

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 2026



Christ Church
Woodbury, New Jersey
A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



Welcome to Visitors and Guests

We are delighted to have you with us today. The ushers will be glad to assist in any way they can to make your visit more comfortable. Please do take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy at the door following the service and sign the guest book in the church porch / vestibule.

Child care is available during the 10am service. An usher will be happy to escort you there. **The Child Care Room is open.**

Sunday School (from age 3 through grade 12) begins after children and young people receive Holy Communion or a Blessing at the Altar Rail during the 10am service, then proceed to their classrooms.

Adult Forum is usually held during Coffee Hour in the Upper Parish Hall following the 10am service when Sunday School is in session, and ends at 12 noon when the children are dismissed from their classes. All are welcome to attend!

Adult Bible Study Adult Bible Study continues on Mondays at 8:00 pm via Zoom. We have a lot of great discussions and would love to have everyone who is able to join!

A Lift is available for those who require assistance in reaching the Upper and Lower Parish Halls . The ushers will be glad to help with its operation.

Safety Precaution: Because there is no adult supervision in the parish house, children under the age of 13 leaving the service for any reason need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Exiting and Entering—To avoid unnecessary distractions during the service, please try to exit and enter during a hymn if possible. (But we do understand that when urgent needs arise it may not be possible!)

Let Reverence and Quietness

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 8:00 am**

The congregation stands when the bell is rung.

Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer (BCP) 323
The Collect for PurityBCP 323
Summary of the Law BCP 324
Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis BCP 324
The Collect of the Day (The Fourth Sunday of Easter): Bulletin p. 5

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47 Bulletin p. 6

the people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*Bulletin p. 6

Read responsively by verse

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25 Bulletin p. 7

the people standing

The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10..... Bulletin p. 8

the people are seated

The Sermon Fr. Civale

the people standing

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

The Prayers of the People BCP 328

the people kneeling

Confession of Sin BCP 330

the people kneeling

the people standing

The Peace BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

the people are seated until the Offering is brought forward the people standing

At the Presentation:

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II..... BCP 340

Sursum cordaBCP 333

Sanctus et Benedictus qui venitBCP 334

said by 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 congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass

The Great AmenBCP 336

The Lord's PrayerBCP 336

Fraction BCP 337

Agnus Dei BCP 337

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337

Invitation to Communion BCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest. the people kneeling.

Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing BCP 339

the people standing

Dismissal BCP 340


The Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist: Rite I, 10:00 am

Prelude: “Pastorale”.....Domenico Zipoli (1688–1726)
 Processional Hymn 182 “Christ is alive”*Truro*
 Introit.....*Tone VII*

The loving kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia. (*Ps*) Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be...The loving kindness...


Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

Celebrant



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Collect for PurityBCP 323
 Summary of the Law BCP 324
 Kyrie (*See Missa de Angelis Service Music Supplement*)
 Gloria in excelsis.....(*See Missa de Angelis Service Music Supplement*)

The Collect of the Day (The Fourth Sunday of Easter)

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First LessonActs 2:42-47

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me**Tone VIII*

Said responsively by verse during 8:00 am Mass only

THE Lord is my shepherd; * therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, * and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; * thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever..

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.***

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 2:19-25

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Peter

For one is approved if, mindful of God, he endures pain while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it, if when you do wrong and are beaten for it you take it patiently? But if when you do right and suffer for it you take it patiently, you have God’s approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin; no guile was found on his lips. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he trusted to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation standing.

Alleluia *Tone VI*

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd: and know my sheep, and am known of mine. Alleluia.

Sequence Hymn 478 “Jesus, our mighty Lord”.....*Monk's Gate*

The Holy Gospel John 10:1-10

Lector The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go

in and 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

the people are seated

The Sermon Fr. Civale

the people standing

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

The Prayers of the People: Form III BCP 383

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

the people kneeling


The Confession of Sin BCP 330

the people standing

The Peace BCP 332

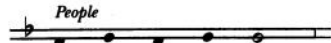
All are invited briefly to greet one another with a sign of peace

Celebrant



The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.

People



And with thy spi - rit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence *Tone II*

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hands in thy Name, alleluia.

Offertory Anthem “Loving Shepherd”.....J.S. Bach (1685-1750), arr. Editors

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| Loving shepherd, comfort and guide us, Keep us in thy tender care. And in thy mercy stay beside us, Safely thy lambs now gather, Bring us in faith together, And thy pastures now prepare. | And when I walk with darkness around me, Thou art near and I will fear no ill. So with thy love and kindness surround me, Goodness and mercy bringing, From living water springing, Lord of Love grant me thy comfort still. |
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the people are seated until the Offering is brought forward

Offertory Hymn 343

“Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”.....*St. Agnes*

the people standing



Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

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Communion Sentence*Tone I*

I am the good shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Motet “Ave Maria”.....H. Willan (1880-1968)

Ave Maria, gratia plena
Dominus tecum;
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus Christ. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



Processional Hymn "Where he leads me".....Norris

WORDS: E. W. Blandly, 1890
 MUSIC: John S. Norris, 1890

NORRIS
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1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing,
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den,
 3. I'll go with Him through the judg - ment,
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry,
 5. Where He leads me I will fol - low,

I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing,
 I'll go with Him through the gar - den,
 I'll go with Him through the judg - ment,
 He will give me grace and glo - ry,
 where He leads me I will fol - low,

I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing,
 I'll go with Him through the gar - den,
 I'll go with Him through the judg - ment,
 He will give me grace and glo - ry,
 where He leads me I will fol - low,

"Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low Me."
 I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.
 I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.
 and go with me, with me, all the way.
 I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.

