# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



# **WELCOME!**

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 21, 2024 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Service Music from *The Christ Church Mass*, Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

**Voluntary** *Prelude and Fugue in D minor* 

William Boyce (1711-1779)

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

**Entrance Hymn 518** Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

(blue) Hymnal 1982

# The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

All sing

# God's Paschal Lamb

from Wonder, Love, and Praise



Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944). Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

# Collect of the Day

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 for

The First Reading Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

The Choir sings

# Psalm 23 Dominus regit me

Chant: C. Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

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 against them that trouble me;

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But 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 Reading 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Please stand. The Alleluia is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all before and after the Verse.

# Gradual Alleluia and Verse



Verse

Priest

The Lord is risen from the dead, sing Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

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

# The Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People

> Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord. Priest

Praise to you, Lord Christ. People

Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

Ruth Beresford The Homily

Please stand for

#### The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, People

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.

A member of the parish leads

# The Prayers of the People

In mercy hear our prayer, gracious God, for the church and for the world.

Pray and praise God from whom all blessings flow. Bless the fruits of the earth, the trees of the forest, and all the animals of the field; let all creation give you praise. That we may see your glory in all the world,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray that the whole church may proclaim Christ as the Lord of life. Pour upon us the grace to live in unity and love. Bless Michael, our presiding bishop; Kevin, our bishop; and our clergy; our preschool and parish. We lift up N., and we give thanks for our outreach partner, N. That we may make Christ known in all we say and do,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray that nations and peoples may be brought together to live in freedom and peace. Guide us to share the resources of the earth. Guard all those in military service and all who defend and protect the welfare of others. That there may be justice and peace on earth,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray for those who live with grief or pain, those suffering from any need or trouble and for those who minister to them. We remember *N*. and those we name now. That we may be agents of your healing grace,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray for all who have died and now rest in the hope of eternal life. We remember *N*. and those we name now. That we may entrust them to your never-failing love,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray and praise God, from whom all blessings flow. We thank you for the forgiveness we have received in your mercy, for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the life we live in Christ Jesus, our Lord. That we may share our faith, our hope, and your love,

we pray to you, Lord God.

# A Litany of Welcome for the Minister for Children & Youth

Mason, we welcome you to Christ Church Christiana Hundred. I have called you to serve among us as an educator and faith leader. You are called to foster spiritual growth and deepen a connection with God and neighbor for children, youth, and their families. You are to assist this congregation in keeping the promise to support all the baptized in their life in Christ.

Good Christian People: let us now pray for Mason as his ministry among us begins. Give thanks to God for all that he will share, and pray with me as he joins our community:

For the gifts of ministry Mason has to share with us, we give thanks to you, O God.

For the friendships to be made, celebrations we will enjoy, and for moments of nurture in ministry,

we give thanks to you, O God.

And now, as you nurture our children and help them to discover the love of God in Jesus Christ, Mason,

we pledge our prayer for you.

As you shepherd our teachers and leaders, creating a safe community for our children and youth to grow in faith, in hope, and in love for God and neighbor, Mason, we pledge our prayer for you.

The Lord bless us and keep us, sustain us each day in our ministry together—in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Please be seated as those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month stand to be recognized; then all say

People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand for

#### The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

# The Offertory and Preparation of the Table

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.

Anthem Michael Sitton (b. 1958)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Please stand and sing

# The Presentation Hymn

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host:* 

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!

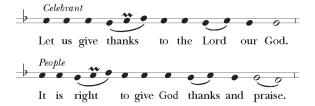
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

# The Great Thanksgiving

adaptation, (red) Book of Common Prayer 369

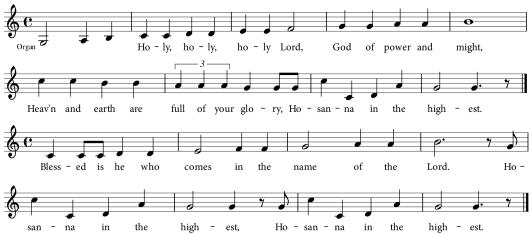
Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen





The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, saying

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Celebrant and People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

The Celebrant concludes

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

# The Lord's Prayer

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

We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.



All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem David Hurd (b. 1950)

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he.

I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.

Love took my hand and smiling did reply, who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame go where it doth deserve.

And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame? My dear, then I will serve.

You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat: so I did sit and eat.

# **Communion Hymn 343** Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Hymnal 1982

Please stand for

# The Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members

of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People Amen.

All sing

# Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

# **Voluntary** Fugue in C Major

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with joy. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



APRIL 21, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

#### THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHORISTER PROGRAM. Christ Church Choristers comprise a group of 24 eager singers, ages 7-17. Working within the Royal School of Church Music training scheme, choristers are learning individual and group musicianship, leadership, and an understanding of their role in the context of choir and the broader worshiping community, and our senior Choristers will join in singing Easter Lessons & Carols with the Christ Church Choir today at 4 PM in the Church. The chorister program is part of Christ Church's embrace of music as an integral component of worship and faith formation. For more information, contact Jo Harney, Director of Choristers.

# TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH EXTENDING EASTER'S JOY

Extend Easter's joy with festive food, fellowship, and a fluffy animal petting today, April 21, from 9:30 to 10:15 AM. All are invited to participate in this time of intergenerational fun. Join us for breakfast in the Parish Hall and enjoy the petting zoo outside in the circle drive. Come meet Mason Cruz, our new Minister for Children & Youth, share a smile at the petting zoo, and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast with friends and family.

