



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 26, 2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

Voluntary *Sarabande from Suite for Organ*

Gerald Near (b. 1945)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 182 *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

(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. 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 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

The Choir sings

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

Chant: William Hine (1687-1730)

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

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Please stand as the Choir sings the Alleluia, which is then repeated by all.

Gradual Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al -

le - - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Choir sings the Verse, after which the Alleluia is repeated once by all.

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 10:1-10

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

Thomas Word Peters

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. Give wisdom to the world's leaders. 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. For those we name now [*offer petitions aloud or in one's heart*]. That your healing grace may transform all suffering,

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 using Apple or Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo, a credit/debit card, ACH, 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

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,

And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

The Celebrant concludes, singing

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 Hymn 304 I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

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 708 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary *O filii et filiae*

Pierre Dandrieu (1664-1733)

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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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 2 this year. We invite you to discover how this stone treasure can deepen and illuminate your prayer life as you trace the circular pathway to the center and out again. For more information, please contact the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – TOMORROW

Each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. All women are invited to Dine with the Ladies tomorrow, April 27, at 7 PM at BBC Tavern. Please [RSVP](#) today.

LUNCH AND CONVERSATION ON SAVING NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS – WEDNESDAY

In 2019, Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris suffered a devastating fire that brought the cathedral within minutes of destruction. Please join us for lunch and an exploration of the battle to save Notre-Dame through the eyes and reflections of those who fought the fire. Parishioner Bill Jones first visited Notre-Dame in 1960 and has returned countless times since then. After the fire, Bill began combing through French newspapers, documentaries, and archives, and before he knew it, he had crafted a detailed chronology of the fire, told through the perspectives of those who lived it. It is this chronology that he will share with us this Wednesday, April 29. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall after the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel, followed by the presentation. Bring a friend for worship, conversation, and a light buffet lunch. A suggested donation of \$8 to help defray the cost of lunch is appreciated. Please [RSVP](#) today.

EASTER 2026: RESONATING WITH GOD IN CREATION – WEDNESDAY

Join us for the final session of our Easter Adult Formation series this Wednesday, April 29, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall as we explore the many ways God reveals His love for us through Creation. Grounded in Scripture, we'll highlight how the natural world draws us closer to God and helps sustain our souls. Using resources from The Episcopal Church, the Roman Catholic Church, the Calvin Institute, and the Center for Spirituality in Nature, we'll reflect on meditations from the Rev. Bob Flanagan's book, *Growing a Sustainable Soul*. Light refreshments will be provided. Please [RSVP](#).

EPISCOPAL BELIEFS & PRACTICES – MAY 6, 13, 20, & 27

Adults interested in becoming an Episcopalian and being confirmed or received on June 7 are invited to attend Episcopal Beliefs & Practices on Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, and 27. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by sessions hosted by our rector from 7 to 8 PM. Together, we will explore life rooted in Episcopal identity through a discussion of holy scripture, church history, worship, and doctrine. Please [RSVP](#) for the series.

CHORAL EVENSONG – MAY 10

Treat your mom on Mother's Day by bringing her to church to hear beautiful choral music. The Christ Church Choir and clergy offer Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 10, at 4 PM in the Church. Dr. Paula Maust from Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University will play an 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 – BY MAY 14

Voting for this year's vestry election is available online and by paper ballot. [Vote online](#) using your email address on file in our parish database or request a paper ballot from the parish office or pick one up after weekend services on May 2-3 or May 9-10, and return it to the office by Thursday, May 14. The parish voting list is available online and in the office and contains those eligible to vote in the election according to our bylaws. This year's candidates nominated for election to the work of leadership as your vestry are: Jill Coghlan, Brenda DePuy, Martha Henley, Jon Payne, Eric Romano, Karen Sinton, Jim Storey, and Mike Vild. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting on Sunday, May 17.

CELTIC EUCHARIST ON ASCENSION DAY – MAY 14

In our hurried and noisy world, Celtic Eucharist offers gracious space and time to enjoy the holiness of God, gently touched by candlelight, music, and prayer. Join us on Thursday, May 14, at 7 PM in the Chapel as we bring this tradition to Christ Church to celebrate Ascension Day.

THE MOST FAVOURITE MUSIC WITH TEMPESTA DI MARE – MAY 15

European-trained musicians, American political elites, theater performers, and denizens of the French colonies all performed shoulder to shoulder in an 18th century Philadelphia that saw a lively and burgeoning music scene after the relaxation of cultural restrictions enforced during the Revolutionary War. From familiar Scottish Airs to dance numbers and chamber music, this recreation of a city concert on Friday, May 15, at 7 PM in Christ Church's Chapel offers an immersive experience of living history featuring music from Philadelphia's stages and ballrooms popular at the time. It's part of "Soundtrack of Independence," a collaborative celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. [Reserve](#) your seats today.

8 AND 9 AM SERVICES & PARISH DAY CELEBRATION/ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 17

On Sunday, May 17, we gather for two morning services at 8 and 9 AM in the Church, followed by the 178th annual meeting of our parish and a program for children. Join us for worship and then in the Parish Halls where we'll review the past year, look at the year ahead, and celebrate our many blessings, with lunch served for all at 11:45 AM.

SUPPORT OUR OUTREACH PARTNERS
APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION

This month's outreach collection benefits those participating in programs with SOAR (Survivors of Abuse in Recovery). Travel-sized toiletry items, bleach spray cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, microfiber cleaning cloths, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Ziploc bags, and tissues may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

JOIN THE CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY TEAM AT THE HIGHMARK WALK – MAY 2

Join the Christ Church Community team as we raise funds to support our outreach partner Friendship House at this year's Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday, May 2, at Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park (80 Rosa Parks Drive, Wilmington, DE 19801). Friendship House has an anonymous matching donor this year, and the first 20 teams to reach the goal of 20 walkers and \$2,000 raised will receive an additional \$1,000. The walk benefits other local nonprofits as well, including the Amanecer Counseling & Resource Center, Choir School of Delaware, Latin American Community Center, Read Aloud Delaware, and other agencies supported by members of Christ Church. Visit our [website](#) for details and to register.

URBANPROMISE POWERUP WORKDAY – MAY 2

Those 12 and older are invited to join our Dominican Republic youth missionaries for a day of service on Saturday, May 2. We will meet at 9 AM at UrbanPromise Wilmington (1000 East 28th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802) to serve at their PowerUP Workday, tackling various projects such as weeding the garden, stuffing envelopes, or working on a particular job at one of the UPW staff houses, school/office, or other sites. We will end our work around 12 PM and have the opportunity to hear from a panel of UrbanPromise Teen StreetLeaders about their experience and how they are shaping their neighborhood. Questions? Contact [Mason Cruz](#).

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES' ROOM AT THE TABLE BREAKFAST – MAY 6

Lutheran Community Services hosts their annual breakfast on Wednesday, May 6, from 9 to 10 AM at Riverfront Events, Hyatt Place in Wilmington. The morning features testimonials from their clients and supporters about how they are making a real difference in the community. Come hear their stories of moving people from emergency to empowerment and learn how you can help with their mission. Visit their [website](#) for details and to register.

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

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. Thomas Word Peters, *Associate Rector*
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

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Sheila Abio, *Head of School*
Bruce Barber, *Director of Music*
Mason Cruz, *Minister for Children & Youth*
Jason Keller, *Saturday Worship Leader*
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