



## S E R V I C E   O F   W O R S H I P

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Eleven o'clock

In describing himself as a good shepherd, Jesus is not engaging in politics or polemics but is proclaiming the truth at the heart of the gospel: Christ's very being enacts God's relationship with the beloved creation, and is instigated not by us but by God. The sheep do not earn the Shepherd or elect him; nothing that we are or do can abrogate the relationship. We cannot stray or fall or fail in such a way as to be lost to God—ever—because we belong to God, body and soul, in life and in death.

-Cynthia G. Lindner

## Entrance

PRELUDE

Rhapsodie sur "Lasst uns Erfreuen"

Gilles Maurice Leclerc

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**People: He lays down his life for his sheep.**

Minister: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**People: He knows us, and we belong to him.**

Minister: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

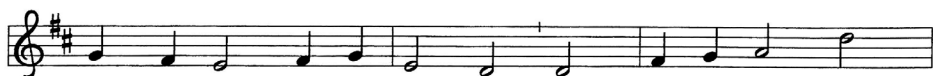
**People: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

\*HYMN

With High Delight



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in  
 2 True God, he first from death has burst forth  
 3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all  
 in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now  
 Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To  
 van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And  
 word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to  
 yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says  
 shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.  
 death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Words: Georg Vetter, 1536-1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976, alt.  
 Music: Medieval European tune

MIT FREUDEN ZART

### PRAYER FOR CENTERING

Minister: God, our Shepherd, is deeper than our hearts and greater than our sin. Knowing this, let us pray together with assurance.

**People: We are your people, O God,  
 the sheep of your pasture,  
 the flock you have gathered.  
 Lead us beside still waters.**

**Teach us the way of righteousness, and feed us at your table of grace.  
 In the shepherding presence of Jesus we pray.**

*Silent Prayer*

1. Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
 2. O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
 3. Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
 4. Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that

new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
 we, when all our search - ing ends may see you face to face.

Minister: Hear the good news! Jesus Christ is risen!  
 People: **He is risen indeed! Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE "Beside a Stream of Living Water"

Text: Nancy Kraft  
 Music: *Shenandoah*  
 arr. Thomas Keesecker (b. 1956)

The Christ Church Parish Choir

Beside a stream of living water  
 stands a tree of God's blest people,  
 Its roots run deep, from those before us.  
 By grace, it grows by grace,  
 The love of God abounding.

So many rings, a living hist'ry  
 Some are thin from years of struggle  
 Some circle wide from times of plenty.  
 By grace, it grows by grace,  
 The love of God abounding.

The branches soar beyond the steeple,  
 Leaves as varied as its people,  
 So many gifts and yet one body.  
 By grace, it grows by grace,  
 The love of God abounding.

O tree of life, O tree of glory,  
 May our witness tell God's story  
 For all who follow in the future.  
 By grace, it grows by grace,  
 The love of God abounding.

\*THE PEACE

*Children are invited to Sunday School on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor; nursery care on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.*

MINISTRY UPDATES

### Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

**By the leading of your Spirit, O God, help us to  
 listen for your voice and follow in your paths  
 of righteousness, all the days of our lives. In the  
 name of your living Word, Jesus, we pray.  
 Amen.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
    he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
    he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
    I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
    thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
    thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
    and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Tree of Life

Music: Mack Wilberg  
Videography: Brandon Batson

O Tree of Life!  
When spring arises hear our voices singing— Alleluia!  
Of blossoms promising the fruit we're seeking— Alleluia!  
New life in Thee we're seeking—  
Alleluia!

O Tree of Life!  
When summer nourishes our life emerging— Alleluia!  
And fruit is born, abundant, bright, appearing— Alleluia!  
Sweet fruit of life appearing!  
Alleluia!

O Tree of Life!  
When autumn calls, Thine outstretched arms entreating—  
Alleluia!  
Bid us come forth and feast on life descending— Alleluia!  
The feast of life descending!  
Alleluia!

O Tree,  
When winter comes to Thee, we bend in Thee, Thou purest Tree!  
Resplendent Tree!  
Here we rest, we rest in Thee!  
O Tree of Life!

