



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 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. CANON BRADLEY VARNELL
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 in A Major Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

CHORAL INTROIT

Tone VII

V: O sing unto the Lord a new song, alleluia; for the Lord hath done marvelous things alleluia:

R: In the sight of the nations hath he shewed his righteous judgments, alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN 437

Birmingham

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 S 202

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung by Choir, congregation seated

The Lord is my shepherd;
 therefore can I lack nothing.
 He shall feed me in a green pasture,
 and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
 He shall convert my soul
 and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil;
 for thou art with me,
 thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me;
 thou hast anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup shall be full.
 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
 life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

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

HYMN 343

St. Agnes

ALLELUIA

Tone II



Al - le - lú - ia.

V. **Alleluia.** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;*R.* I know my sheep, and my sheep know me. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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. Liz Kronenberg, Canon Vicar

THE NICENE CREED

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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

James Leith Macbeth Bain (1860-1925);
arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie in pastures green, he leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness, e'en for his own name's sake. Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill: for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head with oil thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me; and in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be.

— *para. Psalm 23, "The Scottish Psalter of 1650"*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II, page 340

SURSUM CORDA S 112

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 114

Healey Willan

*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

ANTHEM

anon. early American tune, *Resignation*;
arr. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

My shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his Name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed
beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me for his mercy's sake
in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,
thy presence is my stay,
one word of thy supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may thy house be my abode
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.

—Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Chelsea Berner and Ben McGee, soloists

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 460

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

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 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at

home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember James Lee Ketelsen and Joseph Adams Harris Sr.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God and in joyful thanksgiving for the stitchers of the Christ Church Cathedral Community Quilt project by the Altar Guild.

*To support the ministry outreach of the
Cathedral, please scan to donate.*



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Welcome

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Announcements

❖ TODAY

Día Mundial del Niño/Children's Day • Latino Ministry will be celebrating Día Mundial del Niño/Children's Day today during the 1 p.m. service and during the reception in Reynolds Hall. All are invited to join in the celebration.

❖ **Neighborhood Gatherings Have Sprung 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 two more evenings to choose from: 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.

❖ **News for Children & Families and 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 Movable Feast (family, food, and fun in June and July).

❖ **May Fete is coming — Volunteer With Us** • 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 crowning of the May Fete King and Queen. To volunteer, register at: christchurchcathedral.org/announcements.

❖ **20s & 30s Cookout** • Cathedral young adults (in their 20s & 30s) are invited to hotdogs and hangs on Saturday, May 9, from 2-5 p.m. No cost to attend, but please plan to bring drinks and/or cookout-worthy sides and snacks to share. Hosted by Eliza Poggi. To receive the address, RSVP by Friday, May 8 at: christchurchcathedral.org/announcements.

❖ **Historic Tour of Texas Plantations** • You're invited to experience 19th century Texas life at the Levi Jordan and Varner-Hogg Plantations in Brazoria County on Saturday, May 16. Of special focus will be the enslaved quarters and work sites at the Levi Jordan Plantation which are currently undergoing archeological exploration. Adult admission is \$12 and covers entrance to both sites and a tour of Levi Jordan. For further information, and to register by May 3, visit: christchurchcathedral.org/announcements.

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