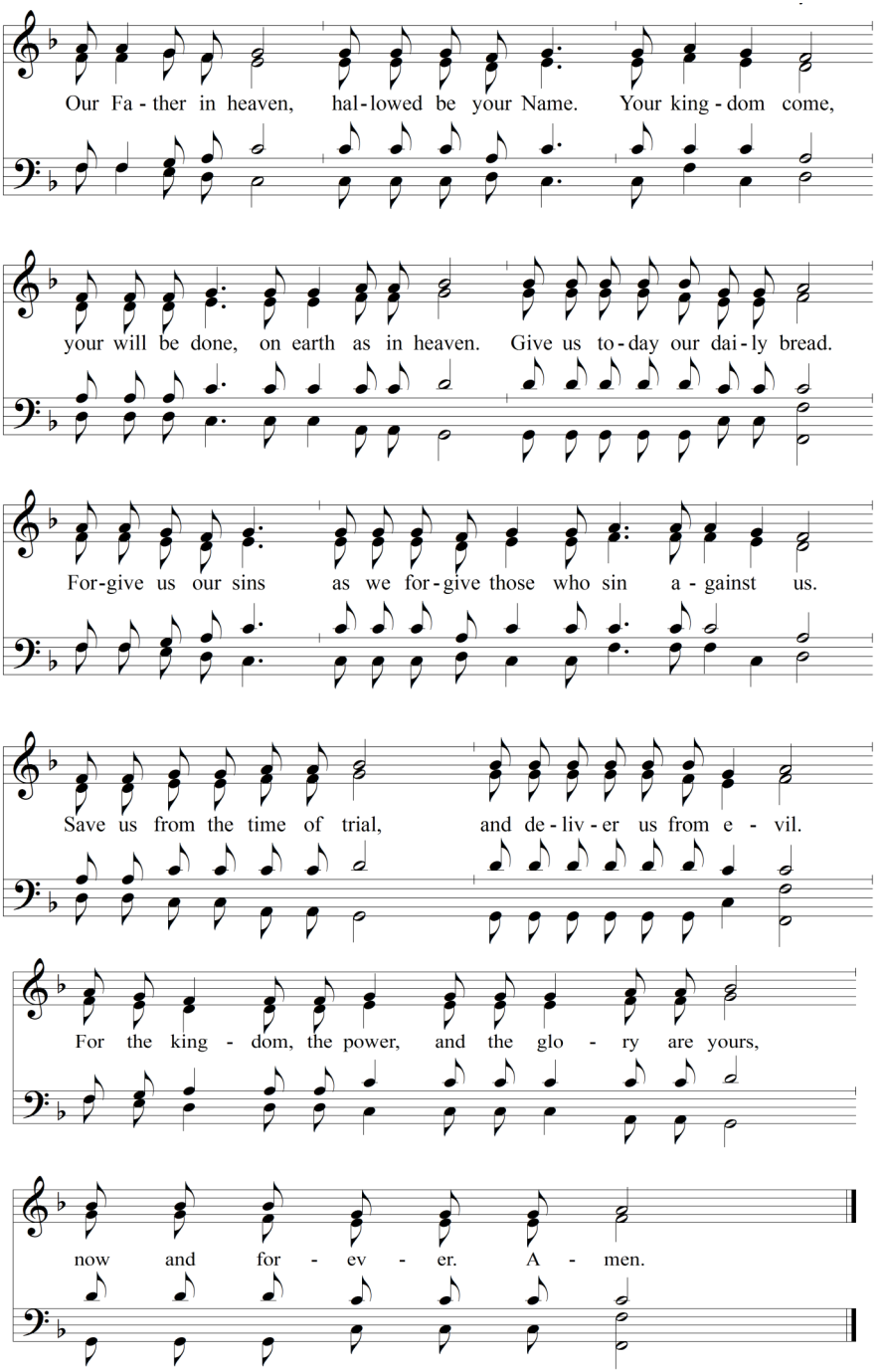
Presider Come now disturbing spirit of our God,

