

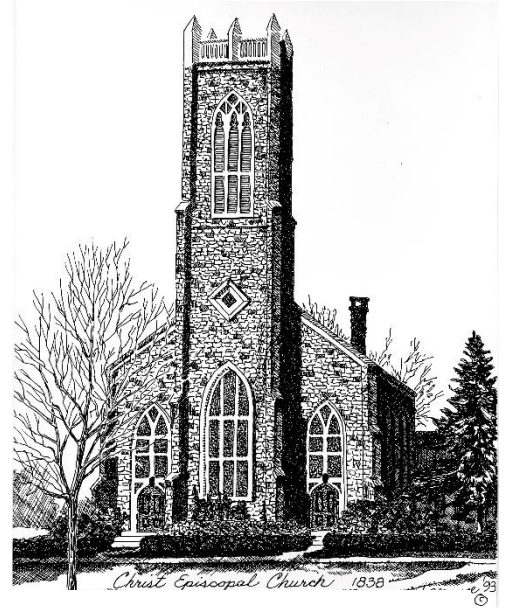
# Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 13, 2025 at 10 a.m.

*Welcome to Christ Church!*

*This faith community has worshiped on the Guilford Green since 1744; and it is continually made new by the Spirit and those who gather here. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, it's an honor to worship with you. Your presence is a blessing. May this gathering be a blessing to you.*



*Bathrooms, the nursery, and coffee hour (following the service) are in the Parish Hall next door. If needed, an usher will be glad to help you find your way there.*

## The Word of God

**Hymn #156** Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

*The King's Majesty*

*Sung by all, standing as you are able. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982, unless noted.*

**Opening Acclamation**

Prayer Book, p. 351

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

**Confession of Sin**

*Priest:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel as able. Silence is observed before the Celebrant begins the Confession.*

*All:* **Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant declares the Absolution.*

**Kyrie S-90** Lord, have mercy upon us

J. Merbecke

*Sung by all, standing as able.*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer -  
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**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:9-16** *In te, Domine, speravi*

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

**10 For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.**

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.

**14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.**

15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

**16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

## **The Gospel**

Luke 22:14-23:56

*The congregation remains seated, while the Passion Gospel is read in parts.*

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Drew Collins

## **The Nicene Creed**

*The people stand as able.*

**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,**

*The Nicene Creed is a confession of faith from the 4<sup>th</sup> century that affirms the two great mysteries of Christian faith: that ultimate reality (God) is a community of love (the Trinity) and that God joins us in our life and suffering (the Incarnation of Jesus). We say it in unity with followers of Jesus around the world and across the ages.*

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 I**

Prayer Book, p. 383

*The people remain standing or kneel.*

*Leader:* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,  
saying "Lord, have mercy."

*A brief silence is observed before the prayers.*

*Leader:* For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For our Bishops, Jeff and Laura, and in our cycles of prayer for St. Peter's,  
Milford; Trinity, Milton; St. Peter's Grace, Monroe, and The Church of England,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to  
conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and the  
suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For those on our parish prayer list: Liam, Randy, Rick, Maria, Anita, Terry,  
Noah, Mark, Kim, Judy, Nicky, Jeff, Michael, David, Barry, Bobbi, Heather,  
Pamela, Debbie, Ivy, and Jean Ann and Duffy. And for those we name now,  
silently or aloud.

*The people may add their own prayers and petitions.*

*Leader:* Let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed,  
and those we name now.

*The people may add their own prayers and petitions.*

*Leader:* Let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without  
reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,  
and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People:* **To thee, O Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## The Peace

*The people stand as able.*

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

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

*You are invited to greet your neighbors in the name of the Lord, then all are seated.*

## Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory

*Gifts can be made in the offering plate or using the QR code.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*



