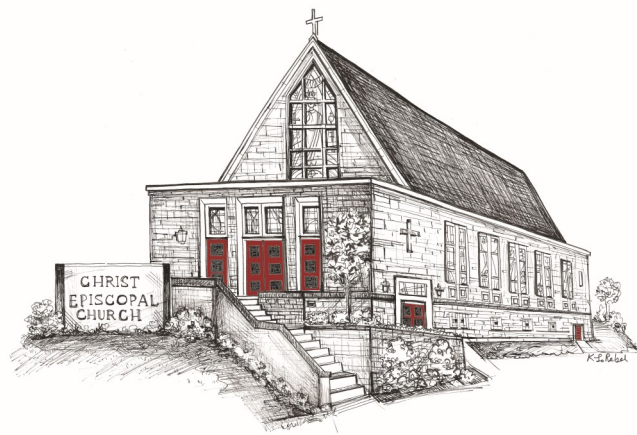
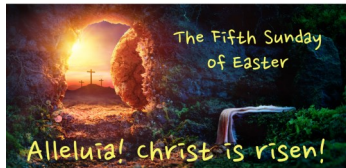


The Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 • 10:00 a.m.



Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN * 213 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

(The congregation stands and sings)

Come away to the skies

Middlebury

1 Come away to the skies,
my beloved, arise
and rejoice in the day thou wast born;
on this festival day,
come exulting away,
and with singing to Zion return.

Now created again
that our lives may remain,
throughout time and eternity thine.

2 Now with singing and praise,
let us spend all the days,
by our heavenly Father bestowed,
while his grace we receive
from his bounty, and live
to the honor and glory of God.

4 We with thanks do approve
the design of that love
which hath joined us to Jesus' Name;
so united in heart,
let us nevermore part,
till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.

3 For the glory we were
first created to share,
both the nature and kingdom divine!

5 Hallelujah we sing,
to our Father and King,
and his rapturous praises, repeat:
to the Lamb that was slain,
hallelujah again,
sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.

Words: Anon., *The Southern Harmony*, 1835, alt.

Tune: *Middlebury*, melody from *The Southern Harmony*; harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946)

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant then continues

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

People: Amen

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing.

GLORY TO GOD * S-278 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

(sung by all)

Gloria in excelsis Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (*please remain standing*)

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord 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.

People: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON (*please be seated*)

(Acts 8:26-40)

Reader: A Reading 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.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:24-30 *(please remain seated)*

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

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow be-
fore him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in
worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE EPISTLE

(1 John 4:7-21)

Reader: A Reading 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.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Now the green blade riseth

Noel nouvelet

1 Now the green blade riseth
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain;
love lives again,
that with the death has been:

Refrain:

Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green.

2 In the grave they laid him,
Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that never
he would wake again,
laid in the earth
like grain that sleeps unseen: *Refrain*

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), alt.

Tune: *Noel nouvelet*, medieval French carol

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3 Forth he came at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he that for three days
in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead
my risen Lord is seen: *Refrain*

4 When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us
back to life again,
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been: *Refrain*

THE GOSPEL*(John 15:1-8)*

Then, all still standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. 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."

After the reading, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**THE SERMON***The Rev. Cn. James D. Shoucair***THE NICENE CREED***On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing***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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(silence)*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For *Joe*, our president; *Joshua*, our governor, and this community, the nation and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity in the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, *Ketlen*, our Bishop; *James, Brandon, and Christopher*, our priests; *Lorena and Christine*, our Deacons; and for Fr. Rich Witt and The Rural and Migrant Ministries; Bruce Robison and the people of All Saints', Brighton Heights; [*The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; Outreach Organization; The Parish Cycle of Prayer*]; for those who are deployed, [*especially _____*] and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, [*especially _____*]. I invite your own petitions, either out loud or in silence. *(The people may add their petitions during this brief pause.)*

Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life [*especially _____*]. I invite your own thanksgivings. *(The people may add their petitions during this brief pause.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom [*especially _____*]. I invite your own petitions. *(The people may add their petitions during this brief pause.)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

Leader and people

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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

THE PEACE

All stand. The celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION - RITE II

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymn Tune: *Old 100th*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Tune: *Old 100th*; att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS * 747 (CEC Hymnal Supplement)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymn Tune: *Land of Rest*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Blessed is he who comes

God of power and might,

in the name of the Lord.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as able.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

People: Amen.

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

Celebrant and People

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread; all sing

FRACTION ANTHEM * S-164 (The Hymnal 1982)

Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Jesus, Lamb of God:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace,

give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *And may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

You may opt to instinct (dip) in the small chalice, or you may drink from the common chalice.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Bread of Life

Chancel Choir

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

COMMUNION HYMN * 335 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

I am the bread of life

I Am the Bread of Life

1 I am the bread of life;

they who come to me shall not hunger;

they who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me

unless the Father draw them.

