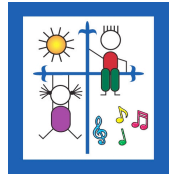




CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
BLOOMFIELD & GLEN RIDGE



# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024



10:30am Choral Eucharist

*Growing in faith ~ Serving our neighbors ~ Creating community*

# WELCOME!

*We hope that you will find spiritual nourishment and fellowship with us this morning.*

*This bulletin will guide you through today's service step-by-step.*

*Restrooms are located by going out the door located next to St. Mary's Chapel (which is on the right),  
and following the hallway through the doors. All are handicap accessible.*

*If you have any questions at all, our ushers will be happy to help you.*

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## A NOTE ABOUT INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

You will hear Mother Diana using female pronouns for God, when the bulletin has printed in it the traditional all male language. This is to provide a balance, and to invite us all into the understanding that God is not a boy's name – God is both and neither female or male – we are all made in God's image – women and men. You may, as you feel called, use the female language too.



The Rev. Diana L. Wilcox, *Celebrant*  
The Rev. Deacon Jackie McLeod, *Deacon*  
Mr. Tom Reynolds, *Livestream Host*  
Ms. Ann Watson, *ASL Interpreter*  
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# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE PRELUDE

*Please stand, as able.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 192 *(Hymnal 1982)*

This joyful Eastertide

*Unison or harmony*

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the  
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath  
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my  
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

*Refrain*

sprung to life this mor - row.  
pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was  
wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It is written for unison or harmony in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The score is divided into four systems. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system is marked 'Refrain' and contains two verses. The fourth system continues the lyrics. The music is written on a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. There are various musical notations including notes, rests, and bar lines. Some notes are circled, and there are slurs over certain phrases. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

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## EASTER ACCLAMATION *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 355)*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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** (*Hymnal 1982, S280*    *Composer: Powell*) *Sung by all.*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant      God be with you.  
People        **And also with you.**

Celebrant      Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## FIRST READING

## ACTS 8:26-40

Lector        The first reading is from The Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus,

and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

*Chanting by the choir.*

## PSALM 22:24-30

My praise is of you in the | great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of | those who worship you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek | you shall praise you: \*  
“May your heart | live **forever!**”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and | turn to you, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall | bow **before** you.

For yours is the royal po | wer, O God; \*  
you rule | over the **nations**.

To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust | fall **before** you.

My soul shall live for you;  
my descendants shall | **serve** you; \*  
they shall be | known as yours for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn \*  
the saving | deeds that you have done.

John Goldwin  
(1667-1719)



## SECOND READING

## 1 JOHN 4:7-21

Lector        The second reading is from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.


Lector        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People        Thanks be to God.**

*All stand, as able, for the Gospel. Sung two times before and after the Gospel reading.*

## **GRADUAL** (*Irish, Proulx*)

*All:*



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**JOHN 15:1-8**

Deacon        The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
People        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Deacon        The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
People        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

**THE CREED**

*The Apostle's Creed is one of the oldest statements of faith of the church. It is used in baptisms and funerals, and at other times of the year as desired. It is especially appropriate in Eastertide and Pentecost, as this is the foundation and beginning of our church. We will say this Creed, rather than the later Nicene Creed, in those seasons.*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say the Apostles Creed together.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Remain standing, as able, as we share in offering the Prayers of the People.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(Adapted from Sundays and Seasons, Year B)*

*Deacon* Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*Leader* We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. We pray now for our communities of Bloomfield and Glen Ridge. God of grace,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering. We pray now for those on our parish prayer list. God of grace,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* I invite you now to offer your own intercessions or thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

## **COLLECT AT THE PRAYERS** *(Adapted from Sundays and Seasons, Year B)*

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen**

## **THE PEACE** *(Enriching our Worship 1, p. 56)*

Celebrant      The peace of Christ be always with you.

People        **And also with you.**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*      J. S. Bach



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# HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand, as able.*

**DOXOLOGY** (*Hymnal 1982, 380 vs. 3*    *Tune: Old 100<sup>th</sup>*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**SURSUM CORDA** (*Hymnal 1982, S120*)

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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 continues (Book of Common Prayer, p. 367)*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us 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 HYMN *(Hymnal 1982, S129 Arr. Powell) Sung by all.*

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 able (it was considered a heresy in the early church to kneel in Eastertide)*

*The Celebrant continues (Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer, p. 368)*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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.

