

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Welcome and Concerns of the Parish

Prelude

Processional Hymn (*Dominus regit me*)

Hymnal 646

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

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.*

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-280

Celebrant "The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray. 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

1st Lesson

The Acts of the Apostles 4:5-22

⁵The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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 Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23 *read alternating by whole verse*

St. Helena Psalter

¹ O God, you are my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

² *You make me lie down in green pastures **

and lead me beside still waters.

³ You revive my soul *

and guide me along right pathways

for the sake of your Name.

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 God for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

2nd Lesson

The First Letter of John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How 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?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And 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. ²⁴All 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 Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Hymn v. 1 prior/ v. 2 following Hymnal 708

The Gospel The Gospel of John 10:11-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, the 10th chapter.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said,] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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 Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Chrysanne Timm, Rector

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

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 Prayers of the People

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, East Tawas – Christine
Miley, Sr. Warden and Vestry
St. David's, Lansing – Joe Kennedy, Rector
Grace Church, Holland – Jennifer Adams, Rector

Lead your church into the way of love. Teach us to hear and follow
your voice and your vision for the world. Direct those who lead the
church: bishops, priests and deacons, and all those in positions of
leadership. *Silence*

Tender Shepherd, *call us each by name and lead us home.*

Guide those around the world who make decisions that impact the
lives of individuals and nations. Bring a just peace between Russia
and Ukraine and Israel and Hamas and other enemies. We pray for
Joseph, our president and Gretchen, our governor. *Silence*

Tender Shepherd, *precede us all in the ways of justice and peace.*

Lighten the burden of those suffering loss, illness, and anxiety, those whom we know and love and those who are unknown to us.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list:

Lisa and John, Joy, Rich, Barbara, Ron, Janie and Bob, Lee, Craig, Tom, Jeff, Jim and Ellen, Jennifer, Vicky, Monique, Lisa, Marian, Tracey, Royce, Wesley, Leland, Ezemae, Donna, Ryan, Bill, Amy, Joe, Cindy, Carol, St. Christopher's Church

For whom else shall we pray? *All may name persons aloud and silently.*

For what are we grateful? *All may name reasons for gratitude. Silence*

Tender Shepherd, ***comfort them and shower them with your healing grace.***

We pray for those who have died. Carry those who have finished their earthly journey into the next life and gently place them in God's eternal embrace. *Silence*

Tender Shepherd, ***hold them close to your heart forever.***

The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

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

The Anthem

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn (*Slane*) *vv. 1-3*

Hymnal 488

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer D

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 him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing: Hymnal S-130

*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.*

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule

and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

*We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them

to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth, and grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

The Holy Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn (*Rockingham*)

Hymnal 321

Celebrant
All

Let us pray.
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.

The Celebrant pronounces the seasonal blessing.

Recessional Hymn (*Westminster Abbey*) *m. 1, 4*

Hymnal 518

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



Welcome to all who are visiting with us today. Please sign our guest book
and join us again for worship and fellowship.

We encourage and mutually respect all to use language for scripture and
prayer most fitting for them.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table to share the Holy Communion
with the St. Christopher's parish family.
Gluten-free wafers are available for Communion upon request



Serving Today

Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Dr. Chrysanne Timm

Organist: Carol Isphording

Greeter: Chuck Dickerson

Lector: Mary Ruffley

LEM: Joy Ham

Coffee: Mary Fleishman

Altar Care: Susan Husken/All Clear

To Join Worship via Zoom... **NOTE: the link below is new as of March 1st!**

1. In your computer browser, sign on to St. Christopher's Zoom account:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7926686808?pwd=TWthemk2SEZ5VGdzSVZ0c2pyMm1Sdz09&omn=82806780609>

2. Call in (these are not toll-free numbers; a call from a landline may incur long distance charges) 1 (646) 876-9923 or 1 (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID number*792 668 6808*Password: *273667*

You are invited to prepare for next Sunday's Holy Eucharist by meditating on the readings appointed for the day:

Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:24-30 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

During the Easter Season, we are exploring

THE WAY OF LOVE

Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

TURN Pause, listen and choose to follow Jesus

LEARN Reflect on Scripture each day, especially Jesus' life and teachings

PRAY Dwell intentionally with God each day

WORSHIP Gather in community weekly to thank, praise and draw near
God

BLESS Share faith and unselfishly give and serve

GO Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus

REST Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration

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Clerk: Susan Husken

Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

Sundays	9am	Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
Tuesdays at 2 pm		Bible Study will resume May 21st
2nd/4th Wednesdays	5 pm	Nurturing Knitting/Crochet at Bethany
Thursdays at 1 pm		Piece-makers gather in the Parish Hall

Our next online retreat will be on Saturday, April 27 from 2 to 5 pm. Kate Mason will lead an exploration of how we can gradually make peace with all the things in our lives we cannot change. Join us to see how The Divine may nurture you in the midst of the difficulties. Contact katemason@duck.com with questions or to sign up.

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Walking with Christ + Welcoming All

The Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 21, 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Easter