The people kneeling

Post Communion Prayer.....BCP 339

The Blessing..... BCP 339

Dismissal..... BCP 340



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Processional Hymn 663 “The Lord my God my shepherd is*Crimond*

Postlude “Toccata Pastorell”.....Josef Seger (1716-1782)

Please join us today for an opportunity for Christ Church to pray and to meet with other people of faith in the Greater Woodbury Community.



**GREATER WOODBURY
COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES**

Christian Unity Service



**SUNDAY, APRIL 26
3:00 PM**



ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
230 N. Evergreen Ave.
Woodbury, NJ 08096



Join us as we come together in faith, fellowship, and prayer to celebrate the unity of God's people.

**GUEST SPEAKER
THE REV. SARA LILJA**

NJ Coalition of Religious Leaders
Lutherans Engaging in Advocacy Ministry, NJ

HELP SUPPORT OUR FOOD PANTRY

Bring a canned good to donate and help stock our food pantry for those in need. Visit GWCM.org for more information.



Additional Notes

There is Sunday School, Adult Forum & Coffee Hour this week.
Father Civale continues discussions on the development of the Holy Eucharist.
The Coffee Hour host for this week is ECW.
The Coffee Hour host for next week will be Youth Group.



Save the Date

Our own Luke Stasiunas will be performing an Organ Recital at Christ Church on
May 17, 2026 at 4:00 pm followed by a reception.
Please join us for this exciting fundraiser.

A Friendly reminder from the Stewardship Committee

Please use the “I Gave Electronically” cards, which are in the book racks of each pew.
Whether you give electronically, or in a way other than traditional envelopes, please place
a card in the offering plate. This symbolic gesture shows each other and our visitors that
we are a giving parish which supports the mission and ministries of Christ Church.

If you have questions or want to begin giving online, please contact the
church office at www.christchurchwoodburynj.org.

Each month we will highlight a different designated fund that our church takes a
special collection for.

If you wish to give, please use the pew envelopes and select the correct box for your donation.

Designated Monthly Offerings

April.....Buildings & Grounds
May.....Diocesan Social Ministries

Ascension Day Dinner

Thursday May 14, 2026 following 6:30 pm Choral Mass
Join us for food, fellowship & fun.



Those Who Serve Today

8:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civale
Server & Chalice: Rob Johnson
Lector: TBD
Ushers: Mark Hendricks & Mike Wiersky

10:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civale
Organist: Luke Staisiunas
Master of Ceremonies: Steve Lewis
Thurifer & Boat: Chris Cranston
Crucifer: Brandon Gorman
1st Server: Riley Shomo
2nd Server: Evan Shomo
Torches: Thomas Piskun & Rebecca Piskun
Acolyte Master: Robertta Shomo
Chalice Bearers: Doreen Mills & Steve Lewis
Lector I & Intercessor: Robin Atkins
Lector II: Doreen Mills
Ushers: Steve Shomo & Charles Lewis
Child Care : Jennifer Allbright
Vestry Lock up: Brandon Gorman
Notewriter: Gwen Simpson
Food Bank: Charles Lewis
Vestry Counters: Team 3: Steve Lewis, Roberta Shomo & Brandon Gorman
Coffee Hour Host : ECW

Prayer List

Pray for those who are sick or in any other adversity.

Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: Darrah, Luke, Baby Emily, Francine, Mary C., Sherwood, Luke, Averil, Phil, Jack, Terry, Alexandra, J.J., Maureen, Louise, Joy, Janet, Krista, Rich, Dottie, Hughie, Easton, Mike, Warren, David, Rosie, Steve, Mike, Gloria.

Pray for those with enduring needs: Becca, Barbara T, Joshua, Anne, Doreen, Barbara, Mary Sue, Joseph, Sammy Jo, Jillian, Amanda, Tara, Jackson, Jack, Ed, Jason, Samuel, Michael, Alex, Paul, Baby Rick, Tom, Mary, Bruce, Ivan, Andy, Kathi, Sean, Maya, Miguel, Carl, Linda, Douglas, Alfred, Sally, Ariella, David, Téó and Peter, Pat, Anne, Josephine, Ronald, Tony, Jordan, Mason, David, Sue, Barbara, Michael, Tyler and Laura, Marjorie, Jacob, Michele, Stephanie, Riley, Julia, Susan, June, Amy, Kathleen, Cora, Debbie, Norman, Tracey, Ginger, Candi, Becky, Carter, Rose, Adam, Dick, Daniel, Michael, Brad and Susan, Kathi, Lynn, Ralph, Peggy, Audrey, Sissy, Averil.