3 Unless you eat

of the Flesh of the Son of Man

and drink of his Blood,

you shall not have life with in you,

you shall not have life within you, *Refrain*

Refrain:

And I will raise them up,

and I will raise them up,

and I will raise them up

on the last day.

4 I am the resurrection,

I am the life.

They who believe in me,

even if they die,

they shall live forever. *Refrain*

2 The Bread that I will give

is my Flesh for the life of the world,

and they who eat of this bread,

they shall live forever,

they shall live forever, *Refrain*

5 Yes, Lord we believe

that you are the Christ,

the Son of God

who has come

into the world. *Refrain*

Words: Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); adapt of John 6

Tune: *I Am the Bread of Life*, Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); arr. Betty Pulkingham (1928-2019)

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Prayer For Spiritual Communion at Home

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and desire to receive you into my soul. As I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you, knowing that you are already here, and unite myself wholly to you, secure that you will never let me go. Amen.

◆ Based on the prayer attributed to St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 BLESSING

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION * 182 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

(Congregation sings)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Truro

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

His cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

His love in death shall never die.

but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound

to distant years in Palestine,

he comes to claim the here and now

and conquer every place and time.

4 In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.

3 Not throned above, remotely high,

untouched, unmoved by human pains,

5 Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.; Copyright © 1975 by Hope Publishing Company. All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission.

Tune: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these (or similar) words

Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Link

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Welcome Everyone!

We are delighted to have you with us! If this is your first visit ever; first in a long-time; or you are here regularly - whether in-person or online - your presence is what makes us a church! If you are new here please join us for fellowship and refreshment after the 8:00 and 10:00 services so we can get to know one another.

We can't wait to meet you!



TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUN 04/28: 5 EASTER

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Children's Eucharist
9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum (Types of Prayer)	11:55 a.m.	The Third Service
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	1:00 p.m.	Inquirer's Class

DEDICATIONS - THE ALTAR FLOWERS are offered to the glory of God. **THE AUMBRY CANDLE** is offered to the glory of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -- FOR THOSE WHO ARE INFIRM OR FACE OTHER ADVERSITIES - Linda Fitzmaurice, Bruce Butler, Josh Keebler; **FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND** - Evelyn Arlow, Ollie Fowler, Gretel Gormley, Jean Harrison, Edwina Hoard, Jim Stoessel, Carolyn Werley; **FOR THOSE WHO ARE DEPLOYED** - Ford "Chip" Fuller, IV; **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.**

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON 04/29:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (FB)
	4:00 p.m.	Recovery
	4:00 p.m.	Erich Riebe Guitar Lessons
TUE 04/30:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (FB)
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
WED 05/01:	12:00 Noon	AA Meeting
	1:30 p.m.	Women in Discipleship
THU 05/02:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (IP & FB)
	4:00 p.m.	Erich Riebe Guitar Lessons
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
FRI 05/03:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (FB)
SAT 05/04:	9:30 a.m.	Kindermusik by Lynda
	12:30 p.m.	World Labyrinth Day Walk

A REMINDER ABOUT THE PRAYER LIST - As we have had a considerable number of names added to the prayer list this past week, we want to remind you that names will be kept on the spoken prayer list (read in the Prayers of the People in church) for 2-3 Sundays and will be listed on the prayer board in the Narthex for up to 2 months. This practice allows us to focus on the newer requests but by no means are we suggesting your request is less important. Please feel free to phone, email, or use the online form to renew your request any time.

ALTAR FLOWERS & AUMBRY CANDLES - Please don't forget, when the altar is not decked out for Easter (or Christmas) that you have the opportunity to sponsor the altar flowers each Sunday - you may dedicate them in memory of someone or in celebration of an occasion, etc. The cost is \$35 and you may sign up for them using the online form on the website or by going to the green book in The Little Gallery. You may also pay online (if you use the online form it will direct you where to go) or by check made out to **Christ Church Altar Guild**.

Similarly, if you would like to sponsor the Aumbry Candle, you may do that in very much the same fashion online or in the green book. The cost for the candle is \$5.00

NEXT SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUN 05/05: 6 EASTER	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Special Mother's Day Coffee Hr.
	11:55 a.m.	The Third Service
	1:00 p.m.	Inquirer's Class

DIRECTORY PORTRAIT SESSIONS CANCELED TODAY - Due to a miscommunication, we had to cancel today's sessions. We hope to reschedule for a date in June. We will also have dates scheduled in the early autumn. Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

