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. To observe Lent, the announcements and greeting are placed at the conclusion of worship during this season. Please maintain quiet for prayer. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

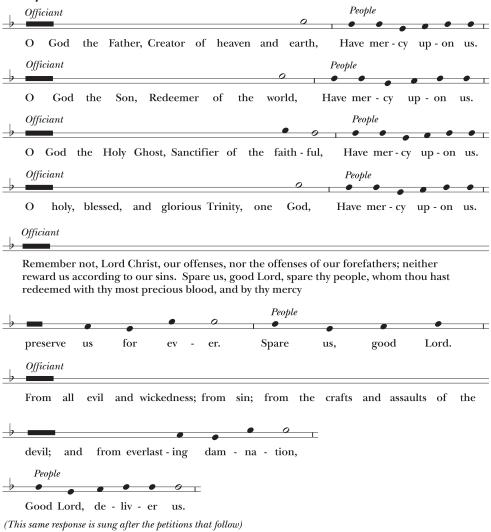
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT APRIL 6, 2025 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary Master Tallis's Testament

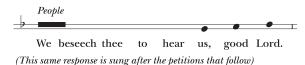
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

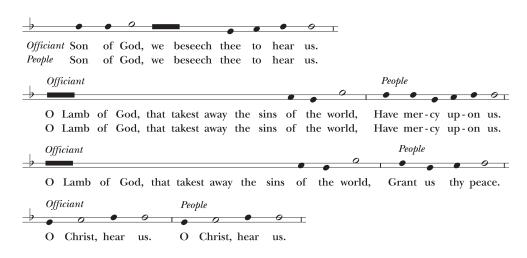
Please stand, as able, at the sound of the bell for

The Great Litany in Procession



We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,





The Choir sings the Kyrie in either Greek or English.

Kyrie eleison

Setting: Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

Chant: Plainsong

Kyrie eleison.Lord, have mercy upon us.Christe eleison.Christ, have mercy upon us.Kyrie eleison.Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

The Refrain is sung first by the Choir, repeated by all, then together as appointed.

Refrain Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. *Refrain* Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. Refrain

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. Refrain

The Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gradual Verse and Tract

Please stand at the sound of the bells. The Verse is sung first by the Cantor, then repeated by all before and after the Tract.

Verse The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cor-ner-stone; // this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous / in our eyes. – Psalm 118:22-23

Tract "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth," let Israel now say;

"Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, but they have not prevailed against me."

The plowmen plowed upon my back and made their furrows long.

The Lord, the Righteous One, has cut the cords of the wicked. - from Psalm 129

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 12:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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 Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us affirm the creed of baptism, saying

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant 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

George Oldroyd (1886-1956)

When I think on Jesus' blood, that he shed upon the rood, I let tears smart.

Who of men can be unkind if Christis blood he hath in mind, entirely in his heart?

Sweet Jesu Christ, what is thy guilt, that thou for me art spilt, flower of unlothfulness?

I a thief am, but thou diest; I am guilty, but thou abuyest all my wickedness.

Why gavest thou so much for thine? What winnest thou for thy hard pine, rich in bliss above?

Love thy heart so deep has sought that pain of death doth let thee nought of man to win the love.

Sweet Jesu Christ.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 144 Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also 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.

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:





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Please stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection,

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *Amen*.

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.





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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

William Byrd (1540-1623)

Ave verum corpus, Hail, true Body, natum de Maria Virgine, born of the Virgin Mary, vere passum, immolatum who has truly suffered, in cruce pro homine, was sacrificed on the cross cuius latus perforatum for mortals, whose pierced side flowed with blood: fluxit sanguine: Be for us a foretaste of Heaven esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. in the hour of our death. Oh Jesus sweet, oh Jesus holy, O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae. Oh Jesus, son of Mary, Miserere mei. Amen. Have mercy on me. Amen.

Communion Hymn 474 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People Amen.

Announcements

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

During this solemn season of Lent, there is no concluding organ 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 grace. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

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APRIL 6, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR NOTES OF CARE MINISTRY. Our congregation is committed to following Jesus in service and to fulfilling the Great Commandment to love God and neighbor. One of the ways we do this is through our Notes of Care ministry. Volunteers write personal notes to parishioners experiencing a major life event. This small act of kindness to those in need or who are celebrating a joyful occasion reminds them that they are loved and cared for by their parish family. This past year, more than 100 notes were written by 14 volunteers. In addition, approximately 200 birthday cards were sent to parishioners 75 and older. If you know someone who would appreciate a Note of Care or for more information about serving as a volunteer who can occasionally assist with this ministry, contact Marty Rushlow or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

A LENTEN SERVICE OF READINGS & MUSIC - TODAY

Experience the message of Lent in this contemplative service at 4 PM today in the Church. Patterned after the Anglican Service of Lessons & Carols, worship includes readings from scripture and from the spiritual writings of Henri Nouwen and music offered by the Christ Church Choir. An organ prelude begins at 3:30 PM.

EASTER BASKETS & APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION

Return Easter Baskets Today: Those who volunteered to fill an Easter basket for children and youth at the YWCA's Home Life Management Center are asked to drop off their basket to Christ Church today so it may be distributed in time for Easter.