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.**

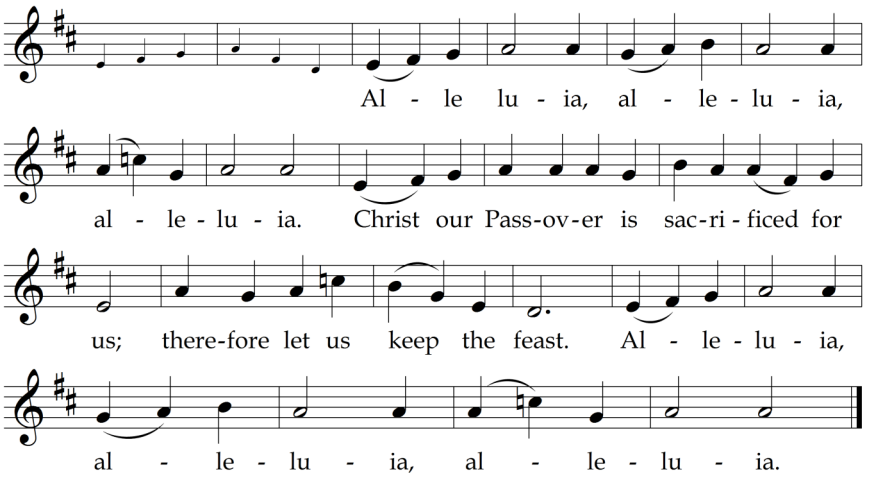
Spiritual Communion Prayer For Those Joining Us Online:

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 HYMN "Christ is alive" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #182**

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 "Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets"
The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #412
VERSES 1-3 & VERSE 6

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 *James' Air* arr. D. Wood

Parish Notes

Parish Schedule for May 4– May 10, 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.	Tuesdayers Book Group, 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 today during coffee hour for a special performance!

The **Deep Trebles**, an a cappella group from Rutgers, will perform immediately following the 10:30am service. Don't miss this musical experience!

RaiseRight™ Formerly ShopWithScrip

It's time for the May Christ Church RaiseRight! Order

Paul Ambos will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, May 5**. Please place your orders accordingly.



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

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



Join members of Christ Church
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.

TOWN CLOCK
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Permanent & Supportive Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence

Christ Church is Hosting a Mother's Day Drive

We are collecting the following everyday essentials for the survivors of domestic violence and their children living at Town Clock CDC.

- Garbage bags (size 13 gal.)
- Dish detergent
- Murphy Floor Oil
- Lotion
- Wet Swiffer refills
- Body wash
- Laundry detergent for HE
- Deodorant
- Disinfectant wipes/spray
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Feminine products
- Paper towels

Your support helps provide a safe, clean, and comforting home for the families healing from domestic violence. Donations will be collected
Next Sunday, May 11.

Unable to donate supplies, but still want to support. Donations can be made directly to the Town Clock CDC at https://www.townclockcdc.org/donationform

MAY 4, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

taking faith home

Caring for others with God's abundant joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**John 21:1-19**	**Jesus appears to the disciples**
Monday	**Acts 9:1-20**	**Conversion of Saul**
Tuesday	**Revelation 5:11-14**	**Heavenly vision**
Wednesday	**Genesis 18:1-15**	**Abraham and Sarah promised a son**
Thursday	**2 Corinthians 8:1-15**	**Encouragement to be generous**
Friday	**James 1:2-8**	**Faith and wisdom**
Saturday	**Psalm 30**	**God turns mourning into dancing**
Sunday	**John 10:22-30**	**Jesus promises life to his sheep**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."
John 21:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Almighty God, like the disciples by the Sea of Galilee, give us courage, faith, and joy to be sent out to follow you and care for others as you care for us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Lord Jesus, you gave disciples fish and bread, we thank you for this food that we are fed. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God's care for you bring you joy.

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MAY 4, 2025

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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:

- When have you done something that disappointed you or someone else? Explain.
- What is it like to be accepted and loved by God when you have disappointed yourself or someone else?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 21:1-19.

At Jesus' trial, Peter denied his Lord and his life as a disciple three times. Jesus announces that he is the good shepherd (John 10) and, in this reading, Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, leads Peter in the direction of reclaiming his discipleship. Jesus did not give up on Peter; nor had God given up on the world that God loves. Even though Jesus was betrayed, tortured, and killed for speaking and living faithfully, he shows up at the seaside. He blesses his disciples with a catch of fish, feeds them, and gives Peter—and all of us—the marching orders of a disciple of Jesus: to feed and care for God's sheep. Now, after his death and resurrection, that identity, that calling, is given to Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, and to all. It is a calling filled with God's abundant joy seen in Jesus' first sign of turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana. Now it is seen in the large number of fish caught and turned into a simple, yet joyous feast.

Discuss: In what ways can you feed and care for God's sheep?

Pray: **Shepherding God, you care for us even when we fail; we thank you for Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who now calls us to care for others with your love that knows no end. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who do you know that would appreciate having a meal delivered to them?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Early Christians were persecuted, even put to death, for practicing their faith. They worshipped secretly in homes. A fish painted on the outside door of a house let other Christians know that they would be safe and welcome inside. The fish has been used as a Christian symbol from the earliest times of the church. The Greek word for fish is *ichthus*. The Greek letters form an acrostic for Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior. Draw this symbol on a sheet of paper and display it near the entrance of your home as a sign of your faith in Jesus.

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

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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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