

May 8, 2022

Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford

10 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Prelude: Prelude on *St. Columba* op. 101.6

C. V. Stanford

Welcome & Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia!! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn #193 That Easter day with joy was bright (vss. 1-4)

Puer nobis

**That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.**

**His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.**

**O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess
that we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.**

**O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;
from every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed for ever shield.**

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 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm 23

prayed responsively

BCP, p. 476

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely 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

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Sequence Hymn #645 The King of Love my shepherd is

St. Columba

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.**

The Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

10:22-30

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

It was the festival of the Dedication in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospeller concludes: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Harrison West †

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.

Prayers of the People: Form III

BCP, p. 387

Please join with me in this morning's Prayers of the People. We'll follow Form Three as provided in your online bulletin and in the Prayer Book on page 387.

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

Let us pray for the parishes of New Haven, St. Thomas' and Trinity; St. James, New London and the people of The Church of the Province of Uganda; 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 Ian and Laura, our Rector Harrison, 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 all affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, those who are unhoused 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.

Remembering the over 991,000 of our fellow citizens who have died from the novel Coronavirus:

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Remembering Patricia Chapman. and all those we hold in blessed memory: 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 Gene C, Jane, Kasha, Paul, Patti K, Meg, Jeffrey Y, Sarah L, Liz, Maxim, and Geri . We also pray for Janice, Betty, Sandy, Mandy & Chuck, Nancy, Shelley, Cindy, Kitty, Wick & Barb, Russ & Joan, Kevin L, Brennie, Jean W, Molly, and Babs; and, for those we name aloud or in silence here and at home.

Silence.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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: Loving shepherd of thy sheep

P. Ledger

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus S-127:

**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.**

Hampton

Celebrant:

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

EOW, p. 69

Celebrant: Alleluia! God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People: **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. Alleluia!**

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.

Communion solo: How beautiful are the feet of them (from Messiah)
Leila Mustakos, soprano

G. F. Handel

Postcommunion Prayer:

BCP, p.365

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Easter 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 they folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou has bought us, thine we are.**

**Early let s seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with the 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 op. 59.2

M. Dupre

In Today's Worship

Celebrant: The Rev. R. Harrison West

Music Director: Mark Sullivan

Usher: Carol Iovanna

1st Reading & Psalm: Rob Hutchison

2nd Reading: Bill Cuddy

Prayers of the People & Communion Prayer: Page Pelphrey

Chalice Bearers: Diane Kyle, Bob Donahue

Soloist: Leila Mustakos



Upcoming Calendar Events

- Sunday, May 8** – 4th Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day
 - Morning Prayer** – 9:00AM (Parish Hall)
 - Holy Eucharist** – 10AM (streamed and in-person) with Choir, organ and hymns
 - Nursery, Sunday School & Middle School** – 10AM
 - High School Confirmation Group** – 11:15PM -12PM (Youth Room)
- Monday, May 9** – Cecelia Parker’s Office Hours in Guild Room, 12:00PM – 5:00PM
 - The Path** – 7:00PM via Zoom (final evening)
- Wednesday, May 11**
 - An Order of Worship** – 7:00PM on-site and online
 - Cecelia Parker’s Office Hours** – 12:00PM – 5:00PM via Zoom
- Thursday, May 12** – The Path via Zoom @ 9:30AM
 - ECW May Meeting** – Noon at Maritime Grill.
 - Choir practice** – 7:30PM in the Parish Hall
- Saturday, May 14** – Funeral service for Patricia Chapman at 11:00
 - Tasting Fellowship**, 7p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Episcopal Election Update

The Bishop Transition Committee is pleased to announce the following Meet & Greet events. These gatherings (both in-person and livestreamed) are an excellent way to get to know the Bishop Diocesan Nominees. Come to listen, learn, and be inspired by our Nominees. All are welcome to attend the session of their choice. To get the online link, or to register to attend, go to www.episcopalct.org and click on “Bishop Transition” at very top; then on “Meet & Greet” at the very top.

Monday, May 9	6:30pm – 8:30pm	St. Mark’s, Mystic 15 Pearl St, Mystic, CT 06355 <i>Southeast Region</i>
Tuesday, May 10	6:30pm – 8:30pm	St. Luke’s, Darien 1864 Post Rd, Darien, CT 06820 <i>Southwest Region</i>
Wednesday, May 11	6:30pm – 8:30pm	St. Luke’s, New Haven 111 Whalley Ave, New Haven, CT 06511 <i>South Central Region</i>
Thursday, May 12	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Christ Church Cathedral 45 Church St, Hartford, CT 06103 <i>North Central Region</i>
Friday, May 13	6:30pm – 8:30pm	St. John’s, New Milford 7 Whittlesey Ave, New Milford, CT 06776 <i>Northwest Region</i>
Saturday, May 14	10:00am – 12:00pm	St. John’s, Vernon 523 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT 06066 <i>Northeast Region</i>

Episcopal Church Women News:

The regular ECW May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12th, at 12noon at the Maritime Grill. Both familiar Maritime selections and Thia menu choices are available.

ECW's ongoing and much needed "New Sox and Underwear" project and Food Bank memorial projects continue. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

The Path: Journey Through the Bible. The Monday evening group will conclude its journey with leader Cecelia Parker on Monday, May 9 beginning at 7p.m. They'll be discussing Chapter 24 – The Alpha & the Omega, and the Epilogue. The Thursday group will meet as usual at 9:30a.m. to discuss Chapter 23 – Be Doers of the Word.

Cecelia Parker's Office Hours:

Cecelia's Office Hours: Monday from Noon to 5p.m. in the Guild Room, and Wednesday from Noon to 5p.m. via Zoom. To schedule a Zoom visit, speak to her on Sunday or call the Rectory to make an appointment with Cecelia.

The Guilford Food Bank requests help with the following items:

White Rice
Mayonnaise
Cooking Oil
Muffin Mix
Ketchup
Pasta Sauce
Canned tomatoes
Baked Beans
Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent
Household Cleaner