April's outreach collection benefits Wilmington Senior Center participants. Donations of shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, shaving cream, and deodorant for men and women, canned goods, and disinfecting wipes may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

REMEMBER LOVED ONES THIS EASTER - SUBMIT NAMES BY TOMORROW

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music this Easter, please submit your names and contribute <u>online</u> or drop off a check to the parish office along with your memorial names by tomorrow, April 7. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Day bulletins.

KNOWING GOD: WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES - APRIL 9

The last session in our Lenten series takes place this Wednesday, April 9, and explores our relationship with God, using traditional and creative approaches to the questions of faith and religion. We share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by discussion from 7 to 8 PM. Please RSVP.

SPRING CLEANUP AT CHRIST CHURCH - APRIL 12

Join our Dominican Republic youth missioners, Men's Ministry, and Creations Care Ministry as we spruce up the Christ Church grounds in time for Easter. Bring your work gloves and rakes and help with our spring cleanup on Saturday, April 12, from 9 AM to 12 PM (weather permitting). Children 3-12 years old can join our fun scavenger hunt cleanup from 9 to 10 AM. Sign up to help.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Church
9:00 AM ARK Worship in the Chapel
9:00 AM SANCTUARY Worship in the Church
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church
All Ages Interactive Stations of the Cross
available Palm Sunday, April 13, through Holy Saturday, April 19

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Rite of Reconciliation

Maundy Thursday, April 17

5:00 PM All Ages Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing in the Chapel 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing in the Church followed by the Watch in the Chapel until 12 AM

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Bishop Brown in the Church and livestreamed to our website 5:00 PM All Ages Worship in the Chapel 7:00 PM Service of Tenebrae in the Church

Holy Saturday, April 19

7:30 PM Overnight Vigil at the fire outside the Parish Center

Easter Day, April 20

6:00 AM Easter Vigil in the Chapel
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Chapel
8:45 AM to 12:15 PM Child care available in the Nursery
9:00 AM All Ages Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church
11:00 AM Choral Eucharist, Rite II in the Church and livestreamed to our website

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING - APRIL 13

This month's Grief Support Group meets next Sunday, April 13, at 12 PM. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend either in person in the Commons Room or online by Zoom.

ALL AGES INTERACTIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – APRIL 13-19

Follow the story of Jesus' death and resurrection from his condemnation by Pilate to his crucifixion and burial through hands-on, multisensory stations available on the path to the labyrinth from Palm Sunday, April 13, through Holy Saturday, April 19. Children and adults of all ages are encouraged to experience this powerful offering.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION WITH CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY - APRIL 16

Participate in the sacramental Rite of Reconciliation, commonly known as Confession, and experience God's mercy and grace. All in search of healing and forgiveness are welcome to make a personal confession with one of the Christ Church clergy on the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16. Sign up for a 20-minute time slot.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP WATCH - APRIL 17 & 19

As Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane shortly before his arrest, he asked his disciples to keep vigil with him—to stay awake and support him in his hour of need. You are invited to keep watch in the Chapel on Maundy Thursday, April 17, from 8 PM to midnight, following the 7 PM service in the Church. Then on Holy Saturday, April 19, we invite you to participate in an overnight vigil at the fire outside the Parish Center from 7:30 PM to 6 AM as we await Christ's victory over death with the lighting of the Paschal candle at the Easter Vigil. Sign up for an hour or two on one or both dates.

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN: PLEASE COMPLETE OUR PARISH SURVEY – BY APRIL 22

One goal of our strategic plan is to grow deeper relationships with God and with others, following Jesus Christ. Please help us measure our parish progress toward that goal in understanding parishioner contentment, engagement, and sentiment about the parish and our mission by taking our parish survey. Parish leaders will review the feedback and report on the results at Christ Church's annual meeting on Sunday, May 18.



EASTER FLOWER DELIVERY HELP NEEDED - APRIL 22

We deliver Easter flowers from our sanctuary to approximately 100 of our members who are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. On Tuesday, April 22, between 9:30 and 10 AM, we need drivers willing to help with the distribution (anyone with a vehicle, driver's license, and a little time to spare). This simple act of pastoral care brings cheer to those who need it most. Contact <u>Jane Rubini</u> to volunteer.

CHRIST CHURCH'S MINISTRY MATCH DISCOVERY TOOL

Explore service opportunities here at Christ Church and with our neighbors in need with Christ Church's Ministry Match Discovery Tool. Visit our website to complete a 3-minute survey about your preferences and receive your results immediately. You are not making a commitment by taking the survey; you are simply exploring areas that may be of interest to you. Our prayer is that the Ministry Match Discovery Tool helps us match you with possibilities and particular ways to engage in ministry at Christ Church that are meaningful and joyful, and we invite your participation!

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Bryant P. and Virginia M. Lindley and in loving memory of Richard and Kay King, Pat and Lillian Reilly Dennis Reilly, Sam and Bell King Harry and Hazel Williams, Francis (Nick) du Pont

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

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