Pray for those that are serving in our armed forces: Omar, CJ, Jacob

Please advise the Parish Office of any names that no longer need to be on this list. Thank you

|  Upcoming Services & Events  | | | |
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| Monday | April 27 | 6:00 PM | AA Meeting |
| <i>Feria</i> | | 8:00 PM | Adult Bible Study (Zoom) |
| Tuesday | April 28 | NOON | AA Meeting |
| <i>Feria</i> | | 8:00 PM | AA Meeting |
| Wednesday | April 29 | 10:00 AM | Mass with Prayers for Healing |
| <i>Catherine of Siena, Mystic & Doctor, 1380</i> |  | | |
| Thursday | April 30 | 6:30 PM | Evening Prayer will be celebrated. |
| <i>Feria</i> | | 8:00 PM | AA |
| Friday | May 1 | 5:30 PM | Evening Prayer |
| <i>Saint Philip & Saint James, Apostles</i> |   | | |
| Sunday | May 3 | 8:00 AM | Mass |
| <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> | | 10:00 AM | Mass Sunday School, Adult Forum & Coffee Hour |

Readings for Next Sunday
Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2026

Acts 7:55-60
 1 Peter 2:2-10
 John 14:1-14
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16



YOUTH GROUP Lock-In

Info

| Where | When | Who |
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| Christ Episcopal Church 62 Delaware St. Woodbury, NJ 08096 | Starts May 2nd at 6:00pm, ends May 3rd after 10:00am service. | All youth, 7th-12th grade are invited. You do not need to attend Christ Church to come! |

What

The Youth Group Lock-in is a youth event run by the Christ Church Youth Group Volunteer leaders. It is an overnight event where our teenagers will play games, learn more about each other, our church, and the Gospel! They will also be preparing food to host coffee hour (see packing list below), and attend church together in their pajamas!

How to sign up

Please bring the completed and signed forms attached and give to Sarah, Brandon, Scott, or Anna. **We need all sign-ups by April 26th**

What to bring

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bible• Notebook | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pen• Pajamas | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pillows• Blanket | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sleeping bag• Toiletries |
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Along with having a great time we will also be preparing the food for Coffee hour, which we as the whole youth group, will be hosting. After signing up, your youth will be assigned a food item to bring.

Bible Study Now in Session

Our Adult Bible Study meets on Zoom every Monday at 8 PM. We have excellent discussions reflecting on the meaning of Scripture and hope you will join us! We will be using the *N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guide*. We would love to have you be a part of our discussions! The Zoom meeting can be accessed at this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86427635457>

ECW, Episcopal Church Women



The ECW at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. All women who attend Christ Church are considered members of the ECW. Since 1871, the National Episcopal Church Women, ECW, have championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. They are a ministry of the Episcopal Church and celebrate that Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew



The Brotherhood at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. Join The Brotherhood of St. Andrew for prayer, study, and service. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion with the commission of spreading Christ's kingdom among men and youth.

2026 Food Challenge

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has issued a CHALLENGE to Christ Church - Woodbury NJ to donate, since it's 2026, we are looking to collect 2,026 items of food in the month of April! Lots of people donate during the holidays, which is wonderful, however, many do not throughout the rest of the year. Let's help stock the shelves of our local pantries during a time when they truly need it!

Already donate? GREAT! If you can, maybe bring an extra item or two of food!

Rarely donate? This is a GREAT time to start!

Together we can do this!"

Bring donations to the back of the church



Pastoral Care Team
Our Vision Statement

The vision of the Pastoral Care Team is to engage the parish in a ministry to serve God by following the commandment of Jesus to ‘to love thy neighbor as ourselves’ and caring for those in need or transition by establishing a personal relationship with them in the name of the Lord.

Listed below are the ways in which we care for the people of Christ Church.

Parish Pathfinders

This is a group of people who have volunteered to provide transportation to parishioners who need and request a ride to church services and activities.

Martha’s Meals

This is a group of parishioners, some who prepare and others who deliver meals to families who are in immediate need due to illness, birth of a child, or death in the family.

Visitation and Caregiving

This ministry does not require nursing skills. It is a way that we connect with our hospitalized and homebound parishioners and also their families to check on their needs and offer support.

Pastoral Care Team: Deb Allbright, Jean Lucas, Doreen Mills, Barbara O’Mealia

If you or someone you know in the parish is in need, please contact the church at
(856) 845-0190.



Rector

Fr. Lawrence Civale

Email: freivale@christchurch.woodburynj.org

Cell Phone: (617) 947-3261, in case of a pastoral emergency.

Parish Office Business Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Service Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Healing Mass
Thursday: 6:30 PM Mass
Friday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
by appointment

Rector

The Rev. Lawrence Civale

Our Vestry

Wardens: Tori Wishnick & Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst
Charles Lewis

Class of 2028

Brandon Gorman
Robertta Shomo
Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2029

Maureen Carrigan
Doreen Mills

