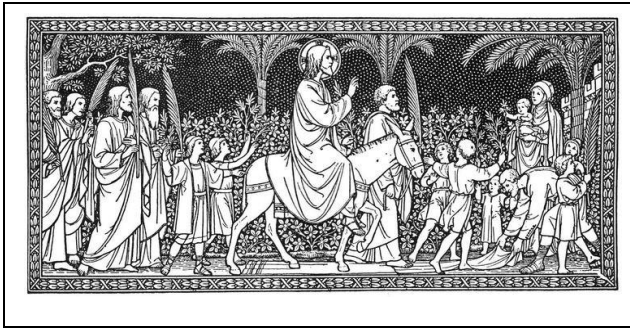


# HOLY COMMUNION

## CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025



#### ***Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church!***

*We join as a family of friends receiving Holy Communion every Sunday to empower ministry to our community. We are an inclusive and affirming fellowship – without exception. There is a place for you*

*among us at Christ Church. Join with us. All the baptized are welcome to receive communion. Come to the altar rail for a blessing. Speak with the Priest to learn about being baptized.*

**Priorities:** Dear God, guard my heart against the endless craving for more. Help me find contentment beyond possessions. Help me to redirect my focus to seek Your kingdom and righteousness above all else. May my life reflect Your purpose and fulfillment. Amen.

***About Holy Communion:*** *We trust Christ to be truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized persons, children and adults, are welcomed to receive. Stand or kneel at the altar rail with palms extended to receive the wafer to dip into the cup of wine. If you would prefer a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to signal the Priest. (If you would like to learn more about being baptized, speak with Father Emanuel.)*

***Mission Statement – At Christ Episcopal Church we gather to worship, pray, sing, and share so together we may serve our community and the world.***

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## **Quarterly Financial Update**

**Your treasurer and I thank you for all of your contributions to our ongoing ministry at Christ Church.**

**We want you to make you aware of our financial status at the end of the first quarter. As of March 31, 2025 our non-designated contributions totaled \$25,057. Our expenses were \$29,172 resulting in a deficit of \$3,092. We do not want this shortfall to grow during the course of the year putting us in an adverse financial position.**

**We want to make sure you understand that all the funds allocated for the renovation of the new room were designated contributions over and above our regular offerings.**

**At this time, it is important for each of us to reconsider our future contributions to Christ Church's fellowship of love and service in our community.**

**Philip Emanuel, Priest-in-Charge**

**Linda Baker, Treasurer**

*(All stand.)*



## **THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

Priest: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:** *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

Priest: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **A Reading from Luke 19:28–40**

*(Reader)*

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching

the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Priest: The Lord be with you.

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

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**


Priest: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:** *Hosanna in the highest.*

Priest: Let us go forth in peace.

**People:** *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

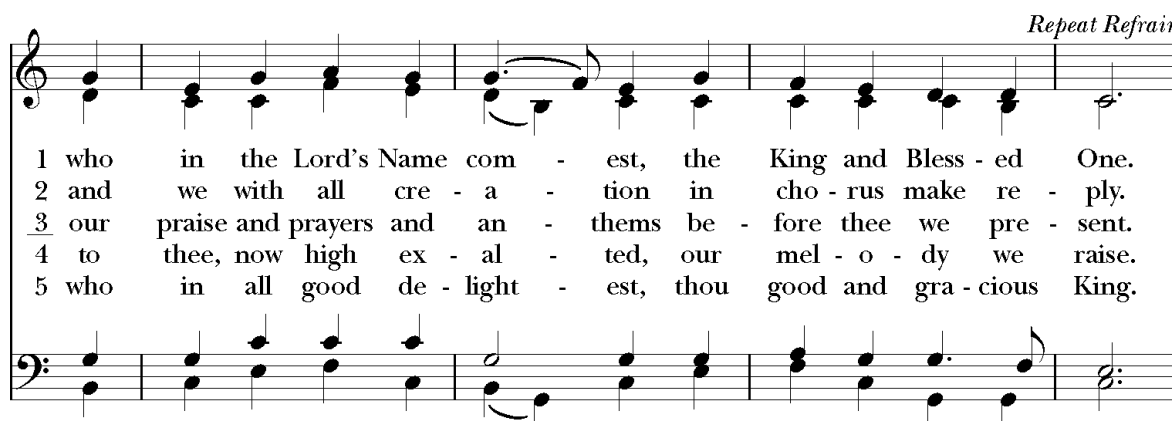


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

*The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.*

Priest: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

## **The Collect of the Day**

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.***

## **Announcements**

### **A Reading from Isaiah 50:4–9a**

*(Lector)*

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

**People:           Thanks be to God.**

*(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)*

**Psalm 31:9–16**

*In te, Domine, speravi* S414

Robert Knox Kennedy

*(Congregation and Choir, seated)*

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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**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 con’sumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my ac’quaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they a’void 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 a'round; \*  
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."**

