




the well

Order of Worship

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

April 19, 2026
5:00 p.m.

*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839,
this Christian community has gathered for worship.*

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

Third Sunday of Easter

five o'clock in the evening

THE REV. CANON LUZ MONTES
Celebrant

SARA DACON, *Cantor*

BECKY BAXTER, *Music Coordinator and Harpist for The Well*

LAUREN KAVANAUGH, *flautist*

FRAN KOINER, *cellist*

*Good evening and welcome to The Well. The order of service has been adapted
to observe the season of Easter. We are so glad that you are here.*

Come close, draw near, and receive the grace of God.

OPENING MUSIC

TRADITIONAL IRISH TUNES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE EVENING

Christ, you are risen from the dead. We are risen with you. May our life never deny this eternal life, this peace and hope and joy. Praise and glory to the God of life who is stronger than all kinds of death. **Amen. Alleluia.**

Please stand.

HYMN



1. In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2. In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3. In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4. U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord of the gathering feast, you walk with us on the shadowed road: burn our hearts with scripture's open flame; unveil our darkened eyes as bread is torn and shared, and from the broken fragments bless a people for yourself; through Jesus Christ, the host of the world. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

Dilexi, quoniam

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon 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 salvation *
 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 thanksgiving *
 and call upon the Name of the Lord.
 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
 in the presence of all his people,
 In the courts of the Lord'S house, *
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
 Hallelujah!

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

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

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

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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All sit.

THE REFLECTION

A period of silence is observed following the Reflection.

The People remain seated.

HYMN

1. Here, Lord, we take the bro - ken bread and drink the
 2. As — you have giv'n, so — we would give our - selves for
 wine, be - liev - ing that by your life our souls are
 oth - ers' — heal - ing; as you have lived, so we would
 fed, your part - ing gifts re - ceiv - ing.
 live the Fa - ther's love re - veal - ing.

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THE NICENE CREED

The People stand.

Let us now stand and join the tradition of the saints who have gone before us, affirming our faith together by saying the ancient words of the Nicene Creed.

**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.**

INTERCESSIONS FOR EASTER

The intercessor says

Jesus has risen from the dead! Alleluia!

By his cross he has defeated the power of evil; and through his resurrection we are set free. Alleluia! Lord, without your resurrection our faith would be empty and without hope. But you are alive, and we rejoice and dance and wonder in the mystery of your presence among us.

We pray for your church: free us from the shackles of guilt and legalism, and help us to proclaim the message of healing and forgiveness for which you died.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, your friends and disciples must have been utterly bereft at your death, with all their hope and purpose broken. So we pray now for those who are in darkness and pain today: those facing the keen disappointment of broken hopes; lives damaged by broken relationships and broken trust; people with broken hearts; bodies broken by torture; and spirits broken by injustice;

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

We pray, Lord, for broken communities, and we ask your forgiveness for our own apathy, and our desire to wash our hands of involvement in the plight of others.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Accept our prayers, and take them up into your creative energy of love which you let loose into the world on those extraordinary Passover days.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

SILENT PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Following the Intercessions during the instrumental music, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayer. As we see others light candles, we recognize that we are all carrying prayer concerns known to us alone, and we are reminded to treat one another with kindness and care. Tapers and votives are located to the right of the altar and in front of the transept to the left. Please feel free to go to either of these places to light a candle.

The Celebrant will be available to anoint with oil all those who wish to come forward for healing prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

O Risen Christ, you breathe your Holy Spirit upon us like a gentle breeze and tell us: "Peace be yours." We open ourselves to your peace, letting it penetrate the harsh and rocky ground of our hearts. Come and lead us to wait in silence, to let a ray of hope shine through in our world. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

Christ descended to death and hell, passed through doors locked by fear to breathe the Spirit of peace and make us one humanity; nothing can now separate us from the love of God.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

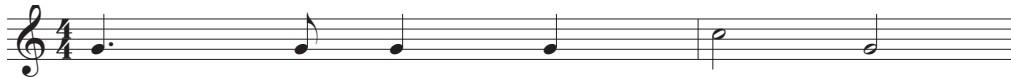
People **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord,
after which they may be seated.*

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Cathedral, please scan to donate.*



OFFERTORY HYMN



1. Bread	is	blessed	and	bro -	ken,
2. Share	the	food	of	hea -	ven
3. Know	your -	self	for -	gi -	ven,
4. God	has	kept	his	pro -	mise



wine	is	blessed	and	poured:
earth	can -	not	af -	ford.
find	your -	self	re -	stored,
sealed	by	sign	and	word:



take	this	and	re -	mem -	ber
Here	is	grace	in	es -	sence:
meet	a	friend	for -	e -	ver:
here,	for	those	who	want	him:



Christ	the	Lord.
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Christ	the	Lord.
Christ	the	Lord.

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The Holy Communion

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

We praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom.

From the nothingness of slavery you called a people into being and led them to springs of life; the presence of your glory went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands and gathered from the valley of despair the flesh and blood of living hope. In Jesus you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed; you spoke to those considered dead and helped them stand again; he taught us to die that we might live. He gave himself for us tortured and forsaken, but he could not be confined by death; in the garden he speaks our name, in the breaking of the bread he shows himself among us; by the lakeside, in the new day, he calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness, with the women at the tomb, and the men who hid in fear we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn and join the undying song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we come in memory and hope, responding to your call and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time. May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb and praise the one whose name is lifted high above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering through his all-powerful grace, and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts; through Jesus Christ, in whom all ages and all the worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

People **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

At the direction of the ushers you are invited to form a single line in the central aisle to receive Communion in front of the altar.

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. 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. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

The People stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world; may the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him; may the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you this night and always. **Amen.**

HYMN

1. Now let us from this ta - ble rise _____
 2. With minds a - lert, up - held by grace, _____
 3. To fill each hu - man house with love, _____
 4. Then grant us grace, Com - pan - ion - God, _____

re - newed in bod - y, mind, and soul; _____
 to spread the Word in speech and deed _____
 it is the sac - ra - ment of care; _____
 to choose a - gain the pil - grim way, _____

with Christ we die and rise a - gain, _____ this self - less
 we fol - low in the steps of Christ, _____ at one with
 the work that Christ be - gan to do _____ we hum - bly
 and help us to ac - cept with joy _____ the chal - lenge

1. love has made us whole. (4.) of to - mor - row's day.
 all in hope and need.
 pledge our - selves to share.

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Christ has conquered sin and death. The power of love has overcome the darkness. Let us go forth in the light and life of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING MUSIC

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH TUNE

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 and will close 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 info at: 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. Info and registration on our announcements page: christchurchcathedral.org/announcements.

❖ **The Movable Feast Returns April 26** • This monthly event invites families into a full Sunday morning—worship at 9:00 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 Moveable 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.

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