




CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026  
11 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 out one of the welcome cards found in the pew rack. We are glad you are here!*

 *The Cathedral is equipped with a hearing loop for assisted listening via telecoil.*

### The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE REV. LIZ KRONENBERG, *Canon Vicar*  
Celebrant

*The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).  
Hymns and service music (S) are in The Hymnal 1982.*

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in e minor Nikolaus Bruhns (ca.1665-1697)

#### CHORAL INTROIT

Tone VII

V: O be joyful in God, all ye lands, alleluia; sing praises unto the honor of his Name, alleluia:

R: Make his praise to be exceeding glorious, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### HYMN 174

*Salzburg*

### *The Word of God*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*BCP page 323*

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

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND THE SUMMARY

GLORIA *Missa Secunda* Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my suppli/cation, \*  
 because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up/on him.  
 The cords of death entangled me;  
 the grip of the grave took / hold of me; \*  
 I came to grief and / sorrow.  
 Then I called upon the Name of the / LORD: \*  
 “O LORD, I pray you, save my / life.”  
 How shall I repay the / LORD \*  
 for all the good things he has / done for me?  
 I will lift up the cup of sal/vation \*  
 and call upon the Name of the / LORD.  
 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD \*  
 in the presence of all his / people.  
 Precious in the sight of the / LORD \*  
 is the death of his / servants.  
 O LORD, I am your / servant; \*  
 I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
 you have freed me from my / bonds.  
 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks/giving \*  
 and call upon the Name of the / LORD.  
 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD \*  
 in the presence of all his / people,  
*2nd half of chant*  
 In the courts of the LORD’s / house, \*  
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
 Halle/lujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

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

HYMN 467

*St. Bees*

ALLELUIA

Tone II



Al - le - lú - ia.

V. **Alleluia.** Open our minds, O Lord, to understand the Scriptures;  
 R. Make our hearts to burn within us when you speak. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

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

## 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

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Alleluia, for Christ the Lord is risen. Alleluia, risen Lord. He is worthy to receive power, wealth, and glory, wisdom, might, and honor, blessings, now and evermore. For He is the true and righteous Lord of all in heaven and earth. King of kings and Lord of lords, we do worship at your throne.

— Paul England (1919-1977)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer II, page 340*

## SURSUM CORDA S 112

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Missa Secunda*

Hans Leo Hassler

*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

*Missa Secunda*

Hans Leo Hassler

*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

ANTHEM

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
 Holy wisdom, Love most bright,  
 Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring,  
 Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God our flesh that fashioned  
 With the fire of life impassioned.  
 Striving still to Truth unknown,  
 Soaring, dying, round thy throne.

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors take 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 432

*Laudate Dominum*

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Psalm XIX

Marcello Benedetto (1686-1739)

*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.*

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## **Readings this Week from the *Revised Common Lectionary***

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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*The Book of Remembrance*

This week we remember Richard Page Keeton.

*The Beauty of Flowers*

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 100th birthday of Nancy Stallworth Thomas by her family.

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Cathedral, please scan to donate.*



# Welcome

## Sunday, April 19, 2026

### *Announcements*

#### ❖ TODAY

- The Dean's Hour: Living Faithfully in a Complex Community** • This morning the Dean's Hour continued its April conversations on Living Faithfully in a Complex Community with Shariq Ghani of Bridges. This series closes out the month on April 26 with Constance and Dain Perry as part of our Traces of the Trade series.
- ❖ **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 information at: [christchurchcathedral.org/announcements](http://christchurchcathedral.org/announcements).
- ❖ **"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 12-3 p.m. Information and registration are on our announcements page: [christchurchcathedral.org/announcements](http://christchurchcathedral.org/announcements).
- ❖ **The Movable Feast Returns April 26** • This monthly event invites families into a full Sunday morning — worship at 9 a.m., formation at 10 a.m. (Sunday School), and a full, delicious lunch with plenty of fun as fellowship begins at 11 a.m., hosted by the Children & Family Ministries Council.
- ❖ **Día Mundial del Niño/Children's Day** • Latino Ministry will be celebrating Día Mundial del Niño/Children's Day on Sunday, April 26, during the 1 p.m. service and during the reception in Reynolds Hall. All are invited to join in the celebration.
- ❖ **News for Children & Families & Youth** • Sunday School for children and youth runs from September through April during the ten 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 Movable Feast (family, food, and fun in June and July).
- ❖ **Save the Date for May Fete** • Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 3, to celebrate one of the oldest and most beloved Cathedral traditions. Gather at Christ Church for a Sunday filled with special worship, favorite foods, fun games, and the crowing of the May Fete King and Queen.
- ❖ **Cameron Carpenter Organ Concert** • There will be an organ concert offered by Cameron Carpenter in the Cathedral on May 7. Please see the announcements page for more information.

*For more information about these and other events at the Cathedral,  
visit: [christchurchcathedral.org/announcements](http://christchurchcathedral.org/announcements).*