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.

*Sung by all.*

**THE GREAT AMEN** (*Three-fold Amen*    *Tune: Danish*)



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

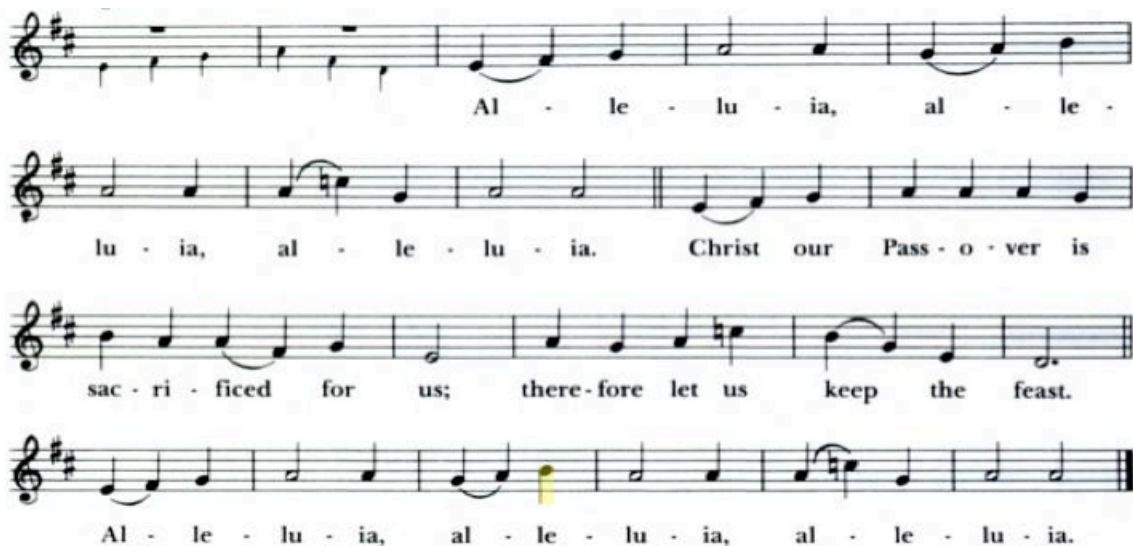
Give us this day our daily bread.

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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## FRACTION ANTHEM *(Hymnal 1982, S155    Composer: Gerald R. Neal)*



The musical score for the Fraction Anthem is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The score includes a double bar line after the first two staves and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## COMMUNION HYMN 302 *(Hymnal 1982 Words: Greek Music: Rendez a Dieu)*

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -  
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy  
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Enriching Our Worship, p. 69)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE EASTER BLESSING OVER THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, you have redeemed us and made us your children through the resurrection of  
your Son our Savior. Bestow upon your people the riches of your blessing. **Amen.**

Through the water of baptism you raised them from sin into newness of life. Make them  
holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

You brought them out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer.  
Bring them to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

The Blessing of God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, be  
with you now, and always. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 296** (*Hymnal 1982* Words: J. B. Geyer Tune: Engelberg)

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

**DISMISSAL** (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 366*)

Deacon Let us go forth to proclaim the good news of God in Christ!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**THE POSTLUDE** (*Please stay seated for the postlude*)

