



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II

April 26, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

The order of service is found in The Book of Common Prayer (“BCP” - Red books). Hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982 (“Hymnal” - Blue); Wonder, Love & Praise (“WLP” - Green); or the spiral-bound supplement (“CECS”).

PRELUDE

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 191

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lux Eoi

SALUTATION

BCP p. 355

THE GLORIA

Hymnal S-278

Gloria to God in the Highest

William Mathias

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

See insert

A PRAYER FOR THE DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

See insert

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

See insert

PSALM 23

See Insert

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:19-25

See insert

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 210

The day of resurrection

Ellacombe

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

See insert

THE SERMON

The Rev. Guy W. Brown

THE NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – *Form V*

BCP p. 389

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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THE HOLY COMMUNION – Rite II

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say

Hymnal 179

Fortunatus

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Hymnal 380 (vs 3)

Old Hundredth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord...

CECS 747

Hymntune: Land of Rest

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us

Hymnal S-164

Franz Schubert/Richard Proulx

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

- *All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Communion.*
- *Simply hold out your hand to receive the wafer and dip it into the wine when you are offered the small chalice.*
- *You may also consume the wafer and drink from the large chalice.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available for those who request them.*

COMMUNION HYMN #1

This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!

Hymnal 417

Festival Canticale

COMMUNION HYMN #2

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Hymnal 450

Coronation

COMMUNION HYMN #3

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Hymnal 379

Abbot's Leigh

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

He is risen, he is risen!

Hymnal 180

Unser Herrscher

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S READINGS

THE COLLECT:

Traditional: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Contemporary: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE CHRIST CHURCH DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE:

Heavenly Father, in our Holy Scriptures we learn that discernment means separating from many thoughts what is true and good. By your Holy Spirit, so guide the hearts and minds of our Discernment Committee, and of the Christ Church family, that together we may know what it means to follow your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; and that we may call a faithful rector to lead us in creating the Kingdom of God here on earth.

PEOPLE: Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

PSALM 23 – Dominus regit me

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble
me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON: A Reading From The First Letter of Peter

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

- For those who are infirm or in need of comfort:
- For those who are homebound: *Evelyn Arlow, Carole Campbell, Gretel Gormley, Jean Harrison, Carolyn Werley*
- Continued prayers for: *Rob, Zach, Harry Williams, Evan Shade-Rania, Terry Narvey, Glenn McCall, Sam Gaetani, Ken*
- For those who have died:

DEDICATIONS:

- The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.
- The Aumbry Candle is given to the glory of God.

Participants in the Service

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Guy W. Brown
Organist & Choirmaster	Ed Kapsha
Acolyte	Noel Aranda
Altar Guild	Susana Steppan, Valerie Tardif, Karlyn Voss
Greeters	Joe & Carol Eiden
Readers	Lisa Bischoff, David Bischoff, Reed Powell
Ushers	David Raitt, Tom Ingram, Dave Steppan, Danny Kotson

Post-Worship Ministries

Altar Flower Delivery	Kathy Downey
Coffee Hour	The Coopey Family
Counters	Christina Duty, John Mazur

Welcome!

Welcome! We're delighted you're here. Whether this is your first visit, your first time in a while, or you're with us every week—in person or online—your presence is what makes us a church. If you're new, please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service so we can get to know you. We'd love to meet you.

A staffed Nursery and Sunday School are available during this service, and children are always welcome to remain with their parents if preferred. A quiet room just off the narthex offers a livestream of the service along with child-friendly activities. Children's bulletins are also available—just ask an usher.

*Our weekly newsletter with details on activities and other information arrives via email every Friday morning. If you are not on our email list, please send an email to Eric via **Office@ChristChurchPGH.org** to be put on the list. For those who do not use email, we have a limited number of printed copies available – please ask an usher – or you may refer to the television screen in the Narthex.*

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Term Ending: January 2027

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Bruce Quayle, Tracy Rearick

Term Ending: January 2028

Jeff Allshouse, Christina Duty, Larry Fitzgerald, Kim Zylinski

Term Ending: January 2029

Susan Harchelroad, Elaine Malec, Valerie Tardif, Tim Whitford

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