



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 16, 2024
8:00 a.m.

We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to fill in one of the welcome cards found in the pew rack.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE VERY REV. NATHANIEL KATZ, *Dean*
Celebrant

The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *BCP page 323*
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND THE SUMMARY *page 323*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING *Ezekiel 17:22–24*

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 4:26–34*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**
After the Gospel reading, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON *The Very Rev. Nathaniel Katz, Dean*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form VI, page 392*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offerings of alms are received.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II, page 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
 Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

The People kneel as able.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The sacrament of Holy Communion has been precious to Christians for 2,000 years. It is a way in which many sense the reality of God's forgiveness, our union with God and each other, and the eternal life to which we belong. Please know that you do not have to be an Episcopalian to receive Communion. To receive, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask at the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Readings this Week from the *Revised Common Lectionary*

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 17:22–24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:6–17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:26–34

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Book of Remembrance
This week we remember James Reed Cox.

The Beauty of Flowers
The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the Ordination of the newest Deacons in the Diocese of Texas by the Commission on Ministry and The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Texas..

Weekday Services

Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Monday-Friday on Zoom
Evening Prayer, 6 p.m., Monday- Friday on Zoom
Contemplative Prayer, 11:15 a.m., Mondays in Mellinger Room
Holy Eucharist, 12:05 p.m., Wednesdays in Golding Chapel
Links available at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/weekdayservices

Welcome

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Announcements

❖ TODAY

Welcome & Newcomer Council hosts Summer Place • Come meet new folks and connect with old friends at Summer Place. This week's event is hosted by the Welcome & Newcomer Council. Cathedral councils take turns hosting this special coffee hour beginning at 10 o'clock in Reynolds Hall. All are welcome!

Ordination of Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios • Yesterday, the Cathedral's own Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Texas. Rev. Maria Teresa begins her ministry in late July by joining Trinity Episcopal Church as curate. In celebration of Maria Teresa, she will serve in worship today at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and parishioners can make donations to her discretionary fund in preparation for her ministry at Trinity. To learn more about her placement or make a donation, visit www.christchurchcathedral.org/deacon

❖ **Mass of the Eternal Flame Album Release** • We are proud to present the world premiere recording Mass of the Eternal Flame: New Music by Ēriks Ešēvalds and Rachel Laurin, performed by Cathedral choirs under the direction of award winning conductors Marianna and Robert Simpson. From its world premiere concert in Christ Church Cathedral last year, this thrilling and evocative work is ready to shine across the world. Learn more, and find out where to stream or purchase, by visiting: www.christchurchcathedral.org/eternalflame

❖ **Church Offices Closed June 19** • The Cathedral offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. The office will reopen on June 20. You can visit www.juneteenthouston.org and discover ways to celebrate freedom!

❖ **Noche Familiar: Father's Day Celebration** • The Latino Ministry Council hosts Noche Familiar (Family Night) in celebration of Father's Day on Friday, June 21 from 6-8:30 p.m. in Reynolds Hall. There will be food, prizes, and more. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Sylvia Garcia at sgarcia@christchurchcathedral.org

❖ **The Great Cathedral Read-In** • On Saturday, June 22, we'll open the Cathedral from 1-3 p.m. for the first ever Great Cathedral Read In! Bring your book and bask in the beauty of God's house and enjoy a little reading alongside your siblings in Christ. Light refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact Minister for Children and Families, KariAnn Lessner at kalessner@christchurchcathedral.org

❖ **Walk with Pride** • Join the Justice & Peace Council, along with other churches from around the Diocese, to walk in the Houston Pride Festival and Parade Saturday, June 29. Together, we celebrate the vibrant and diverse LGBTQ+ community in our city! Learn more and sign up to volunteer at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/pride

❖ **Cloister Gallery** • The newest exhibition, by artist Barbara Able, includes both realistic and abstract oil paintings. The show features collages celebrating her connection to plants and animals, and are inspired by nature. To learn more about this artist and her work visit: www.christchurchcathedral.org/art

❖ **Looking for Children's Ministry** • Follow Agnus to childcare for infants (6 weeks–5 yrs) on the 1st floor of the Jones Building or enjoy some time on the Huffington Playground. Questions? Contact KariAnn Lessner at kalessner@christchurchcathedral.org





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The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, *Bishop of Texas*
The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher, *Bishop Suffragan*
The Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan, *Bishop Suffragan*
The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso, *Assistant Bishop*
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The Rev. Canon Luz Montes
The Rev. Ed Stein, *Affiliated Clergy*
The Rev. John Pitts, *Affiliated Clergy*
The Rev. Elizabeth Parker, *Affiliated Clergy*
The Rev. Ray Wilson, *Affiliated Clergy*
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Thomas Marvil, *Cathedral Organist*
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Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral!

We are blessed by your presence. If you are new to the Cathedral, please fill out the WELCOME card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Tours of the Cathedral are available every Sunday following the 11 a.m. service and on the third Sunday of each month after the 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. services. Look for the guide under the crucifixion window at the rear of the nave.

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