



# 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

MAY 11, 2025

## 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

**Voluntary** *Psalm Prelude*, Opus 32, No. 3

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

## Welcome and Announcements

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand, as able, and sing*

**Entrance Hymn 208, vs. 1-2, 4-5** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! The Strife is O'er*

(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!  
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## 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 9:36-43*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*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.

## The Second Reading

*Revelation 7:9-17*

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will

hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

*Please stand and sing*

**Gradual Hymn 708** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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 10:22-30*

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

*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**

David 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.*

*Please be seated for*

## **The Rite-13 Celebration**

*Christ Church Youth assemble beneath the pulpit. The candidates come forward with their parents to stand before the Priest.*

*Youth Leaders* Ruth, we present to you these young people, who this day move from being children to being young women and young men.

*Celebrant* Dear People of God: The transformation from childhood to womanhood or manhood marks one of God's great gifts. Because we are made in God's image, human beings are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power—not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God's purpose. We recognize that gift and the daily challenge to choose the wise use of our creative and life-giving power. In our baptismal covenant we commit ourselves to Christ in lives of loving service, resisting evil and respecting others; this covenant serves as our guide.

## **The Charge to the Candidates**

*Celebrant* By the grace of God you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood as you journey toward adulthood. Are you aware of God's gift to you and the challenge to use it wisely?

*Candidates* I am.

*Celebrant* Let us join with these young people in reciting a portion of Psalm 139.

*Candidates* O God, you have searched me out and know all about me; you are familiar with all my ways.

*Congregation* ***Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.***

*Candidates* For you created my inmost parts; you wove me in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am awesomely created and marvelously made.

*Congregation* ***Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.***

*Candidates* Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts; see if there is any hurtful way in me and lead me on the eternal path.

*Congregation* ***Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.***

### **The Prayer for the Parents**

*Celebrant* When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, talking with the elders, they realized that he was a child no longer. So these parents stand watching their sons and daughters grow beyond childhood.

Let us pray for them. O God, bless the parents of these young people. Rejoice with them as their sons and daughters become men and women. Strengthen them that they may support their sons and daughters as they begin the journey toward adulthood. Uphold them by your Spirit, that they may comfort them although they can neither walk their road for them nor shield them from pain.

Carry them all safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives. *Amen.*

### **The Charge to the Young People**

*Celebrant* Dear Christ Church Youth, as these young men and women move beyond the circle of their families, they will need faithful companions. Will you walk with them, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

*ALL Youth* We will.

### **The Charge to the Congregation**

*Celebrant* We are the living Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. As a community of God which spans the generations, will you share your knowledge and experience with these young people as they become men and women?

*Congregation* ***We will.***

### **The Blessing**

*Celebrant* Dear N., you have been equipped by Almighty God with the imagination of childhood and the strength and creative power of womanhood and manhood; we bless you as you journey forward, gaining the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

*Each candidate is marked with the sign of the cross. Once blessed the youth leave their parents and join the youth community.*

*Celebrant* May Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom, and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God rest upon you this day and for evermore. *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. Today, part of our offering is a collection of items to be donated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware and the village of Jalonga, Dominican Republic. 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

Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

*Surrexit pastor bonus,  
qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis,  
et pro grege suo mori dignatus est, alleluia.*

The Good Shepherd has arisen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep,  
and deigned to die for his flock, alleluia.

Please stand and sing

**The Presentation Hymn 193, vs. 1-4** *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

Hymnal 1982

### The Great Thanksgiving

adaptation, (red) Book of Common Prayer 369

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* 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.*



*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 Thorne (b. 1950)

*Christ is our Cornerstone, on him alone we build.*

*The stone which the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*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*

**Hymn in Procession 188** *Love's Redeeming Work is Done*

Hymnal 1982

### **Dismissal**

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

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

### **Voluntary**

*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*  
The Rev. David Beresford, *Interim Associate Rector*  
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