



“Will you strive for

*justice*

and

*peace*



among all people,  
and respect the dignity  
of every human being?”

Baptismal Covenant  
Book of Common Prayer

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:00 am



# Welcome

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,  
and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

- Matthew 10:40

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you. We are bound together by Christ's love for all people everywhere and united in the common mission to seek and serve God in all persons.



We hope you will continue to join us to explore how you and your family can grow in the spiritual journey through the Episcopal faith at Christ Church. Bring your family and friends.

We're glad you're here today.

## **New to Christ Church Greenwich?**

Please complete a Welcome Card found in the pew pockets or in the foyer.  
Hand the card to an usher or clergy and we will get in touch with you very soon.

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 21, 2024 · 8 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist · Rite II**

*Please stand*

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

*People* **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We say together*

**Gloria in excelsis**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

**The New Testament Reading**

1 John 3:16-24

*Lector* A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Remain seated as we say together*

**Psalm 23**

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*Please stand*

**The Gospel**

John 10:11-18

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

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

**The Sermon** *please sit after the opening prayer*

The Rev. Terry Elsberry

*Please stand*

**The Nicene Creed** *said by all*

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*Please stand or kneel*

**Prayers of the People: Form III**

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*Please stand*

**The Peace**

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*Celebrant*            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.

 <b>venmo</b>	<h2>Digital plate offering</h2> <p>Our parishioners fund our church. We do not receive money from the Diocese or National Episcopal Church. Please prayerfully consider donating to our growing community of faith.</p>	...or donate via Realm: Scan this QRCode 
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*Please stand*

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer C*

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*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.**

*Celebrant*            God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and  
praise.  
*People*                **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant*            At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar  
space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth,  
our island home.  
*People*                **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please remain standing or kneel*

*The Celebrant continues*

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*Celebrant* Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthwhile serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *said by all*


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## The Breaking of the Bread and the Invitation

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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**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.

## Post Communion Prayer *said by all*

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*Celebrant* 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 hold 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*

## Dismissal

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### Serving today

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Terry Elsberry
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Tim Hamlin
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Maggie McGirr
<i>Lector</i>	Maggie McGirr
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Maggie McGirr
<i>Usher</i>	Pete Danielsen


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



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Reception, Seated Dinner, and Dancing  
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