



Before Him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power; the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn:



# Alleluia!

Thomas Ken (1637 - 1711)

Sunday, April 28  
10 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.



### **Having trouble hearing?**

We have simple, portable listening devices for you to use. They deliver crystal clear audio directly to the listener without amplifying ambient noise.

Ask an Usher for a device to use during the service.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 28, 2024 · 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist · Rite II

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on *Erschienen ist der herrlich' Tag*

Ethel Smyth (1858-1944)

*The glorious day has appeared,  
over which no one can rejoice enough:  
Christ, our Lord, triumphs today,  
He leads all his enemies captive. Alleluia!*

*Please stand as the introduction begins*

Hymn 448 *sung by all*

O love, how deep, how broad, how high      Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.  
Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

*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.**



Children's Chapel is our "Sunday School." Young children are invited to follow the cross to the Chapel where they will learn about God, prayer, and faith.

Older children (3rd-5th grade) are invited to "Bagels and Bibles" in the Library, on the right side of the Main Sanctuary.

The children will rejoin their parents in the church during the announcements.



Gloria in excelsis *sung by all*

Hymnal S 278

*Celebrant*                      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*                      Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## The Old Testament Reading

Acts 8:26-40

*Lector*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as we say together*

### **Psalm 22:24-30**

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

*Please stand*

**Sequence Hymn 471** *sung by all*

We sing the praise of him who died

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855), alt.

Music: *Breslau*, melody from *Lochamer Gesangbuch*, ca. 1450; harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**The Gospel**

John 15:1-8

*Priest*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Priest*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

The Rev. Deacon Susie McNiff

*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!

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## Digital plate offering

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.

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Please consider monthly or annual intentional giving. For more info: Elizabeth Peyton [epeyton@christchurchgreenwich.org](mailto:epeyton@christchurchgreenwich.org)

### Offertory Anthem *sung by the choir*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and stand with fear and trembling,  
and lift itself above all earthly thought.

For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God,  
cometh forth to be our oblation,  
and to be given for Food to the faithful.

Before Him come the choirs of angels  
with every principality and power;  
the Cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd Seraphim,  
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn:  
Alleluia!

Words: Liturgy of St. James  
Music: Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

*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 blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below, Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

### 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:

**Sanctus and Benedictus** *sung by all*

Hymnal S 128

*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 worthily 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.

**Agnus Dei** *sung by all*

Hymnal S 165



### 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 193 *sung by all*

That Easter day with joy was bright

Words: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*

Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621))

## Communion Motet

Magdalen, cease from sobs and sighs;  
Wipe the teardrops from off thine eyes:  
Simon the leper's feast is o'er,  
Christ today needs thy nard no more.  
Now thousand times may'st thou rejoice;  
Now thousand times uplift thy voice.  
Alleluia!

Magdalen, bind upon thee now  
Garland of gladness o'er thy brow:  
Banished afar is grief and pain:  
Welcome to sunshine after rain.  
For Jesus Christ the world hath freed,  
Triumphing over Death indeed.  
Alleluia!

Words: Medieval Easter hymn *Pone luctum*, *Magdalena* tr. G.R. Woodward (1848-1934)

Music: Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

## 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 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 296 *sung by all*

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (1932-2020)

Music: Engelberg Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

### Dismissal

*Priest*

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### Postlude

Fantasy on *Easter Hymn*

William Harris (1883-1973)

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.

### The altar flowers are given...

by JT and Gay Coe, in loving memory of Eautha Brown, Penny & Tony Coe,  
Sylvia Coe Tolk, Elice Coe, Sylvester Larkin, Ray & Norman Swanson.



### Serving today

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|------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Celebrant</i>                   | The Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden                           |
| <i>Preacher</i>                    | The Rev. Deacon Susie McNiff                           |
| <i>Assistant Clergy</i>            | The Rev. Terry Elsberry, The Rev. Tim Hamlin           |
| <i>Director of Music</i>           | Jamie Hitel  |
| <i>Associate Director of Music</i> | Jonathan Vaughn  |
| <i>Choirs</i>                      | St. Cecilia Choir of Girls<br>Choir of Men             |
| <i>Altar Guild</i>                 | Laura Lind, Paulette MacPherson                        |
| <i>Lector</i>                      | Bob Curry  |
| <i>Verger</i>                      | Kip Burgweger  |
| <i>Acolytes</i>                    | Foard McCallion, Cuen Moody                            |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>       | Sarah Boyle, Thomas Ohlson, Melissa Redmond            |
| <i>Ushers</i>                      | Bob Curry, Alex Kosseim, Susan Ness, Blanche O'Connell |

