

April 21, 2024

**Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

10 a.m.

The Rev. William Cavanaugh, celebrant

Prelude: Prelude on *St. Columba*

C. V. Stanford

Opening Hymn #492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

*Finnian*

**Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness, wake your noblest, sweetest strain,  
with the praises of your Savior let his house resound again;  
him let all your music honor, and your songs exalt his reign.**

**Sing how he came forth from heaven, bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,  
stooped to wear the servant's vesture, bore the pain, the cross, the grave,  
passed within the gates of darkness, thence his banished ones to save.**

**So, he tasted death for mortals, he, of humankind the head,  
sinless once, among the sinful, Prince of life, among the dead;  
thus he wrought the full redemption, and the captor captive led.**

**Now on high, yet ever with us, from his Father's throne the Son  
rules and guides the world he ransomed, till the appointed work be done,  
till he see, renewed and perfect, all things gathered into one.**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia!! Christ is risen!

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise S 262: A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es*

R. Powell

***Antiphon:* Splendor and honor and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God.**

**Splendor and honor and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God.**

**For you created everything that is,  
and by your will they were created and have their being. (*Repeat Antiphon*)**

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God, from every family, language, people,  
and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God. (*Repeat Antiphon*)

And so to him, who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,  
be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, for ever and forevermore. (*Repeat Ant.*)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day** *Prayed together:*

*O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### *The Word of God*

First Reading:

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Ca-  
iaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had  
made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name  
did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people  
and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was  
sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all  
the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Je-  
sus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is  
the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among  
mortals by which we must be saved."

*The Lector concludes:* The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 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.

5 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.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading

*1 John 3:16-24*

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*The Lector concludes:* The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways  
and as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

The Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 10:11-18

**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."

*The Gospeller concludes:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Remembering especially the parishes of St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; St. Mark's, New Britain; Clergy whose work is not in parishes; multivocational priests; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses; and for the people of the The Anglican Church of Australia; Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishops Jeffery and Laura, our seminarian Diane, our celebrant William, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for your Holy Spirit to inspire decision-making to promote the health and well-being of all peoples, as we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

We pray for those commended to the prayers of the parish; including those who are un-housed and lonely; for those suffering from addictions, victims of violence, for those serving in the military, and their families; for the unemployed and the underemployed; and for those who are sick and suffering. Have compassion on them and on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Remembering all those in whose memory the Easter flowers were given: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others including all those commended to the prayers of the parish, including the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those who grieve. We remember those on our parish prayer list, especially for Debra Santi, Kathy Rodgers, Michelle, Chloe Negron, Noreen, Chris S., David Barker, Ignacio, Peggy Van Patten, Paul, Heather Henning, for the safety of the children and families of St. Luke's Church & School in Haiti, for all who face financial hardship because of the pandemic, and, for those we name aloud or in silence here and at home.

**Silence.**

The Peace

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

Announcements and Greetings

### *The Holy Communion*

The Offertory –

Offertory anthem: Alleluia

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W. Boyce

**The Doxology: Hymn 380 (vs. 3)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatives here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord.

**People: And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer 3 – Eastertide

*EOW, p.62-65*

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*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout[sing] with joy:

**Hymnal S-127: *Sanctus*** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

*C. Hampton*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a sacred offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:



*Celebrant and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed \_\_\_\_\_, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People:* **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN**

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

**Fraction anthem:** S-155 Christ our Passover

G.

*Near*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God

*For those worshipping online with us we include the following prayer:*

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I would join myself with all those who in your Holy Church offer you the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving., Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion solo: Every time I feel the spirit

trad. spiritual., arr. H. T. Burleigh  
Leila Mustakos, Soprano

**Postcommunion Prayer:**

**BCP, p. 365**

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

**Closing Hymn: #708** Savior, like a shepherd lead us

*Sicilian Mariners*

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou has bought us, thine we are.**

**Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.**

Dismissal: Let us bless our Risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude: Rejoice greatly

M. Dupré

*Participating in today's Sunday Service:*

*Celebrant: Rev. William Cavanaugh*

*Music Director: Mark Sullivan*

*Soloist: Leila Mustakos*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: Ann Brunetti*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Donna Tafel*

