



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

9 a.m.

We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to fill in one of the welcome cards found in the pew rack. We are glad you are here!

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

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

THE REV. CANON SIMÓN BAUTISTA BETANCES

Celebrant

The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Hymns and service music (S) are in The Hymnal 1982.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 550 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 182

Truro

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP page 355

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA S 278

William Mathias (1934–1992)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 3:12–19

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 212

Richmond

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.**

After the Gospel reading, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

KariAnn Lessner,
Minister for Children and Families

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Liz Kronenberg

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE PEACE

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.*

The Holy Communion

Offerings of alms and bread and wine are received.

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Melchior Vulpius (c.1570-1615)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory

That Love, that life which cannot die,

And sing with hearts uplifted high.

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord,

And sing today with one accord

The life laid down, the life restored.

— *Cyril A. Alington (1872 – 1955)*

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The People remain standing.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

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 blessed;
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 Saviour 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)

The People stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 410

Lauda anima

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Alla breve in D major, BWV 589

Johann Sebastian Bach

Refreshments are available in Reynolds Hall.

Readings this Week from the *Revised Common Lectionary*

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 3:12–19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and

you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

THE EPISTLE

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.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b–48

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.”

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.

Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun. Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly. 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.

Welcome

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Announcements

❖ TODAY

Secondhand Religion Returns • Our series continues today at the Dean's Hour in Reynolds Hall at 10 a.m. Hear from Canon Luz Montes, as she reflects on figures from her life who have shaped her faith journey. Learn more about upcoming Dean's Hours at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/deanshour

❖ **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 Pettit** • The Justice & Peace Council hosts a special Dean's Hour at 10 o'clock on Sunday, April 21. Ed Pettit, 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

❖ **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 psaccomanno@christchurchcathedral.org or 713-220-9759.



❖ **Looking for Children's Ministry** • Follow Agnus to the Jones Building: Gather first in the Chapel of the Christ Child at 10 a.m. Sunday School for ages 2 years–5th grade is held on the 2nd floor following the gathering. Childcare for infants (6 weeks–5 yrs) can be found on the 1st floor, or enjoy some time on the Huffington Playground. Questions? Contact KariAnn Lessner at kalesner@christchurchcathedral.org

