



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

11 a.m.

*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839,
this Christian community has gathered for worship.*

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral! We are so pleased you have chosen to worship with us. Bishop Doyle has issued guidelines to keep us all safe in this season of COVID-19, so in-person worship will look and feel different from the worship to which we are accustomed.

If you must leave the service for any reason, please exit through the east transept door and return through the bell porch door.

You will be seated physically-distanced from any individuals not in your household or with whom you are not a “pod” in order to promote good health. At the Holy Eucharist, only bread will be shared. This is called “Communion in one kind,” and it is a full measure of grace.

Know that as you worship in the Cathedral, you are joined in real-time by hundreds of fellow worshipers through livestreaming technology. If you have concerns about your health or safety, or that of the people in your household, worshipping with the Cathedral online will continue to be an option. We love you and want you to do what is best for you and those you love! Let us prepare our hearts to worship the Lord!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE REV. KATHY ROCK PFISTER, *Canon Vicar*
Celebrant

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sarabande

David Ashley White (b.1944)

CHORAL INTROIT

Tone VII

V. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, alleluia; sing praises unto the honor of his Name, alleluia.

R. Make his praise to be exceeding glorious, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN 180

Unser Herrscher

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S 202

Healey Willan (1880–1968)



1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y. —
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.

8. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; 9. thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

1 John 3:1–7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
 2 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as

Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - joice in Christ, a -
 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less

gain re - joice and on his prais - es dwell.
 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.

Words: Christopher Smart (1772-1771), alt. Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,

and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Barkley S. Thompson, Dean

THE NICENE CREED

**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 worshiped 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our Bishops, for Jeremy and Beth Anne, our seminarians, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

The church with Psalms must shout.
No door can keep them out:
But above all,
The heart must bear the longest part.

— *George Herbert (1593–1633)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

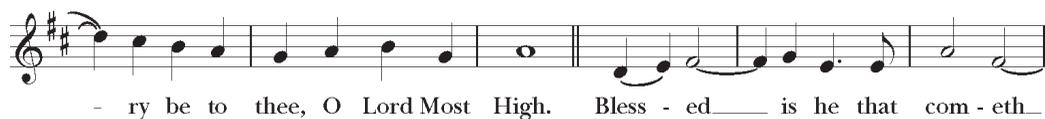
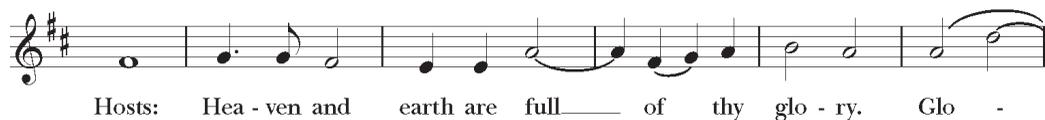
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



*During the Great Fifty Days of Easter,
it is Cathedral custom to remain standing.*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

**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.**

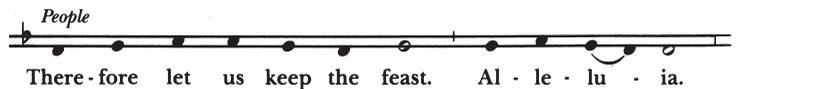
FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Episcopal Church invites all baptized persons to receive Communion. Please remain in your pew, and priests will bring Communion to you. If you do not wish to receive Communion, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free communion wafers are available for persons with dietary restrictions. Notify the priest during the administration and one will be offered.

The people may be seated until the priest approaches your pew with Communion.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM

Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
Nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
Thyself at thine own board make manifest
In thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.

We meet, as in that upper room they met;
Thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
“This is my Body”; so thou givest yet:
Faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

One body, we, one Body who partake,
One Church united in communion blest;
One Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
With all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,
Who art one Savior and one living Head;
Then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
Be known to us in breaking of the Bread.

— *George Wallace Briggs (1875–1959), alt*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 492

Finnian

1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - rior
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Brewer's Trumpet

David Ashley White

Music Notes

Today's offertory anthem combines an outpouring of praise from the pen of the great 17th century English poet and priest, George Herbert, with a jubilant choral fanfare by Ralph Vaughn Williams. "Let all the world in every corner sing" is the concluding movement of *Five Mystical Songs* which Vaughan Williams wrote for the 1911 Three Choirs Festival. He conducted the premiere. While a self-proclaimed "happy agnostic," Vaughn Williams nonetheless imbues this piece, and his many other sacred works, with a spiritual quality that is unmistakably present even in his classic hymn tunes for "Come down, O love divine," and "For all the saints." — RLS

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember Eugenia Odell Still and Charles King Sanders.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of James Oliver Banks Jr., by James Oliver Banks III
and Margaret Gray Sessions Banks.

Welcome

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Announcements

❖ TODAY

Welcome • If you are a guest today, we offer a warm welcome to Christ Church! Please complete a virtual welcome card at christchurchcathedral.org/welcome so we can get to know you. Feel free to contact the cathedral offices during the week at 713-222-2593 and let the receptionist know you would like to learn more about Christ Church Cathedral.

Dean's Hour Series: Therefore let us keep the feast! • Join Canon Vicar Kathy Pfister as she continues her a three-part examination of what it means to “keep the feast.” This week she'll discuss the topic of hope. Learn more about this series at christchurchcathedral.org/deanshour

❖ **May Fete** • Get ready for a day of pageantry, merriment, and games. Our annual May Fete celebration takes place on Sunday, May 2 beginning at 10 a.m. Come be a part of this wonderful tradition which has been a fixture at the Cathedral for more than 100 years, or join in the fun virtually. Learn more at christchurchcathedral.org/mayfete.

❖ **Racial Reconciliation and the Baptismal Covenant** • May 14–15 the Cathedral's Justice & Peace Council will host the conference “Racial Reconciliation and the Baptismal Covenant: Striving for Justice and Peace Among All People.” The conference will be held via Zoom and Facebook Premiere. Register in advance to attend. Details at: christchurchcathedral.org/reconciliation

❖ **Spring Neighborhood Gatherings** • Every fall and spring, it has become customary to socialize with parishioners, clergy, and staff of the Cathedral either at the homes of fellow parishioners or in other venues around Houston. We hope you'll join us at one of the events that works best for you. Spring dates include in-person gatherings April 20, May 4, May 11, and an online gathering April 21. Learn more at christchurchcathedral.org/springgatherings.

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