



the well

Order of Worship

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

May 12, 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.*

Seventh Sunday of Easter The Holy Eucharist

five o'clock in the evening

THE VERY REV. NATHANIEL KATZ, *Dean*
Celebrant

CHELSEA BERNER
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 SCOTTISH 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. Spi - rit of God, come dwell with - in me,
2. Lord, how I thirst, O Lord, I am weak.

o - pen my heart, O - - - - - come, set me free,
Lord, come to me you a - lone do I seek.

fill me with love for Christ - - - - - my Lord, O
Lord, you are life, and love - - - - - and hope, O

fill me with liv - ing wa - ter.
fill me with liv - ing wat - er.

Christ - - - - - is liv - ing, Christ - - - - - is here.

Christ - - - - - my Lord, come clos - er to me.

Christ, - - - - - our Heal - er reach - ing to me, O

fill me with liv - ing wa - ter.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Sanctifying God, your gift to us is one who overcame the system which enslaves and feeds upon the victim: send us to your world to speak the truth of peace, to stand with those who suffer, to show another way; through Jesus Christ, the life of all things.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
 nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
 Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and they meditate on his law day and night.
 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
 everything they do shall prosper.
 It is not so with the wicked;
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:6–19

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify

them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

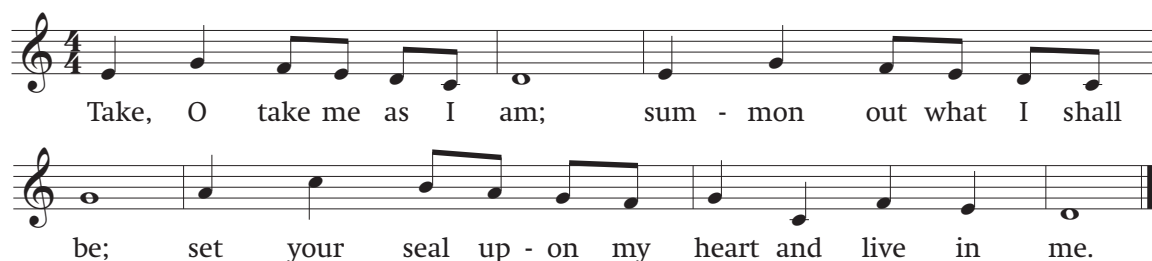
All sit.

THE REFLECTION

A period of silence is observed following the Reflection.

HYMN

We will sing the entire hymn 3 times.



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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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.

A PRAYER IN HONOR OF MOTHER'S DAY

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **Amen.**

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.*

HYMN

1. All praise to God for song God gives, For
2. The word gives both the life and light, And

mu - sic and a hope that lives; God's
guides us through the shades of night, So

sa - cred word is so pro - found, We
let the mu - sic sound God's praise As

sing and let the truth re - sound.
hymns bring glad - ness to our days.

God gave us mu - sic, gave us voice; Sing
al - le - lu - ia and re - joice! We
lift in faith se - cure and strong The
sa - cred word through sa - cred song.

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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. 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. 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. When e - v'ning comes we turn to you, the
2. Give glo - ry to the Fa - ther who is
mak - er of all things. We seek that peace and
source of all that is. Give glo - ry to the
com - fort which your kind - ness al - ways brings. Pro -
Son who died that we might all be his. Give
tect us from all dan - gers now and all through-out the
glo - ry to the Spir - it blest whom they to earth do
night, that we may rise once more with Christ who
send. Give glo - ry to our tri - une God whose
is our truth and light.
rule will nev - er end.

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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 Anne Wier Jones.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mrs. James A. Haralson and Mrs. Gary P. Pearson by their family Gary, Jim, and Mary Bain.

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

Dr. Kimberly Clark, *flautist*

Ellie Herrera, *cellist*

Portions of this service come from "Prayers for an Inclusive Church" by Steven Shakespeare, published by Church Publishing, Inc. and "Women's Common Prayers: Our Lives Revealed, Nurtured, Celebrated" (Morehouse Publishing, 2000)


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, May 12, 2024

Announcements

- ❖ **Casa Mateo Grand Opening** • Our Cathedral family are all invited to help celebrate the grand opening of Casa Mateo! Join the fun on Saturday, May 18 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; there will be food, crafts, guided tours and fellowship as Casa Mateo prepares to welcome their newest guests. Kindly RSVP via www.christchurchcathedral.org/casamateo
- ❖ **Visit with Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral** • On Sunday, May 19, we will be joined by the Very Rev. Robert Willis, dean emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral. Dean Willis will preach at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m., as well as join Dean Katz in conversation at the 10 o'clock hour in Reynolds Hall.
- ❖ **Pentecost Evensong** • Christ Church Cathedral celebrates Pentecost on Sunday, May 19 with a special Choral Evensong, featuring the Cathedral Choir at 5 p.m. An organ recital will precede at 4:15 p.m. featuring James Mellichamp; and a reception will follow in Reynolds Hall. To learn more about this and other evensongs, visit: www.christchurchcathedral.org/evensong
- ❖ **Cathedral Reads Kickoff** • Enjoy another great book with your Cathedral family! This summer, we'll explore Markus Zusak's novel *The Book Thief*. On Sunday, June 2, our 2024 Cathedral Reads program kicks off with a bi-lingual Zoom at 6 p.m. To learn more and sign up visit: www.christchurchcathedral.org/cathedralreads
- ❖ **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. 
- ❖ **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.- 2 p.m. (M-Th) and enjoy a delicious meal at Treebeards restaurant, open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m (M-F).

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at the Cathedral, visit www.christchurchcathedral.org.*

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