*(Silence for reflection follows the Psalm.)*

**A Reading from Philippians 2:5–11.**

*(Lector)*

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.**

*(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)*



(Standing, as able)

Sequence Hymn

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At the Name of Jesus



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name  
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,  
\*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
\*6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,  
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;  
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord  
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;  
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,  
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.  
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.  
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

The Gospel

Luke 23: 1-49

(Lector)

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the

Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and

their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Seated)*

## **The Sermon**

*(Several moments of silence for reflection follow the sermon.)*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Minister:* Let us rise to confess our faith in the words of the 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.*

## **The Prayers of the People      Form VI**

*(Silence)*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work; ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For leaders of the nations and for Donald, our President; Henry, our Governor, and for all in authority in our community, that peace through compassionate justice prevail and our country remain hospitable, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the just and proper use of your creation; ***For prisoners, the addicted, victims of hunger, natural disasters, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Dear Lord, we pray for the victims of violence in our community. Uphold all who are injured and terrorized by gun violence in our city. May our community always be safe and secure from all threat of harm. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop; and Dorsey, Andrew, and Frank, our Bishops retired; and Phil, our Priest in Charge; and other ministers; ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially **Patrick Deaton, Emily Higgins, Lee Dunlap, Merrio Morton\*, Kay Lamberton\*, Mildred Wilmont, Diane Hood, Larry Hood, Nancy Port, Sandie Long, Buddy Wilson, Randy Horton, Suzanne Horton, George Stowe, Jake Wilson\*, Tric Deaton\*, John Port, Fionna, Diane McGuirt, Allen, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Linda Tiffany, Tom Brown, Linda Brown, Mike Lamberton\*, Pam Giardiello\*, Earle Holmes\*, Sandra Caldwell, Joan Bixby\*, Aubrey Crawford\*, Father Bill Walters, Randall Robinson.**

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord; ***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Remembering those celebrating birthdays especially, Pattie Johnson Emigh and those celebrating anniversaries especially, Mike and Kathy Sistare. We pray for Calvary Church, Glenn Springs; Church of the Redeemer, Greenville; and The Ministry of Altar and Flower Guilds. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who have died who rest in your loving embrace. *(Names)*

Just and Eternal God, Creator of All: Convince us, together with government and industry, to work earnestly so the earth remains habitable for present and future generations. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

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

*(Kneeling, as able) Silence for reflection.*

### **Confession & Absolution**

*Priest:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Silence)*

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father: in your compassion; forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Priest:*

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.**

*(We stand as able.)*

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **Offertory Sentence:**

Priest: I ask you brothers and sisters, to offer your selves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your true and proper worship. *Romans 12:1*

*(The people may be seated.)*

### **Anthem at the Offertory:**

Carol of the Atonement

English trad. melody, Arr. Anthony Greening

*(We stand as the gifts are presented.)*

### **The Presentation of the Offering**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people remain standing.*

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.*

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 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 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

WLP 852

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er and might, Heav'n and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel, as able.*

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father, we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Celebrant and ***People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul, Phoebe, Andrew, William Augustus Muhlenberg and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Priest and **People:**

***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.*

## Fraction Hymn

Eat this bread

**EAT THIS BREAD**  
*JESUS CHRIST, BREAD OF LIFE*

John 6 Jacques Berthier  
(1923–1994)



Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Je - sus Christ, bread of life,  
come to him and nev - er be hun - gry.  
those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord,  
trust in him and you will not thirst.  
those who trust in you will not thirst.

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Celebrant: These are Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. Come for all is prepared.

## Music During Communion

*After Communion, the Priest says:* Let us pray.

*(Standing or kneeling, as able.)*

## Post-Communion Prayer

Priest and **People**:

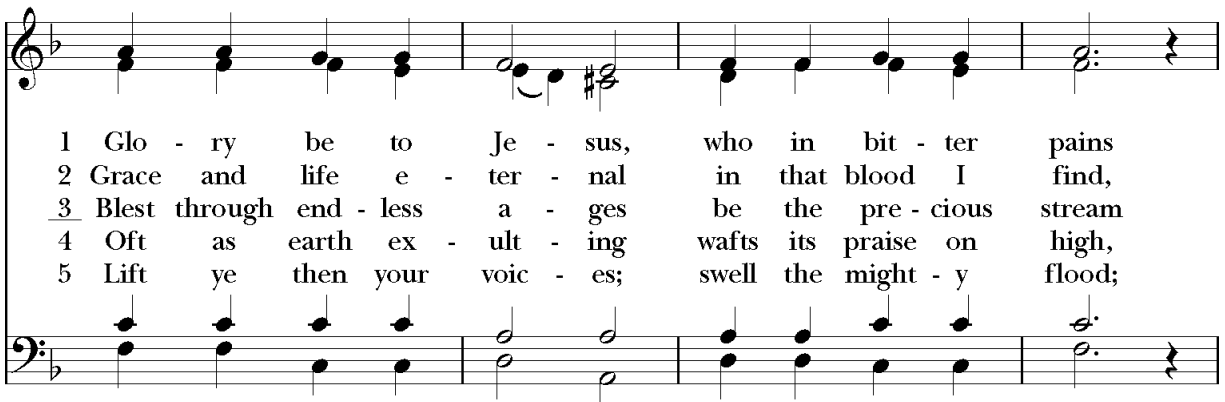
***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus***

