

## Before & After Services

You may join others in the Parish Hall for Coffee & Conversation before the service and after the service so we can maintain the distancing protocols from the CDC & the Diocese.

We would also ask to preserve the sanctity of the worship area before the service by keeping conversations to the Narthex and Parish Hall area.

We would like to maintain a quiet, contemplative space in the worship area before the service.

## Upcoming Events!

Saturday, May 1st - 9am - 2pm

Please join us for our **Parish Workday**. We will be cleaning out storage areas, fixing up the inside and outside, and purging items no longer needed! If you would like to help and be involved in what our parish is doing, come join us! There will be lunch & drinks provided! Masks and distancing will be adhered to.

Sunday, May 23rd - Pentecost Sunday! We will be opening our Time Capsule from 1996, having an outdoor worship, and some treats and eats along with some LIVE music from Richie West's band!

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## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEASON OF EASTER

9:30 a.m.

April 25, 2021



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**Processional** “When Morning Guilds The Skies” (vs 1,4,5) **Hymnal 427**

1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,  
sing, Jesus Christ be praised!

God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore  
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**BCP 355**

**People:** *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

**Celebrant:** 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.**

**The Gloria - sung**

**BCP 356/Hymnal S-280**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



## The Blessing

BCP 835

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Recessional Hymn

*“I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord” (vs 1,2,3)* **Hymnal 304**

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall,  
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

## The Dismissal

BCP 366

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

## Postlude

Piano

**Celebrant:** Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**People:** *Have Mercy Upon Us*

BCP 356

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**  
**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

BCP 225

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.**

## The First Lesson

See insert

Reader: A Reading from Acts 4:5-12

*After the reading:*

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

## Psalm 23

BCP 612-See insert

## The Second Lesson

See insert

Reader: A Reading from 1 John 3:16-24

*After the reading:*

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

## Gospel Processional

*"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless" (vs 1,2)*

**Hymnal 343**

1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

2 We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,  
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

## The Gospel John 10:11-18

**See insert**

*At the Gospel reading:*

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke..

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*After the Gospel is read:*

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Gospel Recessional

*"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless" (vs 3,4)*

**Hymnal 343**

3 Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

4 Lord, sup with us in love divine, thy Body and thy Blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

## The Sermon

**Fr. Steve Karcher**

*A moment of reflection follows*

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries/Deployments

*"Alleluia, Sing To Jesus" (vs 1-3)*

**SOP 203**

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone;  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore?"

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to Thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

## The Post Communion Prayer

**BCP 366**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**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.**

**Celebrant:**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Please come to Jesus' table for Communion or a Blessing.*

**Communion Hymns**

*"I Am The Bread of Life" (vs 1-5)*

**SOP 36**

I am the bread of life; He who comes to me shall not hunger.  
He who believes in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

*Refrain:* And I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and he who eats of this bread,  
he shall live for ever, he shall live for ever. (*Refrain*)

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man,  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. (*Refrain*)

I am the resurrection, I am the life;  
He who believes in me,  
even if he die, he shall live for ever. (*Refrain*)

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who has come into the world. (*Refrain*)

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

*All stand (as you are able) and say:*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People - Form III**

**BCP 387**

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*People may add their own petitions.*

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

***The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.***

**BCP 395**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP 360**

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## The Lord's Prayer

**BCP 364**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

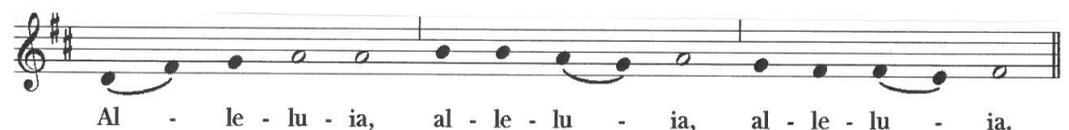
**Give us this day our daily bread.**

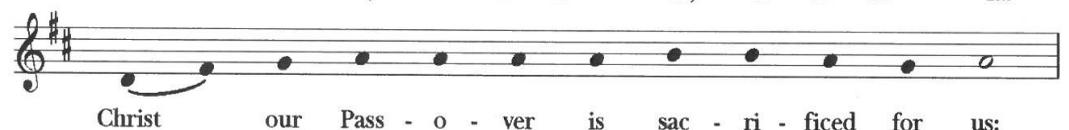
**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

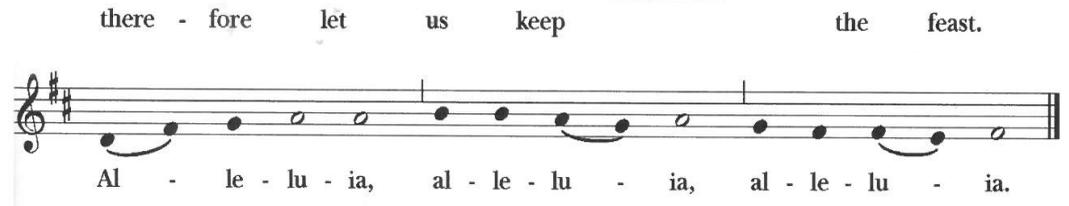
## The Breaking of the Bread

**Hymnal S-154**

Celebrant: 

People: 





Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

***The Celebrant continues***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Minister and People:*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**The Absolution**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *(shared by waving, smiling, peace signs, etc., from one's pew)*

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Sentence**

**BCP 376**

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

*(Feel free to drop any offering in the plate at the rear, as you leave today.)*

**Offertory Meditation**

**Organist**

*(The Priest prepares the Table)*