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## SUNDAY

Choral Eucharist – 10:30am

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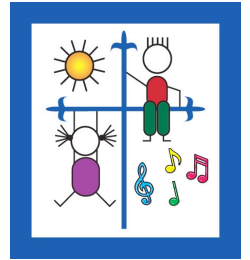
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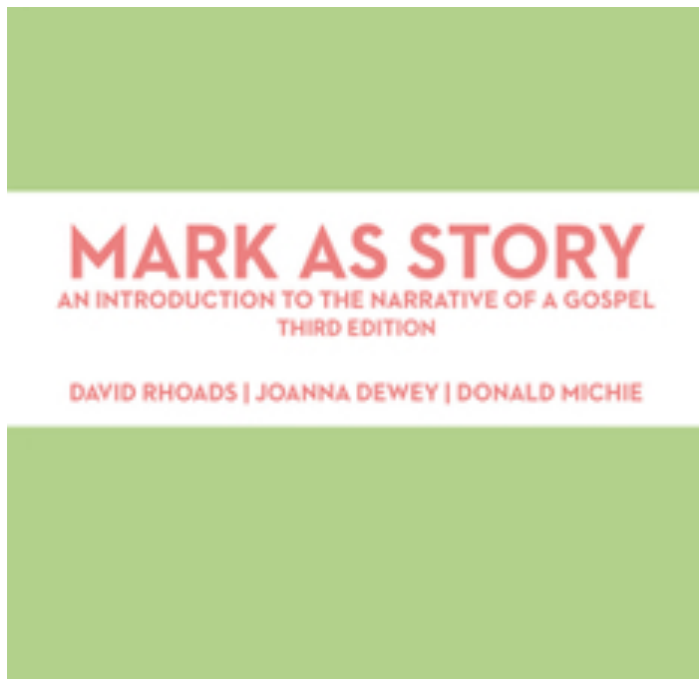
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SUNDAY PAPER

APRIL 28, 2024

## THE GOSPEL OF MARK AS STORY- BEGINS MAY 1

**NEW DATES: MAY 1, 15, 29, JUNE 12**



During Eastertide, Mother Diana will lead a four part series on The Gospel of Mark as Story. The title comes from the text we will use, authored by David Rhoads, Joanna Dewey, and Donald Michie. The book may be purchased anywhere books are sold.

This formation series will be offered over Zoom every other Wednesday from 7pm-8:30pm beginning on May 1. Register on our website to receive the Zoom link.

**If you plan to attend, please prepare by reading the Preface and pages 1-39 prior to the first class.**

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH Q & A- MAY 5



On May 5th, after our worship service, Mother Diana will answer questions about the Episcopal Church – how we worship, what we believe, what it means to become part of the church – whatever anyone wants to know.

We invite you to spend some time enjoying coffee hour; grab a cup of coffee and a snack. When you're ready, come to the Coursen Room with all of your questions!

## PENTECOST- MAY 19



Pentecost is the ending of the fifty days of Easter. We celebrate the Holy Spirit descending as flames of fire upon the earliest followers of Jesus, and that is why this is often referred to as the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit is often depicted with images of a dove, but also of fire, and so we wear red on this day to honor the Holy Spirit, whose work within and around us sustains and guides us in our life of love and service.

It is also a day for baptisms, so if you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please see Mother Diana after worship on any Sunday.

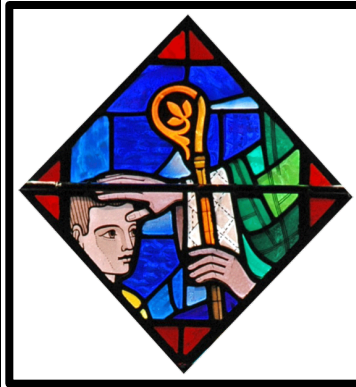
### CHILD CARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS!



Child care is now available every Sunday, provided by two of our Nursery School staff, Candida and Andrea.

Sunday School is offered on **the last Sunday of every month**. The next date is April 28. If you're interested in helping with Sunday School, please let Candice know.

## CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION- MAY 11



Two of our parishioners are going to be presented to the Bishop at the May 11th service. Carol Madden will be received and Ann Watson will be confirmed. The service is at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit at 10am. Attendees are limited to close family and friends, but we will celebrate Ann and Carol at our service and coffee hour Sunday, May 11th.

## SPRING PARISH WORK DAY- MAY 18



On Saturday, May 18th, from 9am-12pm we will have a Spring Parish Work Day. During Hurricane Ida, we lost many of our plantings around the front of the church, so we will spend this time planting perennials and shrubs, lay mulch in the beds, and tidy up a bit. We will provide coffee and lunch. We are grateful for all the extra help!