**Offertory solo** Were you there  
Leila Mustakos, soprano

trad. Spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh

**The Doxology** Hymn #380 (vs. 3)  
*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

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

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

**The Great Thanksgiving** Prayer 1  
*The people remain standing.*

Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 57

*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.**

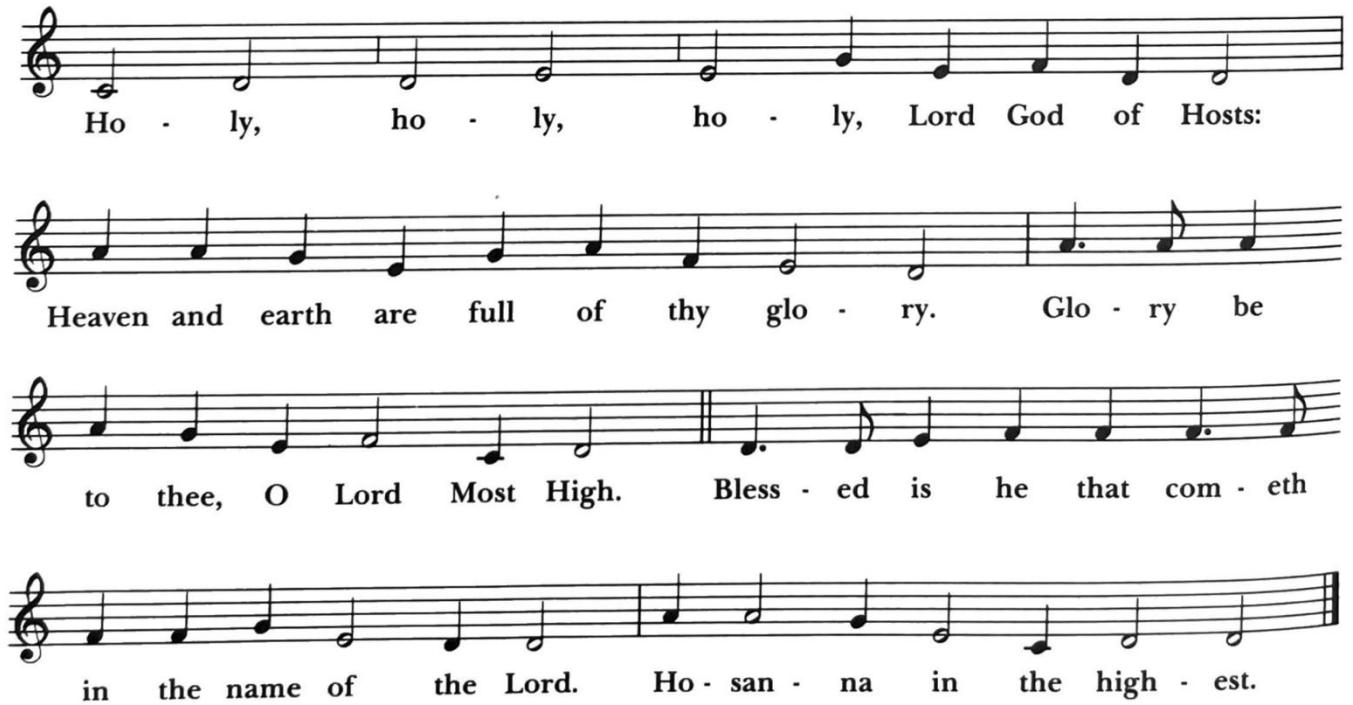
*The Celebrant continues:*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus S-113 Holy, holy, holy

J. Merbecke



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be  
to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people remain standing or kneel as the Celebrant praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ, then says:*

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:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.**



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,

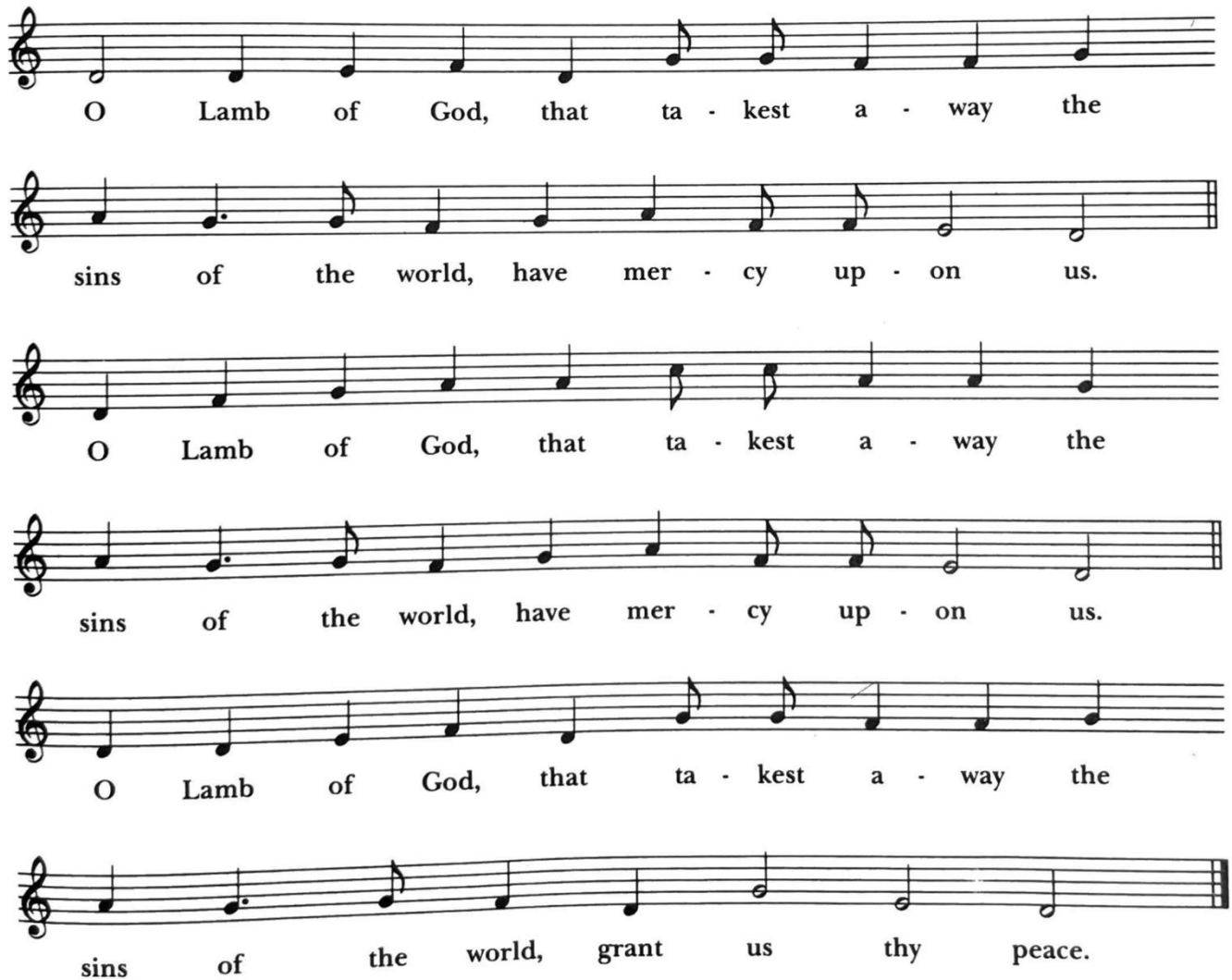
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem S-157 O Lamb of God