O Tree of Life!  
Bearing fruit of purest white,  
Of sweet, exquisite taste—  
Sweet fruit that makes us whole!  
In Thee made whole!  
Thy feast all life restores!  
The fruit of Thy pure love is our Life forever more!  
Alleluia!

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN, 10:11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No 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.'

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish, oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear  
 5. Thou spreadst a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion  
 6. And so through all the length of days, thy good - ness

fail - eth nev - er. I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth; and where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me; and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my  
 grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port  
 fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!  
 sing thy praise with - in thy house for - ev - er.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1868  
 Music: Irish melody

ST. COLUMBA

MESSAGE

"Ancient Prayer, Timeless Truth"

Rev. Eric Park

## Responding

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

Gracious God, we give you thanks for showing us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Help us, God, to share the love of Christ through your church's ministry and through our outpoured lives. To that end, we offer these gifts and our very selves to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*(Please place your gift in the offering receptacle as it is passed. Alternatively, you may make your offering via your smartphone by texting "CCNYC" to 77977 to give.)*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Leader: God of goodness and mercy,

People: Shepherd the souls of your people.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.

## Going Forth

\*HYMN

Christ is Alive

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris-tians sing. His cross stands  
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and all cre -

prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 here and now and dwell in ev - ery place and time.  
 midst of life, our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.  
 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 a - tion ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian Wren, 1968, alt.  
 Music: *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

TRURO

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Retirement Celebration for Rev. Dr. Cathy Gilliard - Sunday, May 5, 4:00pm** at Park Avenue United Methodist Church (106 East 86th Street). Rev. Dr. Gilliard was a part of the clergy staff of Christ Church for many years until her appointment to Park Avenue UMC. All are invited to this celebration of Cathy's rich, creative, and deep-hearted ministry as she moves into the retired relationship. Please contact Maureen Donohue at Park Avenue UMC with any questions: [maureen@paumcny.org](mailto:maureen@paumcny.org).

**Interfaith programming with Temple Emanu-El** - Our neighbor Temple Emanu-El is offering a variety of programming opportunities to connect with folk from across faith traditions through dialogue groups about everything from meditation to making meals together. Christ Church NYC is partnering to host the monthly Queering the Bible & Beyond dialogue group; below is information about each of the upcoming opportunities. For more information, contact Dr. Alyssa Cady, Director of Center for Interfaith Dialogue, at [Alyssa.Cady@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:Alyssa.Cady@emanuelnyc.org). For a full schedule please scan the QR code



**Morning Prayer** - Daily, **Monday through Friday at 8am**. Everyone is invited to join the Christ Church family for a short time of prayer and reflection each morning. Join the call via the events page on our website!

**Children and Families** - Spring Picnic in Central Park: Families, let's join together for a Central Park Picnic on **April 28**. Bring your lunches to church and we'll gather in the Narthex **after the 11am** service and walk to the park together for some fellowship and fun. If the weather is bad, we'll have an indoor picnic on floor 3.

**Every Sunday** during the **11am** Service, preschool through fifth grade children are welcome to join us for Sunday School on the third floor. Nursery Care is available on the fifth floor.

**Vacation Bible School at Christ Church!** - Kids ages 3 to 11 are invited to join us, **August 26-30**, for a week long camp called Hero's Hotline. Our Heroes, the kids, will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook, the Bible! We will discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of Bible Heroes with stories from the Old and New Testaments. We will learn to work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us! All are welcome! More details to come. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, reach out to Lydia Prather, [Lydia@christ-churchnyc.org](mailto:Lydia@christ-churchnyc.org).

**Sharing Table Outreach** - Sharing Table serves a hot meal and toiletries to over 130 guests each week, and we always need new volunteers! A lead volunteer will give you an orientation on-site. Volunteers arrive at **3:00pm** to help make sandwiches and prepare for guests' arrival. Doors open to guests at 4:00pm and dinner is served at 4:30pm. If you'd like to sign up or get more information, please see our website!



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## The Mission of Christ Church

We seek to love God above all things, and our neighbors as ourselves.

*Christ Church Is A Reconciling Congregation:  
Open, Welcoming, And Affirming.*

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