### This week's services

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| Tonight at 5pm           | <b>Compline</b> <i>in the Church</i>                            |
| Wed. May 1 at 12.15 p.m. | <b>Preach and Teach Eucharist (Rite I)</b> <i>in the Chapel</i> |
| Sunday 5 at 8am          | <b>Holy Eucharist (Rite II)</b> <i>in the Chapel</i>            |
| Sunday 5 at 10am         | <b>Holy Eucharist (Rite II)</b>                                 |
| Sunday 5 at 5pm          | <b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>in the Church</i>                     |

Join us for an evening  
*Celebrating*  
**275**  
CHRIST CHURCH  
GREENWICH  
— 1749-2024 —

*Celebrate with us!*

Friday, September 13, 2024  
6:30 pm  
Reception, Seated Dinner, and Dancing  
[christchurchgreenwich.org](http://christchurchgreenwich.org)

Tickets & Info



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**A choral concert celebrating  
90 years  
of the Choirs of Christ Church Greenwich  
Sung by the Combined Choirs  
of Christ Church Greenwich  
Saturday, June 1, 5:00 pm**

**JOY!**

Director of Music Jamie Hitel will be joined by Visiting Artist Dr Philip Moore and Visiting Artist-in-Residence Professor James O'Donnell directing the choirs in music based around the theme of 'Joy'.  
A reception will follow the concert.



Scan for tickets or go to [christchurchgreenwich.org](http://christchurchgreenwich.org)







# Upcoming Events

Reserve your spot on [christchurchgreenwich.org](http://christchurchgreenwich.org)

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## **Sunday, April 28, 11:15 am, Creation Care Sunday Forum**

**Parish Hall - Coffee, breakfast and discussion**

**"Environmental Stewardship: Integrating Environmental Care into Business and Investments."** Join us for a panel discussion with business leaders, addressing how businesses are integrating the environment into their operations, products, and strategies, and how we can bring the ethos of creation care into our professional lives.

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## **Wednesday, May 1, 12:00 pm, Preach & Teach with Rev. Tim Hamlin** **Chapel**

Join us at lunchtime for this 30 minute Holy Eucharist. Lunch will be served after the service on the first Wednesday of every month. In-person only.

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## **Saturday, May 4, 9:00 - 11:00 am, Spring Campus Clean up**

**Meet outside the Parish Hall**

Roll up your sleeves to help us identify invasive plants and discuss good ideas to advance the environmental health of Christ Church. Families are welcome.

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## **Saturday, May 11, 8:30 - 11:30 am Volunteer for Spring Treat Boxes!**

**Parish Hall**

Help bring springtime joy into the lives of parishioners who need cheer. We need volunteers to donate cookies (preferably home-baked) and to help create decorative boxes (with instruction!). We especially need volunteers to deliver the boxes to local parishioners who are so happy to receive thoughtful gifts from their church. Sign up on the CCG website.

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## **Thursday, May 16, 6:30 pm, Author Talk with Peter Layne Arguimbau**

**Dogwood Books & Gifts**

Renowned painter Peter Layne Arguimbau is most notorious for his classical marines. His work is owned by art collectors all over the world. The focus of his life's work has been applying his skill through his love of the sea, producing masterpieces of America's Cup contenders to every class of vessel ranging from fine racing sloops, schooners, catboats and dinghies. Peter sails on S/Y Molly Rose, a 30 foot catboat built in 1935, that he frequently uses as his summer studio. Peter is going to talk about his life and work in an evening of conversation with a reception.

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## **Thursday, May 23, 6:30 pm, Author Talk with Patricia Chadwick**

**Dogwood Books & Gifts**

In her newest book, "Breaking Glass: Tales from the Witch of Wall Street," Patricia Walsh Chadwick continues to tell the story of her bizarre upbringing that she began in her 2019 memoir, Little Sister. In this coming-of-age follow-up, she revisits her childhood through a different lens, offering insights into how the experiences of her early life shaped her character and helped her forge her path in business and finance.