If you are willing to work on a landscaping plan, or donate towards the purchase of the plantings, please see Mother Diana.

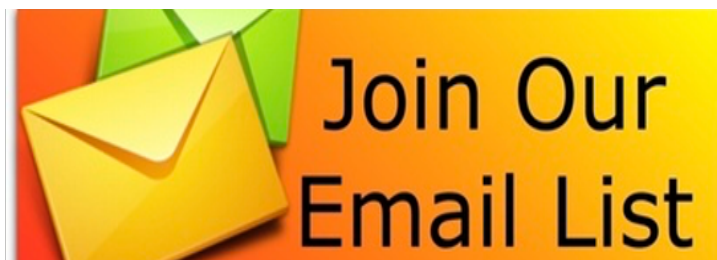
## EASTER NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE



If you missed it, our Easter Edition of the newsletter is available with many updates and information! You can read it online from our website, or copies are available in the entry way of the church.



## STAY CONNECTED!



This is the best way to stay up to date on all the news and updates at Christ Church and in our Diocese. These emails typically go out every Friday and are updated with everything that is coming up at Christ Church. You can use your phone camera to scan this QR code and subscribe.



**REMINDER:** To be added to the *Christ Church Texting service*, text **CHRISTCHURCH** to **313131** to receive messages about closings and events.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

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If you haven't already, "Like" us on Facebook, and follow us on Threads and Instagram, too! This is evangelism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



## MISSED A SERMON?



Or want to share one with others? They are always posted (with audio) on our website, or subscribe to the iTunes Sermon Podcast so

you never miss out on new ones every week!

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/christ-episcopal-church/id1048509110>

## MASS ON THE GRASS...WITH BRASS! JUNE 16



We will have our Annual Mass on the Grass...with Brass on Sunday, June 16 at 10:30am at the rotunda on the Glen across the street from our church. Please bring your own blankets or chairs to sit on. This is such a fun and unique service with a special brass quartet- you won't want to miss it!

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### PARISH PRAYER LIST

As a community of faith we pray for our church, our neighbors, the needs of the world, and these special concerns...

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for  
The Church of Bangladesh.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the  
Clergy, Wardens, Vestry and People of St. Paul's &  
Resurrection, Wood-Ridge; Grace Church, Westwood;  
and Church of the Holy Innocents, West Orange.

We pray also for Alexander Elias; Eve Telemaque  
and her family; the Banks family; the McLeod Family;  
the Paduchowski Family; the Simons/Whitaker family;  
the Reynolds family; Virginia and Philip Sheridan,  
Enrique Patino Daly; Grace Presbyterian Montclair;  
Colin Lynch; The McAllister Family; Donna; Beverly  
Rodriguez; Ethan Massay; Jonathan Couch Sr.; Patricia  
Harvey; Angela Colotti; Chris Freitag; Anthony,  
Stephanie, and Baby Zayden; Clifford and Jean Riis; Kay  
and Roy; Bill and Aleena; Rosalind Ann; Celeste and  
Morey; Iona and Terry; Nicky; Sadie;  
Averil Dunkley; Denny Royce; Donald Ferry Jr; and  
Meredith.

We pray for all those serving in the military, as well as  
the families of all those who serve, or have been lost in  
action.

We pray for all the children and staff of our  
Church & Nursery School.

Please include all of the above in your daily prayers.

To add or remove a name to this list, please email  
Candice at [office@christchurchepiscopal.org](mailto:office@christchurchepiscopal.org)

### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Today

**Holy Eucharist**

10:30am (Church)

Monday

**Bloomfield Cheer**

7:00pm (Parish Hall)

Wednesday

**Bolshoi Music**

4pm (Coursen Room)

**Bloomfield Cheer**

7:00pm (Parish Hall)

Thursday

**Adult Choir Rehearsal**

8:00pm (Coursen Room)

Friday

**Bloomfield Cheer**

7:00pm (Parish Hall)

Saturday

**MaestroTales Piano Lessons**

10am (Coursen Room)

Next Sunday

**Holy Eucharist**

10:30am (Church)

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Jesus said that when we stay connected to Him, we bear good fruit with our lives.

Match the opposites.



