

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

8:00 & 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

**omitted at 8:00 am*

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversations to a minimal.

***Prelude** Sheep May Safely Graze J. S. Bach; arr. H. Grace

***Hymn in Procession #646** The King of Love my shepherd is *Dominus regit me*

***Introit** Ubi Caritas Becki Slagle Mayo
Junior Choir

*Ubi caritas, Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.
Where there is charity and love,
God is there.
Where there is charity and love,
God is always there.*

*We have gathered in this place,
Joining hearts in love and praise,
Giving thanks to God above,
We go out to serve in love.
Where there is charity and love,*

(Ubi caritas, Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.)

God is there.

(Ubi caritas, Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.)

*Where there is charity and love,
God is always there.*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

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.**

Gloria

8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S-278

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God.
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The 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.**

The First Lesson

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



'The Lord is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters. [ANTIPHON]
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [ANTIPHON]
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. [ANTIPHON]

The Second Lesson

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel Acclamation



Cantor *I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; * I know my sheep and my sheep know me.*

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

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

The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

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."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Rejoicing in the Resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

O God, we give you thanks for raising Jesus Christ from the tomb, showing us that death is not the end. Help us to accept with joy the new life you give us.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the splendor of this earth, the warmth of the sun and beauty which surrounds us on every side. We pray that you will give us wisdom and reverence so to enjoy and use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer our abuse of them. Help us to be good stewards of your creation.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for this community of faith in which questions, doubts, and differences of opinion are respected. So draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so direct our wills, that we may be dedicated to you and strive for your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we pray for the Church, this nation, the many places of political conflict and economic suffering in the world, and all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. We remember our troops stationed around the world and the inhabitants of all war-torn countries.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, including those on our prayer list and all those whose struggles are known to you alone. We pray for nurses, physicians, therapists, caregivers and all who help provide healing and wholeness to others. May they find joy in their labors, that through their ministries your people might be strengthened and your creation glorified.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who dwell with you in glory, including Barbara Danseraeu, who died this week; and all those whom we love, but see no longer. Let light perpetual shine upon them, O God. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We will stand before you, O Lord, at the last, and we will know as we are known, and we will see what we have failed to see. Open our eyes to see and know that we stand in your presence now, that you are here before us in the needs of family, friends, and strangers alike, seeking our response of love. Grant us strength and courage to serve you in this time and place, living into the new life you have given us through the Resurrection of your Son. All this we ask in his Name.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeeter

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***Offertory** Two American Hymn Preludes: Come Thou Fount/Wondrous Love

arr. Brian Joyce

***Doxology**

Old Hundredth


**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

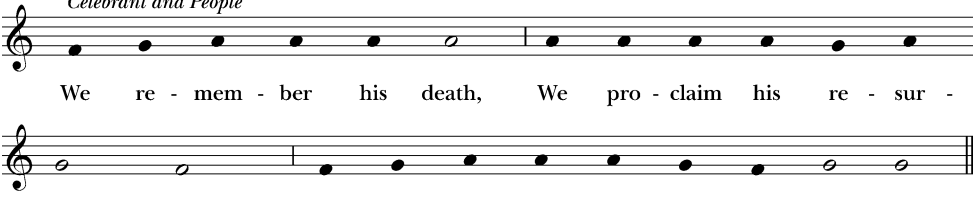
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant



There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

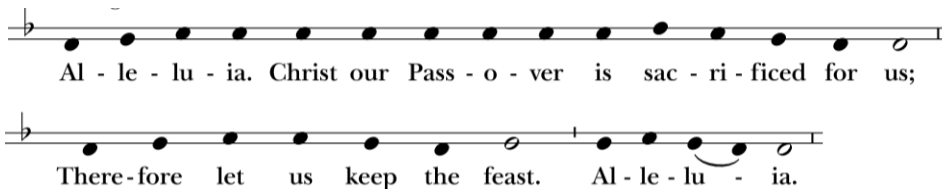
People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

***Communion**

O Santissima

A. Corelli; arr. Fritz Kreisler

***Communion Hymn #343** Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

Thanksgiving after Communion

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

*Closing Hymn #518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

The Dismissal

Clergy

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*The Voluntary

Sonata in b minor: Allegro

Loeillet de Gant

Trio Giocososo

Nicholas Currie, *violin*; Adam Gonzalez, *cello*; Diana Greene, *piano*

Thank You to Nicholas, Adam and Diana for their musical offerings this weekend!

Two American Hymn Preludes 2011 Latham Music; O Santissima 1928 Carl Fischer.

