



the well

Order of Worship

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

April 14, 2024
5:00 p.m.

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

 *The Cathedral is equipped with a hearing loop for assisted listening via telecoil.*

Third Sunday of Easter **The Holy Eucharist**

five o'clock in the evening

THE REV. CANON SIMÓN BAUTISTA BETANCES
Celebrant

EMILY SCHUCK
Cantor

*Good evening and welcome to The Well. The order of service has been adapted
to observe the holy season of Easter. We are so glad that you are here.
Come close, draw near, and receive the grace of God.*

OPENING MUSIC


TRADITIONAL WELSH AND IRISH TUNES

PRAYER FOR THE EVENING

Christ, you are risen from the dead. We are risen with you. May our life never deny this eternal life, this peace and hope and joy. Praise and glory to the God of life who is stronger than all kinds of death. Alleluia. **Amen.**

Please stand.

HYMN



1. Loved with ev - er - last - ing love, ___ led by
2. Heav'n a - bove is sof - ter blue, ___ earth a -
3. Christ's for - ev - er, Christ a - lone! ___ Who the

grace that love to know; ___ Spir - it, breath - ing from a -
round is rich - er green; ___ some - thing lives in eve - ry
Lord from me shall part? ___ With what joy and peace un -

bove, ___ You have taught me it is so: O what
hue, ___ Christ - less eyes have nev - er seen: songs of
known ___ Christ can fill the lov - ing heart! Heav'n and

full and per - fect peace, ___ joy and won - der all di -
birds in sweet - ness grow, ___ flow'rs with deep - er beau - ties
earth may pass a - way, ___ sun and stars in gloom de -

vine! In a love which can - not
shine, since I know, as now I
cline, but of Christ I still shall

cease, ___ I am Christ's, and Christ is mine.
know, ___ I am Christ's, and Christ is mine.
say: ___ I am Christ's, and Christ is mine.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord of the gathering feast, you walk with us on the shadowed road: burn our hearts with scripture's open flame; unveil our darkened eyes as bread is torn and shared and from the broken fragments bless a people for yourself; through Jesus Christ, the host of the world. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PSALM 4

Cum invocarem

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”
Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.
Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b–48

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

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

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All sit. A period of silence is observed.

THE REFLECTION

A period of silence is observed following the reflection.

HYMN

We will sing the entire hymn three times.



Lord, to You I bring my life; my God I
trust in You; guide me in truth and faith - ful - ness.
All of Your paths are mer - cy and stead - fast love.

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INTERCESSION FOR EASTER

The People stand. The intercessor says

Jesus has risen from the dead! Alleluia!

By his cross he has defeated the power of evil; and through his resurrection we are set free. Alleluia! Lord, without your resurrection our faith would be empty and without hope. But you are alive, and we rejoice and dance and wonder in the mystery of your presence among us.

We pray for your church: free us from the shackles of guilt and legalism, and help us to proclaim the message of healing and forgiveness for which you died.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord, your friends and disciples must have been utterly bereft at your death, with all their hope and purpose broken. So we pray now for those who are in darkness and pain today: those facing the keen disappointment of broken hopes; lives damaged by broken relationships and broken trust; people with broken hearts; bodies broken by torture; and spirits broken by injustice.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray, Lord, for broken communities, and we ask your forgiveness for our own apathy, and our desire to wash our hands of involvement in the plight of others.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Risen Lord, surround with your presence and peace those who are ill, and the families, friends and hospital staff who care for them.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Accept our prayers, and take them up into your creative energy of love which you let loose into the world on those extraordinary Passover days.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

SILENT PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Following the Intercession during the instrumental music, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayer. As we see others light candles, we recognize that we are all carrying prayer concerns known to us alone, and we are reminded to treat one another with kindness and care. Tapers and votives are located to the right of the altar and in front of the transept to the left. Please feel free to go to either of these places to light a candle.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