*Prayers of the People & Communion Prayer: Susan Leonard*

*Chalice Bearers: Diane Pierpont & Annie Rae*

*Usher: Carol Iovanna*

*Altar: Virginia Syombathy*

*Coffee Hour Hosts: CEC Choir*

*Counters: Melissa Lamoreaux & Julie Gibson*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

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### NEW EVENT - Let your Talent Shine! on May 19

We want to discover and celebrate the talents within our church community! Join us on May 19th for a special coffee after service event where congregational members can showcase your creativity. Whether you're an artist, author, photographer, crocheter, painter - or anything else! - we want to celebrate what you create. We will set up tables in the parish hall where work can be displayed. Reserve your space and direct questions to Carol Iovanna at [carol.iovanna@yahoo.com](mailto:carol.iovanna@yahoo.com) or 203-453-2009. She is also looking for volunteers to help with setup and coffee hour. Don't miss this opportunity to shine your special light!

### WE'RE HIRING!

It's important that families have childcare options at CEC all year round, so we plan to bring back childcare for this summer. We are looking for someone (or two) to be with the kids on Sunday mornings beginning in mid-June. It is paid and perfect job for a high school or college student. If you know someone who is interested, please contact Lisa Ste. Marie at [warden@christchurchguilford.org](mailto:warden@christchurchguilford.org).

### COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

We need coffee hour hosts for the next several Sundays. Please take a Sunday either on your own or share it with friends! You'll find the sign-up sheet in the parish hall or you can email the office at [admin@christchurchguilford.org](mailto:admin@christchurchguilford.org)

### ECW NEWS

On sale now in the parish hall: sweet treats galore, handmade notecards with card holders, and gift card holders. Prices range from \$1 to \$5. Monies can be placed in the box on our table. Checks made payable to Christ Church ECW.

### Upcoming Projects and Events:

- ❓ Roses For Mother on Sunday, May 12th: watch for details later this month.
- ❓ Annual June Luncheon on June 13th: time and place TBD

### OUTREACH NEWS

- ❓ **Guilford Food Bank:** Please put donations for the Guilford Food Bank in the box located in the vestibule of the church. Items currently needed are: whole grain cereals, crackers, hearty soup, gluten free products, household cleaner, soap, dish detergent, shampoo, toothpaste. Items commonly distributed at GFB: non sugared cold, hot cereal, 100% fruit juice, canned tomato products, peanut butter, mustard, shelf-life milk, coffee, tea, tuna, canned chicken, dried beans.
- ❓ **Supermarket Gift Cards** can be dropped off with the parish administrator.
- ❓ **Change Jar:** Look for the large jar on the table at the back of the church. The money collected will be used to support Outreach programs such as the New York Haiti Project, as well as programs closer to home.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ❓ Sunday School Schedule: April: 21, 28, May: 5, 12, 19, June 2, 9
- ❓ Vacation Bible School: Aug 12-16, 9am-12pm for kids K-4th grade.

## ONGOING EVENTS

- ❓ **Music Meditations** - Every Friday at 12-12:30 pm: Come quiet your mind and feed your spirit with lovely organ music played by Mark Sullivan!
- ❓ **Choir Rehearsal** - Every Thursday at 7pm. All are welcome and can join at any time.
- ❓ **Bible Study** – Join Cecelia Bellomy Parker every Monday at 5 pm. Email Cecelia for the Zoom link at [cbellomy15@gmail.com](mailto:cbellomy15@gmail.com)

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## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES to CONNECT

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- ❓ **Newcomers:** If you are visiting Christ Church for the first time (or perhaps have been coming regularly) please fill out the Welcome form in the pew holder. We would also ask that you sign the guest book at the rear of the church before you leave.
- ❓ **Altar Flowers:** If you would like to offer flowers on a Sunday in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the church office. You may purchase & bring them, have a local florist deliver, or offer flowers from your garden.
- ❓ **Home Communion** is available to those who are not able to attend church in-person. Please call the church office at 203-453-2279 to schedule a Eucharistic Visit.

Whether you're new to Christ Episcopal Church or you've been coming a long time,

**WE WANT TO CONNECT WITH YOU! Just scan the QR code with your phone's camera, click on the link, and complete our quick and easy Parish Connect Form.**

You can also fill out a hard copy on the table in the back of the church.



*Christ Episcopal Church, on the Guilford Green since 1744*

*Our Mission Statement: To welcome all, to provide hope, and express gratitude for God's love and creation, while nurturing our community and celebrating our faith.*