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# The Vine and the Branches

Jesus said, “God is the gardener, I am the vine and you are the branches.”

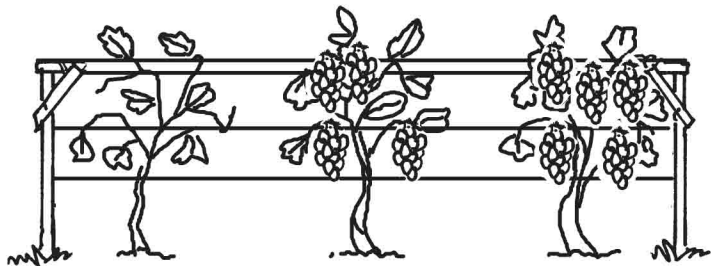
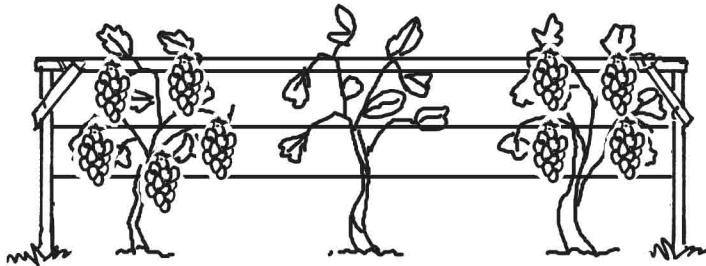
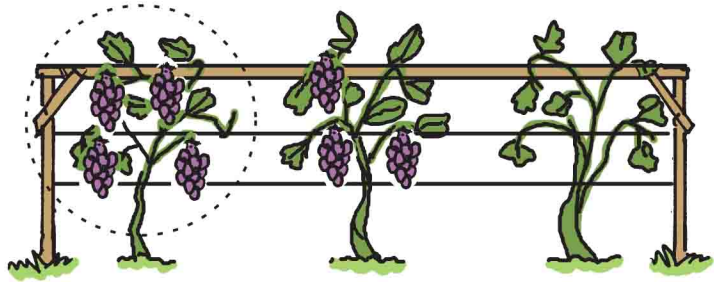
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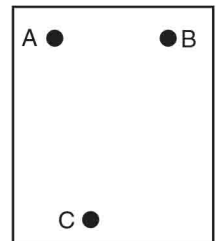
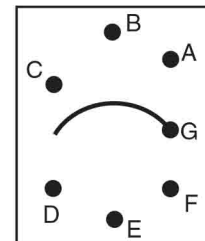
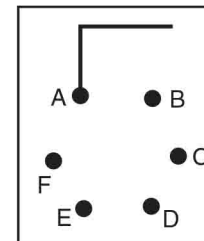
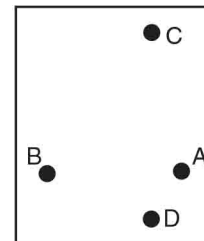
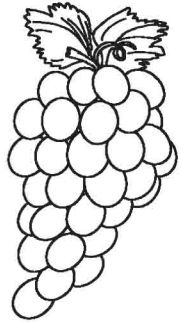
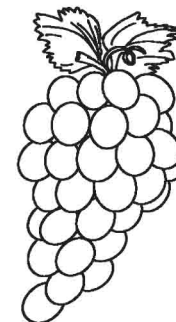
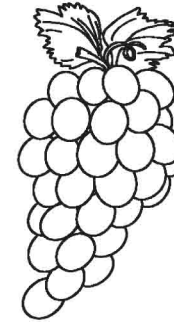
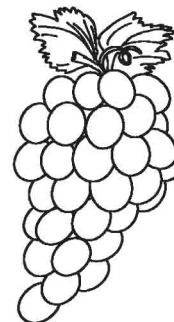
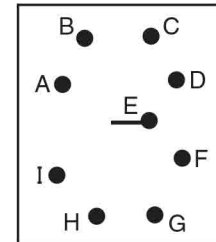
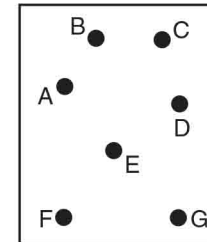
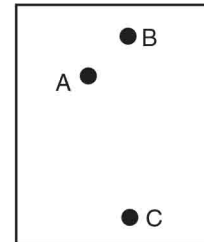
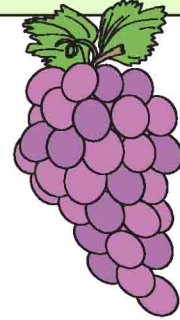
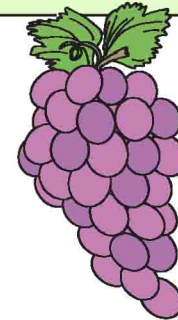
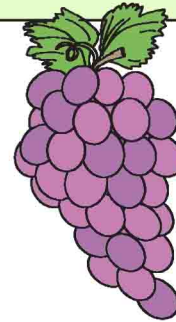
Jesus said that if a branch does not bear fruit, it will be cut off.