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

Our Grief Support Group meets today at 12 PM in the Commons Room and online. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend. Contact <u>Stacey Carpenter</u> for the Zoom link.

# **EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS**

Easter Lessons & Carols will be held this afternoon at 4 PM in the Church with the Christ Church Choir, senior Choristers, organ, brass, and timpani. This service brings together many traditional elements of Christian worship in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Through readings, carols, and congregational hymns, we recall the prophecies and events leading up to and following Jesus' resurrection and conclude by looking forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

#### **DINE WITH THE LADIES - TOMORROW**

On the fourth Monday of each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. This is a great opportunity to connect with other women in the parish, and all women are invited. The group will meet at Pizza by Elizabeths tomorrow, April 22, at 7 PM. Click <u>here</u> to RSVP today.

#### 2024 GREEN SHOW ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - APRIL 28

Join us next Sunday, April 28, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall during Coffee & Community as we begin to organize the 2024 Green Show, to be held on December 6 and 7. Have you ever thought about volunteering for a leadership role? Have you chaired a department in the past and are interested in a new role this year? Come learn about the many ways you can be involved in this annual Christ Church tradition. Questions? Contact Nancy Greenberg.

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# APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION

April's collection benefits those in the programs at the Wilmington Senior Center. Shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, shaving cream, and deodorant for men and women, canned goods, and disinfecting wipes may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

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# **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION - MAY 1**

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, May 1, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Join us for this time of fun and fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

A SCREENING OF THE PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN - MAY 1

Christ Church Christiana Hundred and St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church will co-sponsor a screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven* on Wednesday, May 1, at 6 PM in Christ Church's Parish Hall. In an act of canonical disobedience, a group of women and their supporters organized their ordination to become Episcopal priests in 1974. The Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia welcomed them, but change was no small task. After the ordinations, the women experienced hostility as well as encouragement. This feature-length documentary tells the story of these women who succeeded in building a movement that transformed the Church. One of the Philadelphia Eleven, the Rev. Nancy Wittig, will be with us for discussion following the screening. Join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood. Click here to RSVP.

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# CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL GALA - MAY 10

CCEP's Spring Garden Soirée fundraiser takes place on Friday, May 10, at 7 PM at Greenville Country Club, and all are invited to attend. This adults-only event celebrates our amazing preschool with music by the Philly Keys, food and drinks, great raffle prizes, and lively bidding on classroom items created by our children. Click <a href="here">here</a> to purchase your tickets. All proceeds support our school programs.

# RECYCLE YOUR FLEXIBLE PLASTICS AND HELP THE HOMELESS - MAY 11

Christ Church's Creations Care Team will host a flexible plastics collection event in the circle drive entrance of the Parish Center on Saturday, May 11, from 9 AM to 5 PM. Bring your clean and dry plastic shopping bags, produce bags, ice bags, Ziploc/reclosable storage bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, cereal box liners, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap, and plastic e-commerce mailers to benefit Bags2Mats for the Homeless. This statewide program turns plastic material into plarn (plastic yarn), and volunteers crochet the plarn into mats for the homeless. Help us help those in our community as we care for our planet by recycling flexible plastics. For information on Christ Church's Creations Care ministry, click <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **CHORAL EVENSONG - MAY 12**

Treat your mom on Mother's Day by bringing her to church to hear beautiful choral music. The Christ Church Choir and clergy will offer Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 12, at 4 PM in the Church with music by Howard Helvey, Margaret Burk, George Dyson, and Gerald Finzi. Cameron Kuzepski, Principal Cathedral Organist at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore, Maryland, will play at organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM. Join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

# **VOTE IN THIS YEAR'S VESTRY ELECTION - THROUGH MAY 16**

Voting for this year's vestry election is available online and by paper ballot. To vote online using your email address on file in our parish database, click <a href="here">here</a>. To vote by paper ballot, request one from the parish office or pick up a ballot after services on Sundays, May 5 or 12, and return it to the parish office by Thursday, May 16. The parish voting list is available both <a href="online">online</a> and in the parish office and contains persons eligible to vote in the election according to our bylaws. This year's candidates nominated for the work of leadership as your Vestry are: Cindi Cozza, Barbara King, Thorpe Moeckel, Jamie Poston, Chris Scott, and Lynette Turner. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting on Sunday, May 19.

# **ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION - MAY 19**

Our Parish Day Annual Meeting Celebration will take place on Sunday, May 19, following the 9 AM service. (On this day, we will have only two services at 8 and 9 AM in the Church.) The whole community is invited to gather in the Parish Halls for the 176th annual meeting of our parish and a celebration of our many blessings. Child care will be provided for young children, and lunch will be served for everyone at 11:45 AM. Please plan to join us for this important day in the life of our parish!

#### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Walter (Bud) Hutchison Lee Jr.
Robert Wier III, Virginia Walker Wier
and in loving memory of
Ann Mayfield Porter
The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of

Deborah Bonkowski

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

**NEW HERE?** Scan the QR code to let us know or complete the card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.



# **PARISH CLERGY**

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*The Rev. Michael Kurth, *Associate Rector/Preschool Chaplain*The Rev. Stacey Carpenter, *Priest Associate*The Very Rev. William Lane, The Rev. Calhoun Wick, *Pastoral Associates* 

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