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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2024 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

Voluntary Christ ist Erstanden

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 296 We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies No More

(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. And also with you. People

Celebrant

Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated for

The First Reading Acts 8:26-40

> An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

The Choir sings

Psalm 22:22-30 Deus, Deus meus

Chant: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him,

O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Reading 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

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

Gradual Alleluia and Verse



Verse 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 Gospel Reading John 15:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

The Homily Ruth Beresford

Please stand for

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God:

People 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.

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.

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 John Ireland (1879-1962)

Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen

Many waters cannot quench love,

neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.

Greater love hath no man than this,

that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,

that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,

ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;

that ye should show forth the praises of him

who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,

that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy,

acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Please stand and sing

The Presentation Hymn

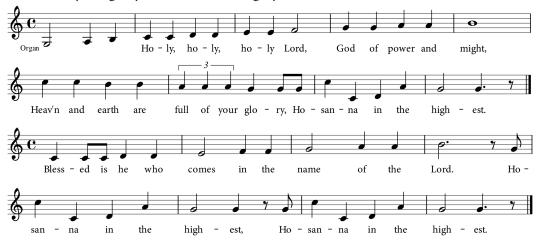
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving



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

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

And may we love each other

with a sincere heart. Amen.

Communion Hymn 704 O Thou Who Camest from Above

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.

Sending Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts; that those to whom

you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People Amen.

All sing

Hymn in Procession 392 Come, We that Love the Lord

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary Voluntary on *He is Risen*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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.

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APRIL 28, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

THE USE OF OUR LABYRINTH. Every year on the first Saturday in May, thousands of people around the globe participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. Many "Walk as One at 1" local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. This is a great opportunity to walk the Christ Church Labyrinth. Simple instructions for its use are found on the stone pillar to the right of the labyrinth entrance. World Labyrinth Day is an international annual event, held on May 4 this year. We invite you to join your fellow parishioners who have discovered how this stone treasure can deepen and illuminate our prayer life as one traces the circular pathway to the center and out again. For more information, please contact the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

2024 GREEN SHOW ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - TODAY

Join us today, 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. Can't attend today but want to volunteer? Please contact Nancy Greenberg for information.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION - MAY 1

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation this 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* this 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 <a href="https://example.com/here-to-screening-the-s

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 here 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 here.

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.

VOTE IN THIS YEAR'S VESTRY ELECTION - BY 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 here. 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 online 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—8 AM in the Chapel 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!

APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION

April's collection to benefit the Wilmington Senior Center concludes this week. Please leave your donations of shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, shaving cream, and deodorant for men and women, canned goods, and disinfecting wipes in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR SINGS AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH, FIFTH AVENUE – JUNE 16

The Christ Church Choir will sing the morning Eucharist at 11 AM and Choral Evensong at 4 PM at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, in New York City on Sunday, June 16. If you will be in the area or want a reason to spend a day in New York while supporting our Choir, we would love to see you there! Long a flagship of excellence in worship, preaching, and music, St. Thomas Church is home to a boarding school for the boys who sing in the renowned Choir of Men and Boys. The connection between Christ Church and St. Thomas began decades ago with the close friendship of retired Christ Church Organist and Choir Director, William Owen, and St. Thomas Organist and Master of the Choristers, Gerre Hancock. Gerre visited Christ Church on several occasions, including an appearance on the inaugural series of the Brombaugh Organ in the Church. Join us for a day in NYC!

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS FOR CHRIST CHURCH NIGHT AT THE BLUE ROCKS - IULY 26

Join us at Frawley Stadium this summer for a Wilmington Blue Rocks game on Friday, July 26, versus the Hudson Valley Renegades. The game begins at 6:35 PM, and there will be fireworks following the game. Tickets are \$14 each and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Click here to reserve your seats for a night of fun and fellowship with your Christ Church family.

CHRIST CHURCH'S MINISTRY MATCH DISCOVERY TOOL

Christ Church's Ministry Match Discovery Tool is a new approach to meet your desire to serve with ministry opportunities at Christ Church and with our neighbors in need. Click here to complete a short survey about your preferences. You'll see your results immediately. Our prayer is that the Ministry Match Discovery Tool helps us match you with possibilities and particular ways to engage in ministry at Christ Church that are meaningful and joyful, and we invite your participation!

CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAGS

Help us build community as we get to know fellow parishioners and newcomers by wearing your Christ Church name tag when you come to church. If you don't have one, click here or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379 to place an order. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip, and donations are welcome to offset the \$8 cost to the church.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Rod and Fran Waugh and in loving memory of Sam, Dot, and Bill Melcher Edie, Bob, and Jimmy Patterson

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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