



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  
8 am

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 28, 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.

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*

### **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!

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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## 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 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 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.

**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 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*

## Dismissal

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

## 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

*Celebrant* The Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden  
*Preacher* The Rev. Deacon Susie McNiff  
*Assistant Clergy* The Rev. Tim Hamlin  
*Altar Guild* Jane Snowdon  
*Eucharistic Minister* Pete Danielsen

## This week's services

Tonight at 5pm  
Wed. May 1 at 12.15 p.m.  
Sunday 5 at 8am  
Sunday 5 at 10am  
Sunday 5 at 5pm

**Compline** *in the Church*  
**Preach and Teach Eucharist (Rite I)** *in the Chapel*  
**Holy Eucharist (Rite II)** *in the Chapel*  
**Holy Eucharist (Rite II)**  
**Choral Evensong** *in the Church*

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  
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Tickets & Info







**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**

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.

**JOY!**



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