Circle the plants that have fruit.



If a branch bears fruit, it will be pruned so that it will be even more fruitful.

In each square, connect the dots.

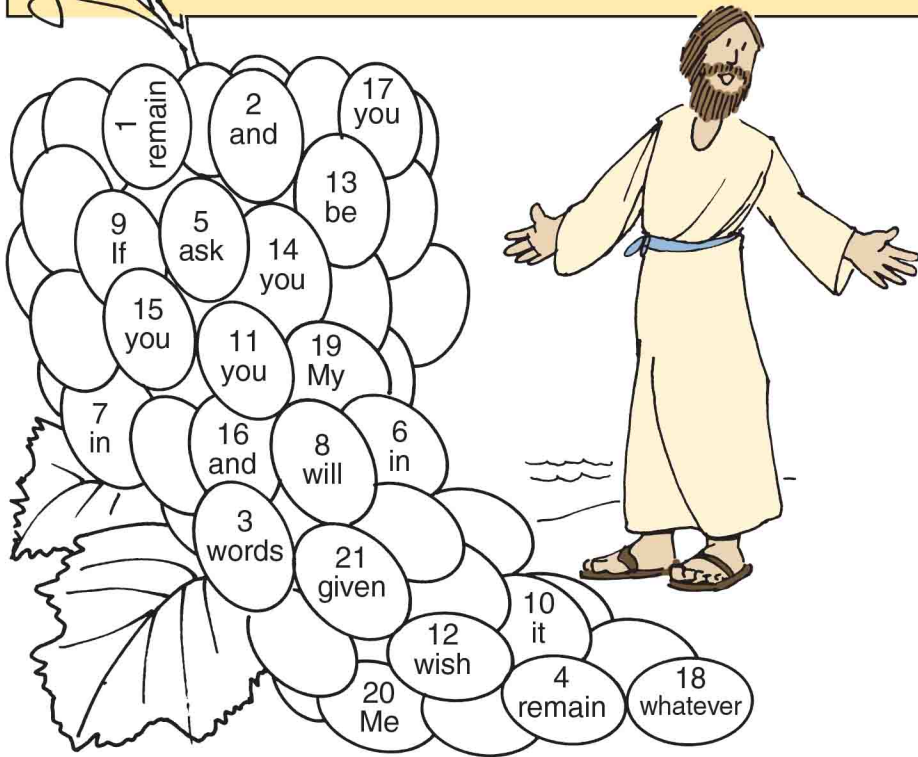






Jesus said something for all of us.

Write the words from the grapes on the lines below.