J. Merbecke



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Following the invitation, the people are seated.*

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Behold what you are; become what you receive.

*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 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 anthem** Sing, my tongue, the glorius battle

C. Wood

Leila Mustakos, soprano

**Hymn #158** Ah, holy Jesus

*Herzliebster Jesu*

*Sung by all, seated.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

Enriching Our Worship, p. 70

*The people kneel as able.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:*       **Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Solemn Prayer over the People**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

**Hymn #164** Alone thou goest forth, O Lord  
*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

*Bangor*

### **The Dismissal**

*Priest:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Fantasy in g minor BWV 542.1

J. S. Bach

*Coffee hour follows the service in the Parish Hall. As you depart during the postlude, you are welcome to greet your neighbors, being mindful of those praying or listening to the music.*

## **SERVING TODAY**

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Michael Sweeney

*Preacher:* The Rev. Dr. Drew Collins

*Music Director:* Mark Sullivan

*Altar Guild:* Diane Pierpont

*Ushers:* Kay Claiborn, Carol Iovanna, Diana Stovall, Mardee Moore

*Acolytes:* Austin LaFata, James Oshana, Sarah Oshana, and Emmett Sweeney

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading:* Jennifer Huebner

*Prayers of the People:* Juliana Harris

*Chalice Bearers:* Chris Robinson and David Kish

## **PASSION READERS**

*Narrator:* Diane Pierpont

*Jesus:* Dennis Burke

*Peter:* Donna Tafel

*Pilate:* Leland Hubbard

*Servant:* Juliana Harris

*Accuser 1:* Drew Collins

*Accuser 2:* Bill Saviers

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

**Maundy Thursday**, April 17, 7 p.m. – This service of Holy Eucharist commemorates the Last Supper and includes the washing of feet and the stripping of the altar.

**Good Friday**, April 18 – Services at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. will end with communion from the reserve sacrament. Following the 12 p.m. service, we will hold a vigil of prayer, silence, and music until 3 p.m. You are welcome to come and go during that time. At 5 p.m., there will be a brief service intended for families with young children.

**Easter Day**, April 20, 8 & 10 a.m. – Both services of Holy Eucharist on Easter Day will feature full choir and plenty of joyful Easter music. There will be Sunday school and childcare during the 10 a.m. service, which will be followed by an Easter egg hunt.

## LIFE AT CHRIST CHURCH

### **Children & Youth**

Sunday school for children ages 3+ meets at 10 a.m. most Sunday mornings from September-June. There is childcare available during the 10 a.m. service for children under 3. For more details contact Page Pelphrey at [education@christchurchguilford.org](mailto:education@christchurchguilford.org).

### **Music**

The choir is open to all and rehearses on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. To learn more about music at Christ Church, contact Mark Sullivan at [music@christchurchguilford.org](mailto:music@christchurchguilford.org).

### **Prayer Shawls & Home Communion**

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion at home or would appreciate a prayer shawl knit with love by parishioners, please contact the office.

### **Weekly E-mail**

You can sign up to receive our weekly e-mail newsletter on our website, or by calling the office or filling out a welcome card in your pew. The weekly email is our most detailed communication and a great way to keep track of everything going on at Christ Church.