



# 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025

## 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

**Voluntary** *Sarabande (for Easter Morning)*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

### Welcome and Announcements

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand, as able, and sing*

**Entrance Hymn 206** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters*

(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



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*Please be seated for*

## The First Reading

*Acts 5:27-32*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

*The Choir sings*

## Psalm 118:14-29 *Confitemini Domino*

Chant: A. Gray (1855-1935)

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.  
There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"  
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.  
Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.  
"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."  
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.  
The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.  
God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.  
"You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

## The Second Reading

*Revelation 1:4-8*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him

be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

*Please stand and sing*

**Gradual Hymn 209** *We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight*

Hymnal 1982

*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 20:19-31*

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*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 Sean, 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 diplomatic and 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.*

## 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

William Harris (1883-1973)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin  
and, having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou didst die,  
being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity;  
and that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again;  
and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

*Please stand and sing*

**The Presentation Hymn 193, vs. 1-2** *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

Hymnal 1982

### The Great Thanksgiving

adaptation, (red) Book of Common Prayer 369

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*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:

Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.

*Celebrant* *People*  
 A-men.

*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.*

Organ Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our pass-ov - er is  
 sa - cri - ficed for us; There fore let us keep the feast. Al - le -  
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

*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**

arr. Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow:  
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, but now has Christ arisen!

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver:  
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, but now has Christ arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber  
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number:  
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, but now has Christ arisen!

*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 492** *Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness*

Hymnal 1982

**Dismissal**

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

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

**Voluntary** *Hallelujah Has Been Restored*

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

*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.*



*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.*



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The Rev. Michael Kurth, *Associate Rector/Preschool Chaplain*  
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