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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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** Jesu meine Freude (*Jesus my joy*) J. S. Bach

***Hymn in Procession #392** Come, we that love the Lord *Vineyard Haven*

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. 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.**

The First Lesson

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Those who seek the Lord shall praise him.

- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. [ANTIPHON]
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him. [ANTIPHON]
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done. [ANTIPHON]

The Second Lesson

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #379** God is love; let heaven adore him *Abbot's Leigh*

***The Gospel Acclamation**



Cantor *If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; *
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him*

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

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

The Holy Gospel **John 15:1-8**

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."

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, 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.



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***Offertory Anthem**

Wondrous Love

arr. Marie Pooler

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this!
O my soul!
What wondrous love is this!
That caused the Lord of bliss!
To send this precious peace,
To my soul, to my soul!
To send this precious peace
To my soul!

To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing-
To God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing!
while millions join the theme,
I will sing!

And while from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And while from death I'm free,
I'll sing on.
and while from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity
I'll sing on.

- American Folk Hymn c.1835

***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.

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer B

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>The Lord be with you.</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>Lift up your hearts.</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> <p><i>People</i></p> <p>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p> <p>And al - so with you.</p> <p><i>People</i></p> <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
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Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S-128

Celebrant & People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant


We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For

in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to 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."

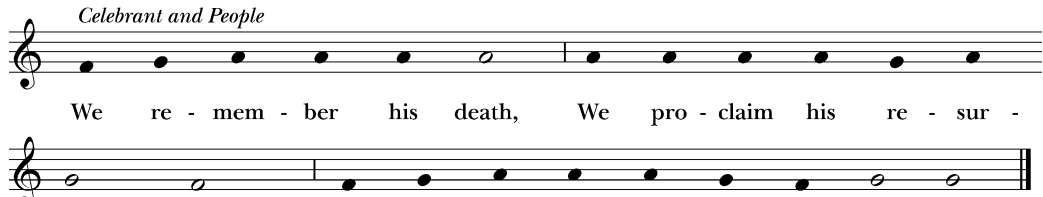
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

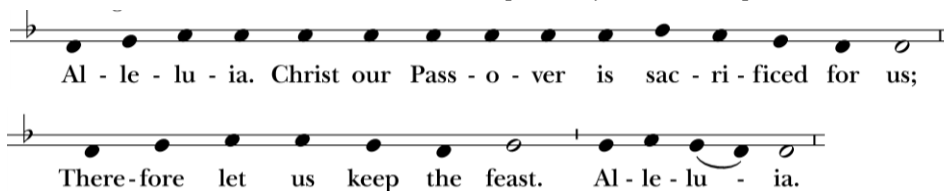
People AMEN.

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**

Arioso

Douglas Wagner

***Communion Hymn #323**

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

Jesu, du mein Hirt

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 #529

In Christ there is no east or west

McKee

The Dismissal

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

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

*The Voluntary

Deo Gracias

Gerald Near

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Walter Kiechel

L.E.M.: Mitch Hillard

Ushers: Dan Kous

10:00 am

Lectors: Eric Dietz, Matt Genung,

Cecelia Clayton

L.E.M.: Pauline Josephs

Ushers: George & Brabara Wink

Acolytes: Brad Hodgins, Messiah Bent,

Tracy Zillmer

Joining us in worship & fellowship on April 21, 2024

8:00 am: 27

10:00 am: 150

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, Matt and Diana

For those with child: Jessica, Meredith

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

We rejoice with... Kiana Grant, Tracey Manser, Nathaniel Logan, Barbara Rowe, Corrine Simmons, Allan Greene, Paul Reilly and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

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

Announcements & Events

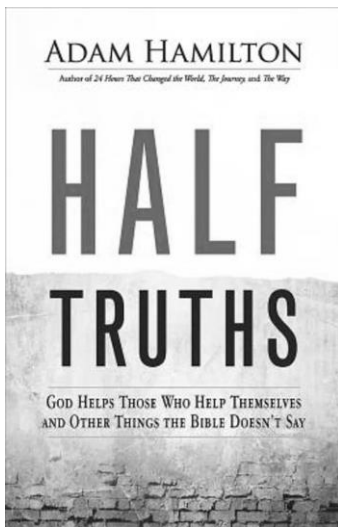
Parish Breakfast

Next Sunday, May 5 starting at 8:45 am

Plan to join us **next Sunday, May 5** for our final parish breakfast of the season. These monthly gatherings are a great way for you to connect with other members of our church family...and enjoy a delicious meal! Thank you to our faithful breakfast crew for their monthly commitment to shop, set-up, cook and clean-up. We are blessed by their ministries and the opportunity to deepen relationships with one another.



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



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 28, 2024

Sunday April 28 - The Fifth 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 29 (Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm)

Tuesday April 30 (Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm)

- 7pm Sussex County Youth Orchestra

Wednesday May 1 (Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm)

- 7pm Adult Formation Series

Thursday May 2 (Church Office Hours: 8 am to 12pm)

- 4pm Trip to Trinity Church Wall Street

Friday May 3

Saturday May 4

- 10am Literacy New Jersey

Sunday May 5 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, spoken)
- 9 am Church Breakfast
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10 am Holy Eucharist & Baptism (Rite II, with music)
Fellowship & Coffee following
- 11:45 am Sunday Brunch in a Bag



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Alex Zander, Altar Guild

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