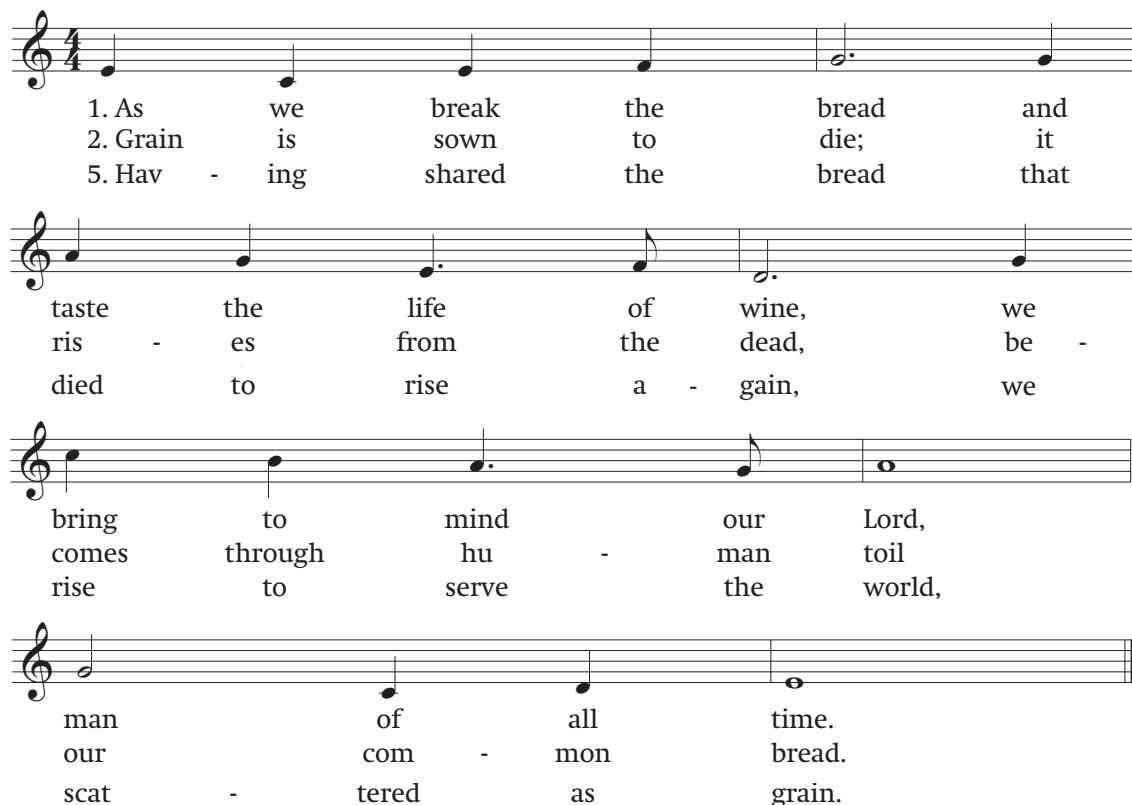
Christ descended to death and hell, passed through doors locked by fear to breathe the Spirit of peace and make us one humanity; nothing can now separate us from the love of God.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, after which the people are seated for brief announcements.

HYMN



1. As we break the bread and
2. Grain is sown to die; it
5. Hav - ing shared the bread that

taste the life of wine, we
ris - es from the dead, be -
died to rise a - gain, we

bring to mind our Lord,
comes through hu - man toil
rise to serve the world,

man of all time.
our com - mon bread.
scat - tered as grain.

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The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

We praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom.

From the nothingness of slavery you called a people into being and led them to springs of life; the presence of your glory went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands and gathered from the valley of despair the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed; you spoke to those considered dead and helped them stand again; he taught us to die that we might live.

He gave himself for us tortured and forsaken, but he could not be confined by death; in the garden he speaks our name, in the breaking of the bread he shows himself among us; by the lakeside, in the new day, he calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness, with the women at the tomb, and the men who hid in fear we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn and join the undying song of heaven:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread and broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper, he took the cup saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people without number will come from east and west, north and south, to share the kingdom meal.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

People **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

At the direction of the ushers you are invited to form a single line in the central aisle to receive Communion in front of the altar.