THE LITTLE GALLERY - Please stop by the Little Art Gallery to check out the paintings of our new featured artist, Eric McCarty. Eric is a friend of Christ Church. He is fairly well traveled and a culinary professional. Revisiting a childhood penchant for art, he used a Christmas wish for an easel and paints to experiment with. Referring to Japanese wood block styled post cards from his grandmother was the base of a series of paintings. Eric paints as a way of relieving stress and being creative. If you or someone you know would like to exhibit artwork, craft, or photography, please contact Rebecca Peace at REBECCA.PEACE@GMAIL.COM or 412-849-2621.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY - Calm your mind and comfort your spirit in the undercroft on World Labyrinth Day - **Saturday, May 4** from 12:30 - 2:30 with the actual walk taking place from 1:00 - 2:00. We will join thousands of people worldwide in a moving meditation for world peace. Participants "walk as one at one" across the globe in their own time zone to create a rolling wave of prayer and meditation from one time zone to the next. Labyrinth walking is an ancient meditative practice that gives us time to calm our mind and alleviate stress. Animal Friends Therapets will also be available to provide further comfort for those who need it. Please be prepared for a quiet experience and remember to bring socks.

PITTSBURGH CONCERT CHORALE POPS CONCERT - The PCC presents their spring Pops Concert *Bell Bottoms, Bee Gees and the Brady Bunch: Music of the 70's*; **Saturday, May 4** at 7:30 p.m. at Fox Chapel Presbyterian, and **Sunday, May 5** at 4:00 p.m. at Ingomar Methodist. For tickets see Barb Hall or call her at 412-443-5254.

SPECIAL EARLY MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE TEA HOUR - Next week, May 5, will be our observation of Mother's Day with a special "Tea" at the Coffee Tea Hour after the 10:00 service in recognition of the moms in our parish.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL is May 12. Following the 10:00 service we will have our traditional Sundae Sunday celebration with ice cream treats for all!

BISHOP'S VISIT: SUNDAY, MAY 19 - The Rt. Rev. Ketlen Solak will make her annual visit on Pentecost **Sunday, May 19** at both the 8:00 and 10:00 services. At 10:00, she will confirm those participating in this year's Confirmation Class as well as any adults who wish to be confirmed, received or reaffirmed. It will also be our next opportunity for baptism for those who desire. Please let the office know if you would like to receive any of these sacraments. A reception and brunch will follow the 10:00 service. There will not be an 11:55 service that day.

INQUIRER'S CLASS - Leading up to the Bishop's visit, Canon Jim will hold an Inquirer's Class for adults who wish to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church - or for those needing a refresher course! They will begin **TODAY, April 28** and continue on **Sundays, May 5 and 12** at 1:00 p.m.

VBS SAVE THE DATE - Save the date for August 5-9! *On Earth as in Heaven* invites children in grades preK-6th to explore God's word by diving deep into the Lord's Prayer. As always, this will be a fun service-focused week. Registrations will open soon. For questions or to volunteer, email Ellen Seagraves at ELLEN.SEAGRAVES@CHRISTCHURCHPGH.ORG

APRIL MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH

THE CHRIST CHURCH ALTAR GUILD is a sisterhood of communicants who are responsible for caring for and setting the Eucharistic table for all of the services throughout the year in the Sanctuary and the Children's Chapel. Simply put, they are the caretakers of the altar, vestments, linens and vessels. Tasks include: ensuring the chancel is appropriate for the season, fresh flowers are displayed each week, and caring for and cleaning the sacramental linens, altar hangings, vessels and brass. After the services they are responsible for careful cleanup. In all of these activities, each member is very mindful that our Altar is our Lord's Table. To be allowed to care for it is a great privilege and a joy! If you would like to join Altar Guild please contact Susan Kiger at SMKIGER2@AOL.COM

THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE coordinates and hosts all the Parish parties and special events. Annual programs include: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Maundy Thursday Dinner, Bishop's Brunch, Oktoberfest, Advent Brunch and Epiphany Party. New programs are added all the time. We are always looking for people to help with event set up and take down, event decorating, food prep and cooking and servers. Participants can volunteer for one event or many. For more information or to get involved, please email Jill Anguish at JILLGAGNE@GMAIL.COM

Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant & Preacher.....	The Rev. Cn. James D. Shoucair
Assisting Minister.....	The Rev. Brandon P. Cooper
Guest Organist & Choirmaster.....	Dane Skroupa
Acolyte.....	Nathalie Keebler
Altar Guild.....	Marianne Mathews
.....	Valerie Tardif
Greeters.....	Rick & Marianne Mathews
Lay Readers.....	David Raitt
.....	Warren Howe
.....	Jim Neral
.....	Deb Stayer
Ushers.....	David Raitt
.....	Rick Mathews
.....	Rich Seagraves
.....	Ed Hall

Post-Worship Ministries

Altar Flower Delivery.....	
Coffee Hour.....	Jim & Becky Penton
Counters.....	Ryan Baker
.....	Adam Scholl
Lay Eucharistic Visitors.....	Ted & Lori Roller

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- The Rev. Dr. Christopher H. Barker, *Ret.*, Priest-in-Residence
- The Rev. J. Christine McIlvain, *Ret.*, Deacon-in-Residence

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