

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 21, 2024 · 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist · Rite II

Prelude

Chorale Prelude: Down Ampney

Richard Popplewell (1935-2016)

Please stand as the introduction begins

Hymn 516 *sung by all*

Come down, O Love Divine

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)

Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Bishop

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Bishop

There is one Body and one Spirit:

People

There is one hope in God's call to us.

Bishop

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People

One God and Father of all.

Bishop

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Bishop

Let us pray.

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit

The New Testament Reading

Romans 12:1-18

Lector

A Reading from the Book of Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace

given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

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

Please remain seated as we say together

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn 293 sung by all

I sing a song of the saints of God

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986)
Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945)

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *please sit after the opening prayer*

The Right Rev. Laura Ahrens

The Presentation & Examination of the Candidates

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The Candidates for Confirmation come forward.

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.
Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.
or
I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates I do.
Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop then addresses the congregation, saying

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People **We will.**
Bishop Let us join with these persons who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Please stand

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in
Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as
yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the
dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment
to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silence

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N* with your Holy Spirit; empower *them* for your service; and sustain *them* all the days of *their* life. **Amen.**

The Reception

Bishop *N*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand

The Peace

Bishop The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please sit

Greetings and Notices

Welcome Newcomers!
If you are new to Christ Church Greenwich complete the welcome card found in the pews and on tables in the foyer and hallway. Please give the card to an usher or a member of the clergy, and someone will be in touch with you soon.


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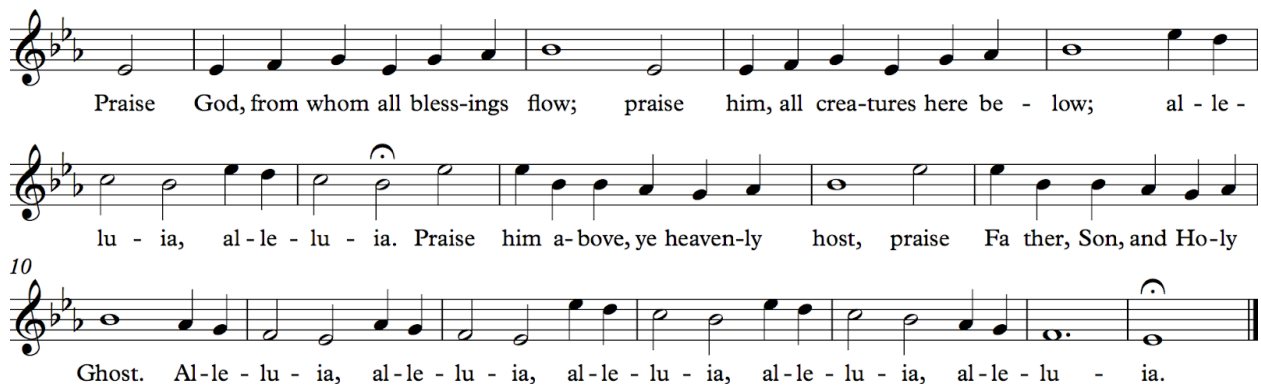
Offertory Anthem *sung by the choir*

Achieved is the glorious work; our song let be the praise of God. Glory to his name for ever.
He sole on high exalted reigns. Hallelujah.

Words: Gottfried van Swieten (1733-1803) and Psalm 148. 13

Music: from *The Creation* Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

*Please stand as the ushers bring the offerings to the celebrant. They are presented and placed on the altar.
We sing together:*



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host, praise Fa ther, Son, and Ho-ly
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Ghost. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Bishop It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ, our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, make us citizens of your kingdom, and give us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might, —
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Please remain standing or kneel

The Bishop continues

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Bishop Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues

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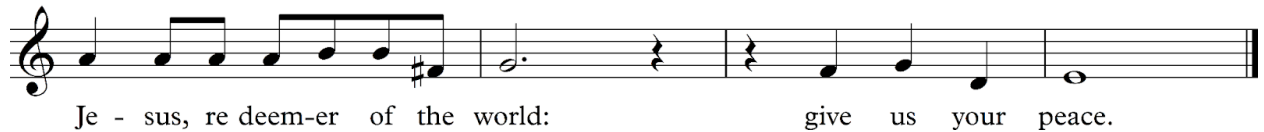
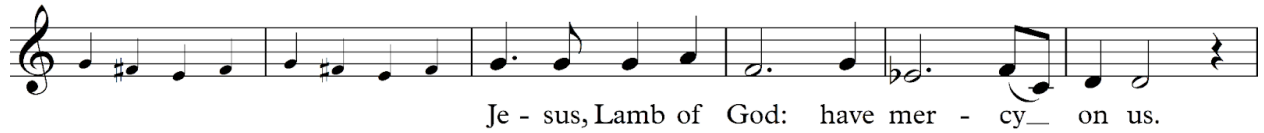
The Lord's Prayer *said by all*

