



# the well

*Order of Worship*

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

April 21, 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.*

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter** **The Holy Eucharist**

*five o'clock in the evening*

THE REV. CANON LUZ MONTES  
Celebrant

JOHN GALLAGHER  
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 IRISH TUNES

### PRAYER FOR THE EVENING

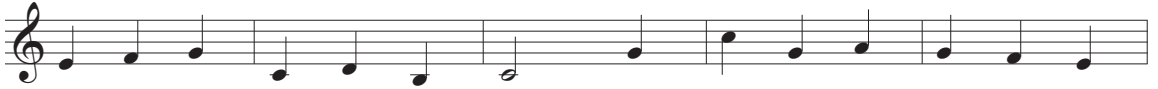
Christ, you are risen from the dead. We are risen with you. May our life never deny this eternal life, this peace and hope and joy. Praise and glory to the God of life who is stronger than all kinds of death. Alleluia. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

# HYMN



1. Great Shep - herd of \_\_\_\_ your peo - ple, hear! your  
2. With - in these walls \_\_\_\_ let ho - ly peace and  
3. May we in faith \_\_\_\_ re - ceive \_\_\_\_ your word, in  
4. The hear - ing ear, \_\_\_\_ the see - ing eye, the



pres - ence now \_\_\_\_ dis - play; as you \_\_\_\_ have giv - en a  
love \_\_\_\_ and friend - ship dwell; here give \_\_\_\_ the trou - bled  
faith \_\_\_\_ pres - ent \_\_\_\_ our prayers; and in \_\_\_\_ the pres - ence  
con - trite heart \_\_\_\_ be - stow; and shine up - on \_\_\_\_ us



place \_\_\_\_ for prayer, so give \_\_\_\_ us hearts to pray.  
con - science ease, the wound - ed spir - it heal.  
of \_\_\_\_ our Lord un - bur - den all \_\_\_\_ our cares.  
from \_\_\_\_ on high, that we \_\_\_\_ in grace \_\_\_\_ may grow.

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord of the sheepfold, whose love is not for hire, who calls to himself the victims of the world: we thank you that Christ laid down his life for us when we could not help ourselves; in the weakness of his love give us strength to work for peace in the world he came to serve, through Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## PSALM 23

*Dominus regit me*

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*Please stand.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–18

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

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*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

1. Be Christ in my heart and mem - 'ry each  
2. Be Christ my way, my truth and my

hour. Be Christ in my ris - ing and in my ly - ing  
life. Be Christ my ref - uge, my guar - dian and

down. Be Christ my com - pan - ion and  
guide. Be Christ all my wis - dom, my

soul - friend e - ver - more. Oh Christ dar - ling  
love and my de - light. Oh Christ dar - ling

God, ne - ver part from me now.  
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## INTERCESSIONS 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 Intercessions 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.*

*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



1. God with us, the Lord of liv - ing, all cre - a - tion's bright ar - ray;

2. God with us, the light of glo - ry, love and praise to Christ be shown:



hearts for lov - ing and for - giv - ing, or - dered round of work and play -

love for our sal - va - tion's sto - ry, praise for Christ's e - ter - nal throne -



God with us, the Lord of liv - ing, year by year and day by day.

God with us, the light of glo - ry, glo - ry be to Christ a - lone.

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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

ENGLISH TUNE “FORGET ME NOT”

Thomas Ford (c.1580-1648)

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*The Book of Remembrance*  
This week we remember C. Henry Roth.

*The Beauty of Flowers*  
The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Quentin Faulkner by his family.  
The flowers in the floor vases are given to the glory of God in honor and  
celebration of the birthday of Nancy Stallworth Thomas by her family.

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Becky Baxter, *Music Coordinator and Harpist for The Well*  
Dr. Kimberly Clark, *flautist*  
Mayara Velasquez, *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 21, 2024

## *Announcements*

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **The Climb** • Rising 5th graders and their families are invited to come to the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, April 28. We will honor 5th graders with a brief prayer and presentation of gifts. Following the service, 5th graders will be invited to The Treehouse for their first week of Youth Sunday School!
- ❖ **Latino Ministry Celebrates Children** • The Latino Ministry celebrates Día Mundial del Niño (Children's Day) at the reception following the 1 o'clock service on Sunday, April 28. There will be pizza, games, prizes, and more. All are welcome! For details contact Sylvia Garcia at [sgarcia@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:sgarcia@christchurchcathedral.org)
- ❖ **Pastoral Care Lunch & Care** • Caring for our neighbors is a call for every follower of Jesus. On Sunday, April 28, from 12:30–2 p.m., in the McGehee Conference Room volunteers will gather for a light lunch and card-writing project to send words of encouragement to those who may be sick or homebound. No experience needed! Let Claire Soard know you're coming via email at [csoard@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:csoard@christchurchcathedral.org)
- ❖ **Cathedral Book Club** • A different book is discussed on the first Wednesday of the month. On May 1, the group will discuss *The Irregulars: Roald Dahl and the British Spy Ring in Wartime Washington*. For more details on this book or joining the group visit: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/bookclub](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/bookclub)
- ❖ **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](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/mayfete)
- ❖ **Ascension Day Eucharist** • Join us on Thursday, May 9, for an Ascension Day service with music in the Golding Chapel at 12:05 p.m. This Holy Eucharist marks the final appearance of the Risen Lord to the apostles.
- ❖ **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](mailto:psacomanno@christchurchcathedral.org) or 713-220-9759. 
- ❖ **Wednesdays at the Cathedral** • Holy Eucharist is offered at Noon each Wednesday in Golding Chapel. Cathedral Tour Guides are available to welcome you at the bell tower from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. You may spend your time alone, or the guide will share the Cathedral's rich history with you. While you're here, visit the Cathedral Bookstore from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (M-Th) and enjoy a delicious meal at Treebeards restaurant, open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (M-F).