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16 19 3 1 6 17

5 18 11 12

2 10 8 13 21 14

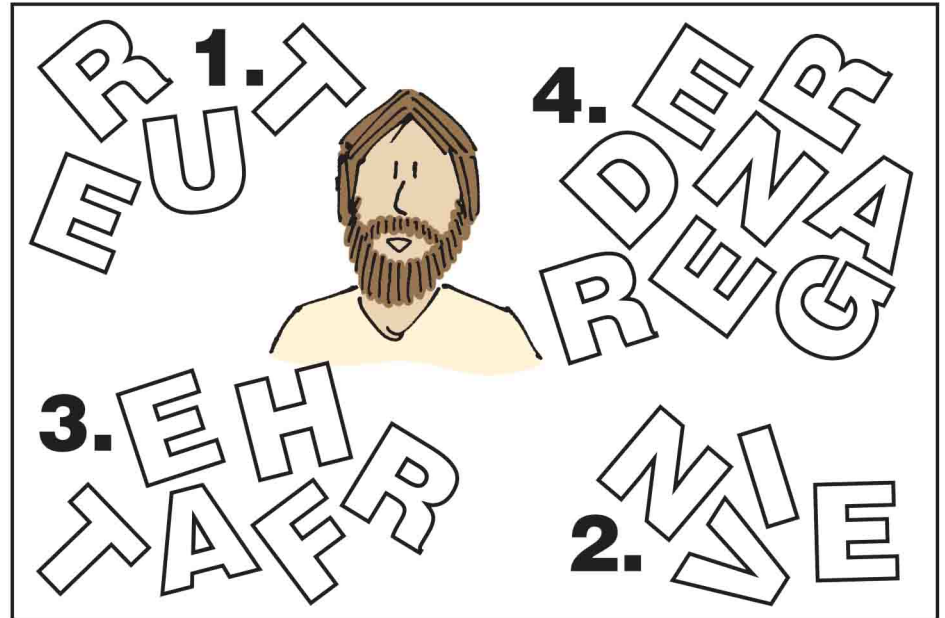
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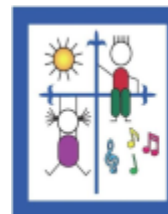
Jesus tells us something about Himself. What does He say?

Unscramble the letters. Write the words on the correct lines.



Jesus said, "I am the \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_,

and My \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_."



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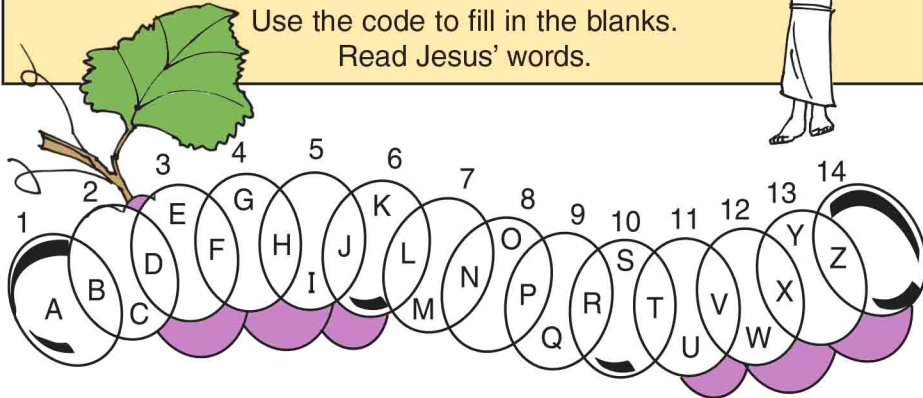
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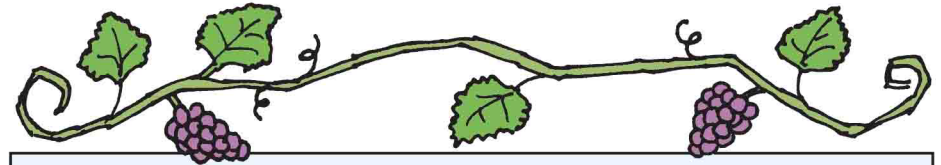
We need to be connected to God!



Use the code to fill in the blanks.  
Read Jesus' words.



“  
 7,8   8   1,2   9,10   1   7,8   2   4,5  
 2   1   7,8   1,2   3   1   9,10  
 3,4   9,10   11   5   10,11  
 1,2   13   5   10,11   10   3   6,7   3,4;  
 5   10,11   7   11   10   10,11  
 9,10   3   7   1   5   7,8  
 5   7,8   10,11   4,5   3   11,12   5   7,8   3.”



Follow the arrows through the letters to find Jesus' words.

Jesus said,

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I	R	V	D	O
S	A	B	Y	U
E	N	E	E	A
H	C	H	T	R

Begin  
End