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Cecelia Clayton

L.E.M.: Mitch Hillard

Ushers: Shari Hillard

10:00 am

Lectors: Walter Thies, Tracy Zillmer,

Tim Evans

L.E.M.: Matt Genung

Ushers: Nick Pachnos & Pauline Josephs

Acolytes: Messiah Bent, Antonio &

Dominic Sebastiano

Joining us in worship & fellowship on April 14, 2024

8:00 am: 28

10:00 am: 130

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: Janet, Beverley, Gizelle, Carolyne, Marie, Mary, Evan, Lauren, Trish, Sue, Alex, Derick, Kim, Born, Glenn, Greg, Elaine, Eric Lori, Lorraine, Linda, Eileen, Janet, Rick Jr, Kevin, Valerie, Kim, Lance, Jeff, Carol, Paul, Jeanne, Daryl, Robert, Tricia, Kim, Jane, Lisa, Paco, Amy, Michele, Yacki, Addis, Ishi, Roger, Debbie, Tom, Tracy, Stevie, DJ, Brenda , Minnie, Wyn, Kay, Elizabeth, James, Lisa, Palo, Mary, Madeline, Cardyne, Guy, Sarah, Kelly, Becky, Mike, Jim, Madalyn, Gerry, Paul, Roberta, Betty, John, Alicia, Shelley, Jim, Marsha, Jake, Dakota and Diana

For those with child: Jessica, Meredith

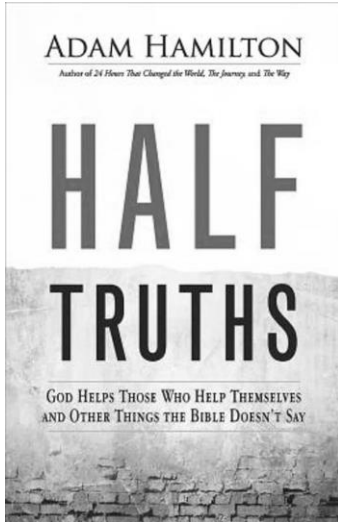
For those serving in the armed forces: Parker, Dean, Michael, Angel and Nicholas.

We rejoice with... Madeline Hodgins, W. Brush Kirby, Mark David, Adele Bastinck, Sarah David, Malinda McPeek Garlette, and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Richard & Barbara Rowe on their anniversary.

Please contact Karrie Miller in the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list.

Announcements & Events

Adult Formation Series: Wednesday, May 1, 8 & 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm



Join us for three evening sessions in May to explore some “half” truths we often hear faithful people say, including:

God helps those who help themselves.
Everything happens for a reason.
God won't give you more than you can handle.

We'll spend time discovering what wisdom scripture actually reveals around these areas and discuss why some of these common Christian clichés have endured.

No need to purchase the book ahead of time.
Please consider joining for one (or all three!) sessions.
For more information, please see Father Chris.

Christ Church Parish Trip to TRINITY CHURCH 89 Broadway at Wall Street, New York City CONCERT

Vespro della Beata Vergine (Vespers for the Blessed Virgin), SV 206, is a musical setting by Claudio Monteverdi of the evening vespers on Marian feasts, scored for soloists, choirs, and orchestra.

- WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024
- Bus departs at 4:00 pm from Church Street
- Concert begins at 7:00 pm
- We will return to Christ Church approximately 10:00 pm
- Cost per person: \$35. Check made payable to **Christ Church** or pay online at: ChristChurchNewton.org. (Be sure to indicate Trinity Church in the memo.)
- Please contact Joe Mello by text (862) 268-4720 or email jmello435@gmail.com to reserve your seat. First come – First served!



Christ Church Calendar: Week of April 21, 2024

Sunday April 21-The Fourth Sunday of Easter
8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, spoken)
9:00 am Adult Bible Study & Journey
9:30 am Sunday School
10 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, with music)
Fellowship & Coffee following
11:45 am Sunday Brunch in a Bag

Monday April 22 (Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm)

Tuesday April 23 (Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm)
7pm Sussex County Youth Orchestra

Wednesday April 24 (Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm)
7pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday April 25 (Church Office Hours: 8 am to 12pm)
7pm Senior Choir

Friday April 26

Saturday April 27
10am Literacy New Jersey

Sunday April 28 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter
8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, spoken)
9 am Adult Bible Study & Journey
9:30am Sunday School
10 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, with music)
Fellowship & Coffee following
11:45 am Sunday Brunch in a Bag



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