



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 10:00 AM, APRIL 30, 2023

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Eastertide. The Church celebrates the resurrection with a feast of fifty days. On Fridays in Eastertide special acts of discipline and self-denial commemorating the crucifixion of the Lord are not practiced. "Alleluia" is said or sung repeatedly during our liturgy. The Paschal Candle burns throughout Eastertide. The central Christian belief is that Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead. In our worship this is not a past or an abstract reality. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is remembered and made present in our worship and in our common life. "Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the Beginning and End, Alpha and Omega. His are all times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all eternity." "Easter" is the English language name for the Sunday of the Resurrection. In most languages, the given name is some form of the word "Passover." Easter celebrates the "Passover" of Jesus from death to life.

## WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (known as Christ Church) is the Episcopal Church in Pelham, New York. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion which is made up of 85 million people in over 165 countries and is the third largest Christian denomination in the world.

Christ Church was founded in 1843 and is the first house of worship in Pelham. This building was consecrated on September 15, 1843, the original church building was expanded in 1910, and the sanctuary was reconstructed in 1968 to allow for the current, more intimate worship space. Our congregation draws primarily from Pelham, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and the Bronx, and includes people from diverse denominational and cultural backgrounds. Whether you are new to Christ Church or a long-time member, you are invited to pray in our sacred spaces, join in our services of worship, and take an active role in the life and leadership of the parish. We give thanks and praise to God for your presence with us this morning!

Children of all ages are always welcome in church. A great place for children to see, hear and participate is in the front pews of the church. Also, childcare is available in the Nursery every Sunday during the 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist. Sunday School is offered during the academic year from September until June. Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM each Sunday. After the children's service and Sunday School activities, the children join the rest of the congregation for the Holy Communion.

If you believe God may be calling you to a new relationship with him through Jesus Christ we want to be of help. Whether you want to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, receive the laying on of hands by the bishop in the sacramental rite of Confirmation, or transfer your membership from another church or denomination, joining Christ Church is easy, just speak to Father Matthew Mead, Deacon Chisara Alimole, or our Administrator, Ms. Marie Main.

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God.*



# ORGAN PRELUDE

Chorale-Prelude on the Aria "Schafe können sicher weiden" ("Sheep may safely graze")  
from Kantate: Was mir behagt, is nur di muntre Jagd (Cantata: The lively hunt is all my  
heart's desire or the "Birthday Cantata"), BWV 208 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## ENTRANCE HYMN (#179)

*All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.*



1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say:  
\*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,  
\*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,  
4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!  
2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:  
3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.  
4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,  
5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!  
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,  
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,  
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,  
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!  
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.  
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.  
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.  
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

*Refrain*

“Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;  
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;  
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;  
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

*Refrain*

**Words:** Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.  
**Music:** *Fortunatus*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900); last verse harmonized by T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

# EASTER ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All remain standing. (All respond loudly!!!)*

*Celebrant* ✠ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*Celebrant*      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.

*All*              **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE (#S-278)

*All remain standing and sing the Song of Praise.*

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.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)  
 Copyright: © 1976, Oxford University Press, Inc.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*All remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.

**All** **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 2:42-47

*All are seated. The First Lesson is now read.*

*Reader*

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*

*All remain seated. The Choir chants the Psalm in the King James translation to an Anglican Chant setting by Jeffrey Hoffman (b. 1970).*

- 1     The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
      I shall not want.
- 2     He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*  
      he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3     He restoreth my soul; \*  
      he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4     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.
- 5     Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of  
      mine enemies; \*  
      thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6     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.

## THE SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 2:19-25

*All are seated. The Epistle is now read.*

*Reader*

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.**

# SEQUENCE HYMN (# 646)

*All stand and sing the hymn.*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
\* 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
\* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with  
5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy



1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant  
3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my  
5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port



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

6 And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

**Words:** Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23

**Music:** *Dominus regit me*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)



## THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

*All remain standing for the Gospel.*

*Deacon* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

*Deacon* 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.**

## THE SERMON

*All are seated for the sermon by the Rector, Father Matthew Hoxsie Mead*

## NICENE CREED

*All stand and join in saying the Nicene Creed.*

*Celebrant* We believe in one God,

*All*

**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)

*All remain standing as the Deacon bids the prayers.*

*Deacon* For all people in their daily life and work;

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

*Deacon* For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

*Deacon* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**People** For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

*Deacon* 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.

*Deacon* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**People** For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

*Deacon* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Andrew, Allen, and Mary our Bishops, Matthew our Bishop Elect, For Matthew our Rector and Chisara our Deacon, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**People** For all who serve God in his Church.

*Deacon* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially  
(*prayer list*)

*Silence is observed and the People may add their own petitions.*

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

*Deacon* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially  
(*birthday/ anniversaries/ armed services*)

*Silence is observed and the People may add their own thanksgivings*

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

*Deacon* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially (*departed*)

*Silence is observed and the People may add their own petitions for departed loved ones.*

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

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer after which the people say Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*All remain standing.*

*Celebrant*      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME & OFFERTORY SENTENCE



*All are seated for a brief welcome and announcements from Father Matthew Mead. The announcements conclude with the following or some other offertory sentence. I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*All are seated as the choir sings Jubilate Deo by Benjamin Britten (1913-1976). During the anthem the gifts of bread and wine are prepared at the altar and an offering is taken.*

