



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in / you; *
 I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
 my good above all / other."
 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the / land, *
 upon those who are noble among the / people.
 But those who run after other / gods *
 shall have their troubles / multiplied.
 Their libations of blood I will not / offer, *
 nor take the names of their gods upon my / lips.
 O LORD, you are my portion and my / cup; *
 it is you who uphold my / lot.
 My boundaries enclose a pleasant / land; *
 indeed, I have a goodly / heritage.
 I will bless the LORD who gives me / counsel; *
 my heart teaches me, night after / night.
 I have set the LORD always be/fore me; *
 because he is at my right hand I shall not / fall.
 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit re/joices; *
 my body also shall rest in / hope.
 For you will not abandon me to the /grave, *
 nor let your holy one see the / Pit.
2nd half of chant
 You will show me the path of / life; *
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for ever/more.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

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

HYMN 209

St. Botolph

ALLELUIA

Tone II



Al - le - lú - ia.

V. **Alleluia.** You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
 R. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
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 Rev. Elizabeth Parker, Affiliated Clergy

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To the call, "To you alone we pray," the people are invited to respond, "**Hear us, O risen Christ.**"

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, after which the people are seated for brief announcements.

The Holy Communion

Offerings of alms and bread and wine are received.

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Alleluia.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II, page 340

SURSUM CORDA S 112

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 114

Healey Willan(1880-1968)

During the Great Fifty Days of Easter it is Cathedral custom to remain standing.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

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FRACTION ANTHEM

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

AGNUS DEI S 158

Healey Willan

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.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

15th century French melody;

ANTHEM arr. Simon Lindley (1948-2025)

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.
 Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
 Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
 Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain,
 Thinking that never he would wake again,
 Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
 Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain.
He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

— *John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)*

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking the Sacrament to members of our Cathedral family:

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I 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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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THE BLESSING

HYMN 180

Unser Herrscher

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on O Filii Et Filiae

Lynnwood Farnam (1885-1930)

Cathedral tours, highlighting the history of our beautiful building, are given by a Cathedral Tour Guide each Sunday following the 11 o'clock service. Join the guide under the Crucifixion Window at the rear of the nave.

Readings this Week from the *Revised Common Lectionary*

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants

on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember James Gary Ulmer.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Cindi Blakely by her family.

Additional lilies on the Rood Screen are given to the glory of God in loving
memory of her parents, Archie and Alice Ruth Stinson, by Judith Stinson Cowan.

Additional lilies on the Rood Screen are given to the glory of God in
loving memory of her aunt, Lillie Hughen, by Judith Stinson Cowan.

Welcome, Sunday, April 12, 2026

Announcements

❖ TODAY

Daily Prayer: How, What, Why • Prayer is the lifeblood of our relationship with God. But how do we actually pray, especially when time is short and words are lacking? In this three-session class, Canon Bradley Varnell will help participants find both the time to pray and the words to pray by introducing the Episcopal Church's liturgies for daily prayer. Participants will be guided in using these liturgies on their own, and together we'll reflect on the challenges (and gifts) of daily prayer. Those looking to establish a regular rhythm of prayer are especially encouraged to attend, but all are welcome — no matter how long (or short) you've been praying. Sundays, April 12-26, 10 a.m., in the McGehee Conference Room. Register at: christchurchcathedral.org/announcements.

❖ **Downtown Lunch** • Come on out on Monday, April 13, at 12 p.m. to Treebeards. Take a midday break with your Cathedral friends! We gather for good food and better company on the second Monday of each month. No RSVP needed — just come as you are.

❖ **Collect Writing with Dean Katz — Wednesday, April 15** • Join a monthly gathering over Zoom to hold space for our community to grow in relationship with collects as a means of growing in relationship with God and one another. These sessions will take place from 7-8 p.m. and invite participants to reflect upon collects from the Book of Common prayer before holding space to write their own collects based around prompts from scripture and the seasons (liturgical, natural and otherwise). Please email Louise Langford at llangford@christchurchcathedral.org to obtain the Zoom link.

❖ **Neighborhood Gatherings Are About to Spring Up** • This spring Christ Church Cathedral is hosting a series of neighborhood get-togethers — and you're invited. It's a relaxed evening from 6-7:30 p.m. to meet new faces, catch up with old friends, and just enjoy being together outside of Sunday. There are three evenings to choose from: Tuesday, April 21 (Northside area); Wednesday, May 6 (Southwest Houston); and Monday, May 18 (Southwest area). Spots are limited, so RSVP soon. Hosts and RSVP info at: christchurchcathedral.org/announcements.

❖ **The Dean's Hour: Living Faithfully in a Complex Community** • The Dean's Hour continues its April conversations next Sunday with Shariq Ghani of Bridges, and closes the month April 26 with Constance and Dain Perry as part of our Traces of the Trade series.

❖ **"Traces of the Trade" Film & Discussion** • On April 25, we invite you to a documentary film screening and facilitated dialogue on race in Reynolds Hall from noon to 3 p.m. Info and registration on our announcements page: christchurchcathedral.org/announcements.

❖ **The Movable Feast Returns April 26** • This monthly event is designed to help families participate in worship (at 9 a.m.), formation (10 a.m. Sunday School), and fellowship (11 a.m., a "feast" of sorts — sponsored by the Children & Family Ministries Council where food & fun abound)!

❖ **News for Children & Families & Youth** • Sunday School for children and youth runs from September through April during the 10 o'clock hour, wrapping up with May Fete — our joyful annual celebration on the first Sunday in May. Stay connected by signing up for the Cathedral Families and/or Treehouse newsletters to learn about summer offerings like Art Space for All (Sundays at 10 a.m. in Reynolds Hall), Summer Shade (youth activities), and Moveable Feast (family, food, and fun in June and July!).