The sacrament of Holy Communion has been precious to Christians for 2,000 years. It is a way in which many sense the reality of God's forgiveness, our union with God and each other, and the eternal life to which we belong. Please know that you do not have to be an Episcopalian to receive Communion. To receive, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask at the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

The People stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world; may the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him; may the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you this night and always. **Amen.**

HYMN 441 verses 1–3

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the Son of God to you. Deep peace, deep peace.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING MUSIC

TRADITIONAL IRISH TUNE

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember Richard Page Keeton.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Cindi Blakely by her family.

The flowers in the floor vases are given to the glory of God in celebration of the anniversary of Hester and George Hawkins married 45 years ago on this day at Christ Church Cathedral.

Becky Baxter, *Music Coordinator and Harpist for The Well*

Dr. Kimberly Clark, *flautist*

Fran Koiner, *cellist*

*Portions of this service come from “Prayers for an Inclusive Church”
by Steven Shakespeare, published by Church Publishing, Inc.*

Please be advised that our services are Livestreamed to Vimeo and Facebook. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.

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Welcome

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Announcements

- ❖ **Brazos Bookstore Brings Anne Lamott** • On Wednesday, April 17, the Cathedral welcomes Brazos Bookstore for an evening with bestselling author Anne Lamott in conversation with Chris Cander. Join us as Anne discusses her latest release, *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*. Tickets are \$22 each (includes a copy of the book) and are required to attend. To purchase tickets visit: www.brazosbookstore.com
- ❖ **Caregivers Gathering** • Those in care giving roles are invited to gather for a time of mutual support, connection, and a sharing of resources and ideas. Join us in Jeffers Conference Room in person or virtually on the 3rd Thursday, April 18, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Contact Minister for Pastoral Care, Claire Soard, at csoard@christchurchcathedral.org for more information.
- ❖ **Brain Health Matters: Navigating your Aging Roadmap** • Together with Amazing Place, let us help you plan your aging journey. On Thursday, April 18, we'll provide tools, resources, and next-step advice to help you plan for an independent meaningful life as you age. Join us in McGehee Conference Room from 2-3 p.m. For more information contact Claire Soard at csoard@christchurchcathedral.org
- ❖ **Earth Day with Ed Petitt** • The Justice & Peace Council hosts a special Dean's Hour at 10 o'clock on Sunday, April 21. Ed Petitt, from the Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice, will address environmental injustices and racial disparities in access to nature in the United States. Join us to find out how to actively partner with marginalized communities to help bridge the nature gap. Learn more about this and other upcoming Dean's Hours at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/deanshour
- ❖ **ANZAC Day** • Christ Church Cathedral is privileged to host an ANZAC Day service on behalf of the Australian Consulate General-Houston, an observance to honor all Australians and New Zealanders who have served and perished in war or peacekeeping. This special service will be held on April 25, at 6 a.m. in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.
- ❖ **Gather Round for May Fete** • Participate in one of the oldest Cathedral traditions, as our annual May Fete celebration takes place on Sunday, May 5! A special bilingual Eucharist will be held at 10 a.m., followed by the maypole festivities in the Bishop's Courtyard. Stay for food, games, fun and fellowship perfect for all ages. Visit the table in the cloister each Sunday in April to learn more and volunteer, or visit: www.christchurchcathedral.org/mayfete
- ❖ **Make your 2024 EMC Pledge** • There's still time to make your annual pledge! Submit your pledge by dropping a pledge card in the offering plate or scan the QR code to pledge online. Questions? Contact CFO Patrick Saccomanno at psacomanno@christchurchcathedral.org or 713-220-9759.
- ❖ **Childcare is available during worship services** • Follow Agnus the Lamb to the Jones Building where you can find childcare for various ages (6 weeks–5 yrs). Have questions? Contact KariAnn Lessner at kalesner@christchurchcathedral.org