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The Breaking of the Bread and the Invitation

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We sing together



How to Receive Communion



All are invited to receive Communion. Extend both hands palms up, placing one hand directly on top of the other. You can dip the bread into the wine or sip from the cup at all stations. For gluten free (GF) wafers, please extend both palms down. A special GF chalice is available on the credence table.

Members of our Pastoral Care Team take Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound, reside in local assisted living or nursing facilities.

Communion Hymn 513 *sung by all*

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Words: Carl Daw (b. 1944)

Music: *Bridegroom* Peter Cutts (b. 1937)

Communion Motet

- 1 My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his Name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways.
He leads me for his mercy's sake
in paths of truth and grace.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Traditional southern hymn tune arr. Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

Communion Hymn 646 *sung by all*

The King of love my shepherd is

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Of Psalm 23

Music: *Dominus regit me*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Post Communion Prayer *said by all*

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Bishop

Let us pray.

People

**Almighty and everliving God,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
Of the most precious Body and Blood
Of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
And for assuring us in these holy mysteries
That we are living members of the Body of your Son,
And heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
To do the work you have given us to do
To love and serve you
As faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord,
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Please stand

Hymn 525 *sung by all*

The church's one foundation

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Dismissal

Priest

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Final (Symphony no 1 in D minor)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

You are warmly invited to stay and listen to the postlude, played on our outstanding Harrison & Harrison organ, along with many members of our parish both in church and online who love organ music. We request that if you wish to have conversations, please move to the Chapel Foyer.

Serving today

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Right Rev. Laura Ahrens
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden, The Rev. Terry Elsberry The Rev. Susie McNiff, The Rev. Tim Hamlin
<i>Associate Director of Music</i>	Jonathan Vaughn
<i>Visiting Artist</i>	Dr. Philip Moore
<i>Choir</i>	Christ Church Singers
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Lynne Jordal Martin, Jane Snowdon
<i>Acolytes</i>	Foard McCallion, Anthonio Ramos
<i>Lector</i>	Merle Yoder
<i>Verger</i>	Tim Carpenter
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Lynda Cesiro, Lynn Garelick, Ron Voges
<i>Head Usher</i>	Clifton Gray
<i>Ushers</i>	Monica Prihoda Bruce, Alex Kosseim, Blanche O'Connell, Bobbie Walker

The altar flowers are given...

by Tim Carpenter, in loving memory of
Francis Newton Carpenter, Barbara Hayward Carpenter, and Ashton Hayward Prindle;
in loving memory of Barbara and Robert Cantwell, by their daughters.

This week's services

Tonight at 5pm	Compline <i>in the Church</i>
Wednesday 24 at 12.15 p.m.	Preach and Teach Eucharist (Rite I) <i>in the Chapel</i>
Thursday 25 at 6:30pm	Choral Evensong <i>sung by the Men and Teen Boys</i>
Sunday 28 at 8am	Holy Eucharist (Rite II) <i>in the Chapel</i>
Sunday 28 at 10am	Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
Sunday 28 at 5pm	Compline <i>in the Church</i>

Candidates

for confirmation

Pearson Ellis Bancroft

Gemma Quinn Beasley

Matthew Paul Bergner

Lily Elisabeth Bragg

Corinne May Broderick

David Harold Collier, Jr.

Lila Ainsley Mary Magdalene Gambrill

Porter Rolfe Hale

Charlotte Rose Hardwick

Dillon Merck Lake

Marion Breed Lindsay

Landon Ayer McFerran

Beatrice Little Renwick

Pierce Michael Ritman

Sophie Lee Sterling

Samantha Eleanore Tommasino

Hugo William van den Berg

Laura Rachael Westfall

Merle Eugene Yoder

for reception

Tara Anne Blagys

Nina Astrid Henny Hasner

Lisa Karen McCaskill

Frank Andrew Nelson