*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.*

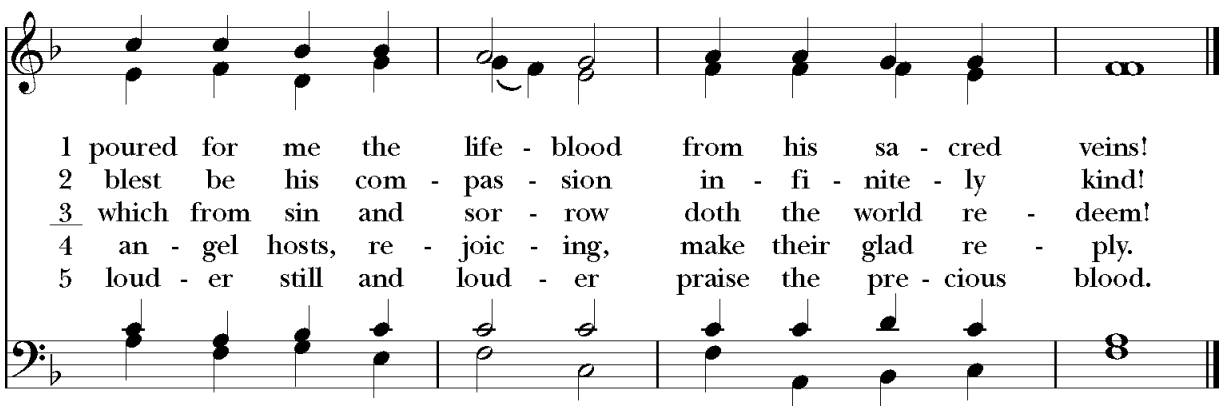
Hymn at the Closing:

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Glory be to Jesus



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains  
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,  
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
 4 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,  
 5 Lift ye then your voic - es; swell the might - y flood;



1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!  
 2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!  
 3 which from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!  
 4 an - gel hosts, re - joic - ing, make their glad re - ply.  
 5 loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood.

### The Blessing

Celebrant: May the love of God transform you daily that you may be at peace to be a peacemaker in the world, and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rests upon you now and always. ***Amen.***

### The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth from this place to love God and serve our neighbors.

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

## **TODAY**

The Vestry will meet following the service.

**The Vestry has decided to open the Nave Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am – Noon for private prayer and meditation. Everyone is welcome.**

## **THIS WEEK**

**Boy Scouts** meet Mondays 5:30 pm

**Support Group** meets Mondays 5:30 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am & 10:15 am

**Choir Practice** meets each Wednesday at 7:00 pm

**Church/Nave is Reserved for Rehearsals** every Saturday from 10:00 am–1:00 pm

## **UPCOMING**

**Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service @ Christ Church – 7:00 pm**

**Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Service @ Christ Church – 7:00 pm**

**Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Office Closed**

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Pattie Johnson Emigh

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Mike and Kathy Sistare

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

2025 Pledge and Plate Budgeted: \$119,081.00

Pledge and Plate Received as of March 31, 2025: \$25,057.31

Pledge and Plate Budgeted as of March 31, 2025: \$29,770.26

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

(\* Denotes member) (**Please contact office to add/remove names**)

**Patrick Deaton, Emily Higgins, Lee Dunlap, Merrio Morton\*, Kay Lamberton\*, Mildred Wilmont, Diane Hood, Larry Hood, Nancy Port, Sandie Long, Buddy Wilson, Randy Horton, Suzanne Horton, George Stowe, Jake Wilson\*, Tric Deaton\*, John Port, Fionna, Diane McGuirt, Allen, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Linda Tiffany, Tom Brown, Linda Brown, Mike Lamberton\*, Pam Giardiello\*, Earle Holmes\*, Sandra Caldwell, Joan Bixby\*, Aubrey Crawford\*, Father Bill Walters, Randall Robinson**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

**HOPE:** Shelf stable milk (store brand is fine,) grits, beef stew, mixed vegetables, sweet peas, jelly, boxed instant potatoes, juice (any type.) Please remember HOPE prefers plastic containers. Place your donated items in the shopping cart. Grocery bags are also needed. Please donate to this ministry. There are so many that are in need of basic food items.

