

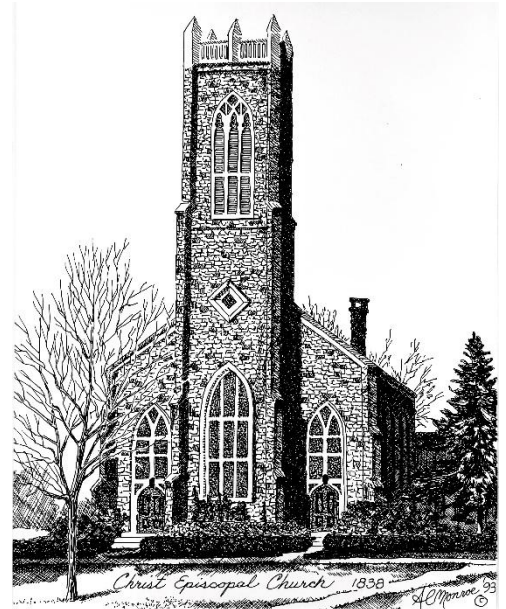
# Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 19, 2026 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.*



**Prelude** Blessed are they that live in faith unswerving op. 122.6

J. Brahms

## Prayer Before Worship

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*All:* **Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*This spoken prayer is followed by two minutes of silent prayer to prepare in heart and mind for worship. You might focus attention on your breath—noticing how the breath of life sustains you and connects you to God and to every living being in God's creation. (Genesis 2:7, John 20:22)*

## The Word of God

**Hymn #180** He is risen, he is risen!

*Unser Herrscher*

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

## Opening Acclamation

Prayer Book, p. 355

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*All:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise S-266 A Song to the Lamb

C. Hampton

*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*



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.

*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. *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 for evermore. *Antiphon*

The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 2:14a,36-41

*The people sit.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.**

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

**10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

**12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.

**14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

**16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

## **Second Reading**

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Hymn #495** Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

*In Babilone*

*Sung by all, standing as able.*

## **The Gospel**

Luke 24:13-35

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

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still,

looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

Tyler Regnier

## **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,  
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.**

*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.*

**Prayers of the People: Form III**

Prayer Book, p. 387

*The people remain standing.*

*Leader:* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People:* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader:* In our cycles of prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Middle Haddam; St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown and the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma). Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

*People:* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader:* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People:* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People:* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People:* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People:* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader:* Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People:* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People:* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on our parish prayer list: Jeff, Noah, Judy, David, Diane, Felix, Maria, Barbara, Coleman, Gene, Bob, Stuart, Maryann, and Lori.  
And those we name now silently or aloud.

*The people may add their own prayers and petitions. The Presider adds a concluding collect.*

## **The Peace**

*Presider:* 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 anthem** Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

A. Smith

## **Presentation Hymn**

*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*



All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to thee, who dead a - gain dost live; to



God the Fa - ther e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

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

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

### **The Great Thanksgiving Prayer A**

Prayer Book, p. 361

*The people remain standing.*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus S-127** Holy, holy, holy

C. Hampton

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

*The people remain standing as the Presider continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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.**

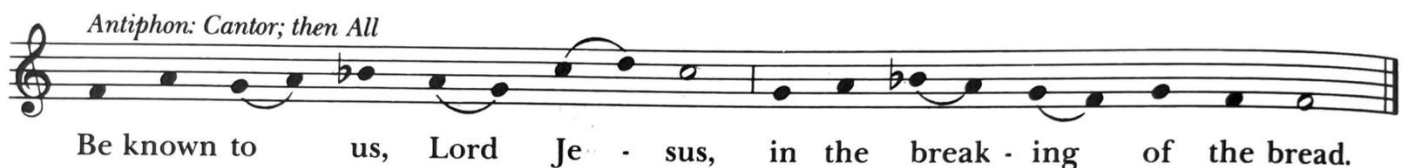
### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Fraction Anthem S-171** Be known to us

M. Martens

*Antiphon is sung first by cantor, then repeated by all.*



*Cantor sings:*

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon*

*Cantor sings:*

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. *Antiphon*

### **Invitation to Communion**

*Following the invitation, the people are seated.*

*Presider:* 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.*

*Healing prayers and anointing are offered today during communion. After receiving communion, proceed to the back of the nave where individual prayers are offered.*

### **Communion solo**

Leila Mustakos, soprano

### **Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitors**

*Priest:* N., we send you out to share Communion with N.

Carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

*All:* **We who are many are one body because we share one bread and one cup.  
Amen.**

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Enriching Our Worship, p. 69

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*All:* **God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Hymn #296** We know that Christ is raised, and dies no more  
*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

*Englebert*

### **The Dismissal**

*Priest:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Postlude:** At Eastertide op. 182.

C. V. Stanford

*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.*

**Altar Flowers**—The flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of Robert Holmes, Cynthia Holmes and Margaret Wood Smith by Jennifer Huebner. To give flowers for a particular Sunday, please call the office.

## SERVING TODAY

*Presider:* The Rev. Cathi Bencken

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

*Assisting Priest:* The Rev. Michael Sweeney

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:* Mary Collins

*Assisting Priest:* The Rev. Dr. Drew Collins

*Prayers of the People:* Susan Leonard

*Music Director:* Mark Sullivan

*Chalice Bearers:* Annie Rae & Bill Saviers

*Altar Guild:* Katherine Frydenborg

*Ushers:* Kay Claiborn & Jim O'Connor

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**Wednesday, 12:00-12:30 p.m.** – Service of Holy Eucharist in the sanctuary

**Thursday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** – Choir rehearsal in the Parish Hall

**Friday, 12:00-12:30 p.m.** – Music meditation in the sanctuary

**Friday, 12:30-1:30 p.m.** – Bible study in the Guild Room

**Sunday, 10:00 a.m.** – Service of Holy Eucharist (*Nursery & Sunday school in lower level*)

## LIFE AT CHRIST CHURCH

### Children & Youth

Sunday school for children ages 3+ meets at 10 a.m. most Sunday mornings from September-June. Childcare is available during the 10 a.m. service for children under 3.

### Guilford Food Bank

Please remember that we are always collecting non-perishable food for the Guilford Food Bank. There is a donation box set up at the back of the church.

### 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).