**Ray's Backdoor Ministry:** Christ Church will continue to support the ongoing needs of this ministry. Please put Ray's Backdoor on the memo line of your check. God bless you richly for your ongoing contributions. The cost to purchase items for the kits is approximately \$220 every other month. We assemble and deliver kits every other month as funds allow. This ministry is supported by individual contributions.

**Cans for Kitties Project:** Please remove labels and separate aluminum from steel cans, bag them and place them in the labeled green trash bin located beside the storage building behind the church. This ministry benefits our feline friends by providing spay/neuter services for cats.

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

DATE	GATHERING PLACE CLEAN-UP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT/ CHALICE	ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR	VIDEO OPERATOR
Sunday, April 13, 2025	Linda Miller	Linda Baker	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Ernest Jenkins & Mike Sistare	Mike & Kathy Sistare	Ernest Jenkins	Robert Richards

**All worship participants please make presence known before service to  
Father Emanuel.**

Priest: Phil Emanuel  
Parish Musician: Dana Lee Walters  
Security: Ernest Jenkins

## PARTICIPANTS NEXT SUNDAY

DATE	GATHERING PLACE CLEAN-UP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT/ CHALICE	ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR	VIDEO OPERATOR
Sunday, April 20, 2025		Ernest Jenkins	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Lynn Blackmon & Joan Crawford	Mike & Kathy Sistare	Caroline Oliver	Robert Richards

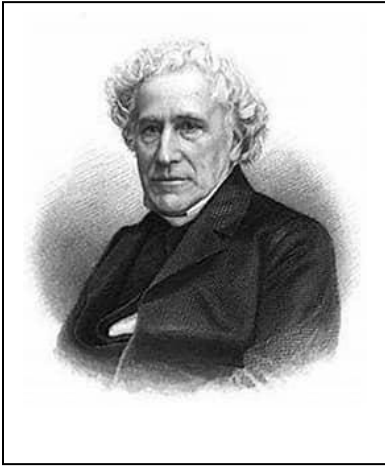
**Father Emanuel** is available for conversation regarding matters of faith and life at a place of your choosing and at times by appointment. He may be reached via the following: [orionrigelstar@gmail.com](mailto:orionrigelstar@gmail.com) or 843-325-3362.

**SERMON:** The sermon is available upon request. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy.



## William Augustus Muhlenberg Priest, 1877

*Commemorated April 8<sup>th</sup>*



William Augustus Muhlenberg was born in Philadelphia in 1796, into a prominent German Lutheran family, and was drawn to the Episcopal Church by its use of English. He deliberately chose to remain unmarried to free himself for a variety of ministries. As a young clergyman, he was deeply involved in the Sunday School movement, and was concerned that the Church should minister to all social groups. Aware of the limitations of the hymnody of his time, he wrote hymns and compiled hymnals, thus widening the range of music in Episcopal churches.

For twenty years he was head of a boys' school in Flushing, New York, where many influential Churchmen were educated. The use of music, flowers, and color, and the emphasis on the Church Year in the worship there became a potent influence. In 1846, he founded the Church of the Holy Communion in New York City. Again, he was bold and innovative: free pews for everyone, a parish school, a parish unemployment fund, and trips to the country for poor city children. His conception of beauty in worship, vivid and symbolic, had at its heart the Holy Communion itself, celebrated every Sunday. It was there that Anne Ayres founded the Sisterhood of the Holy Communion. In 1857, the two of them founded St. Luke's Hospital, where Muhlenberg was the pastor-superintendent and she the matron.

Muhlenberg's concern for sacramental worship and evangelism led him and several associates to memorialize the General Convention of 1853, calling for flexibility in worship and polity to enable the Church better to fulfill its mission. The insistence of the "Memorial" on traditional Catholic elements—the Creeds, the Eucharist, and Episcopal ordination—together with the Reformation doctrine of grace, appealed to people of varying views. Although the Church was not ready to adopt the specific suggestions of the Memorial, its influence was great, notably in preparing the ground for liturgical reform and ecumenical action.

Muhlenberg's last great project was an experiment in Christian social living, St. Johnland on Long Island. Although his dream of a Christian city was not realized, several of its philanthropic institutions survive.



## **Bishop of the Diocese of Upper S. C.**

The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards

### **Priest**

The Reverend Philip G. Emanuel

### **Parish Musician**

Dana Lee Walters

### **Digital Ministry**

Linda Baker, Wayne Johnson, Robert Richards

### **Vestry Members**

Lynn Blackmon ('25), Joan Crawford ('26), Pam Giardiello ('27), Ernest Jenkins ('26),  
Mike Sistare ('25)

### **Treasurer**

Linda Baker

### **Clerk**

Linda Baker

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