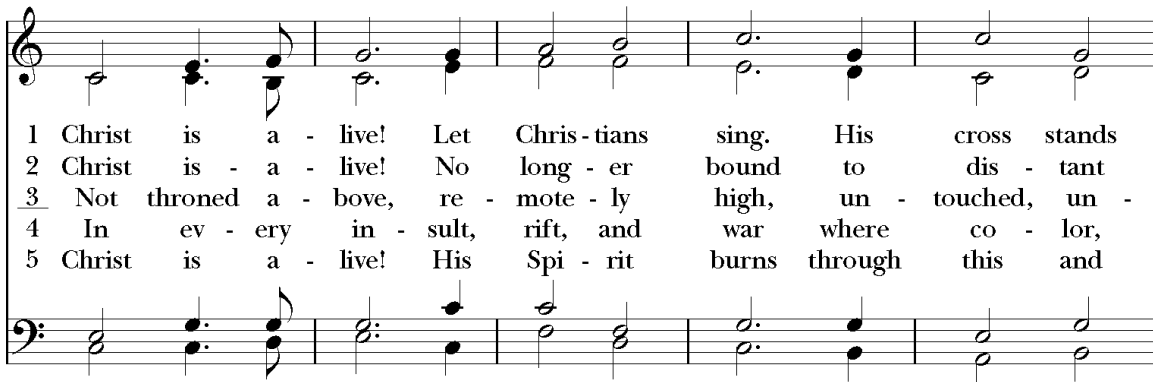
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we  
ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with  
praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.


– Psalm 100, BCP (1662)

# OFFERTORY HYMN (#182)

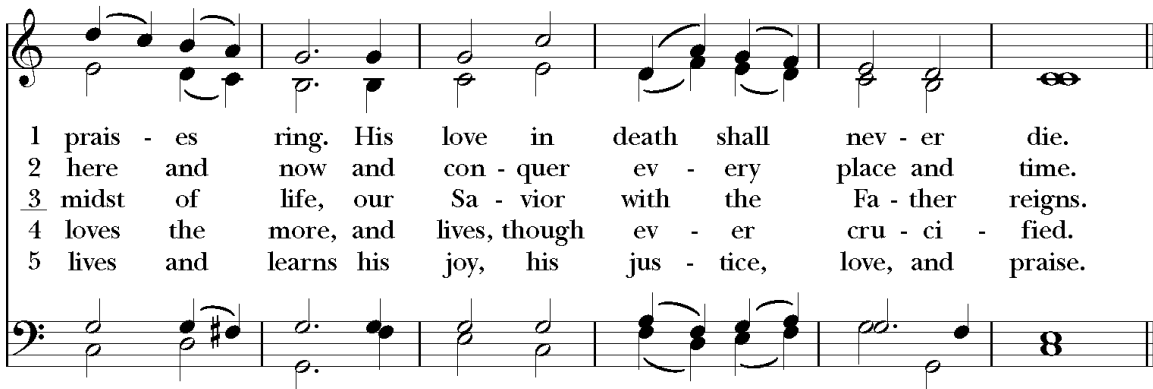
*All stand and sing as the children of the Church School process into the church, and an offering is brought to the altar and blessed.*



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 - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



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



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (*b.* 1936), rev.

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

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All remain standing.*

The musical score consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a corresponding lyric. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with stems pointing up. The lyrics are: Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so 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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And al - so 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.

*Celebrant* It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

*All remain standing and sing "Holy, holy, holy".*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

**Music:**  
**Copyright:**

William Mathias (1934-1992)  
© 1976, Oxford University Press, Inc.

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Celebrant*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

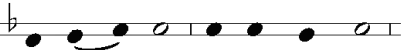
And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

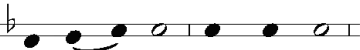
Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup,

*Celebrant*

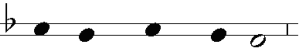


we praise you and we bless you.

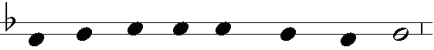
*People*



We praise you, we bless you,



we give thanks to you,



and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*Celebrant*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing

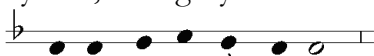


them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

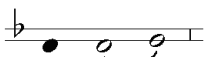
Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Michael our presiding bishop, Andrew and Allen our bishops and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



*Celebrant*

for ev - er and ev - er.



*People*

A - men.

*Celebrant*

***All***

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

**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.**

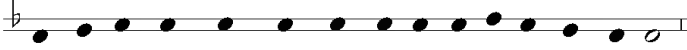
**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

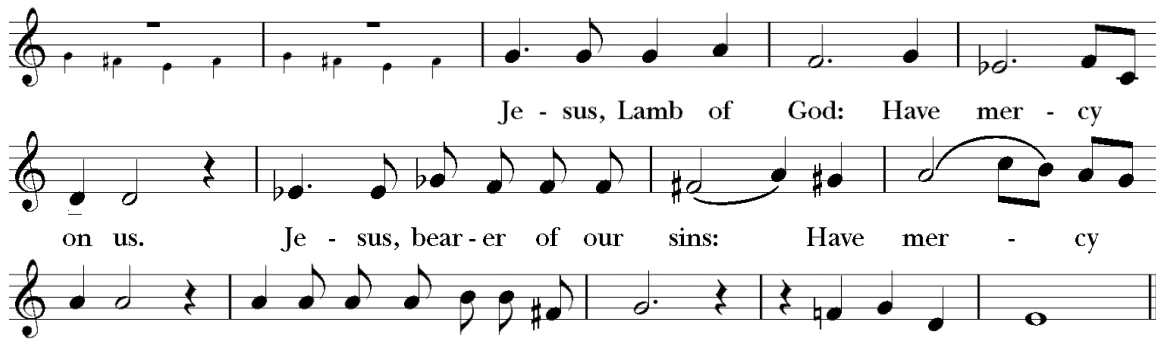
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.*

*Celebrant*  Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri-ficed for us;

*People*  There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

*All sing "O Lamb of God"*

  
Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world: Give us your peace.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)  
Copyright: © 1976, Oxford University Press, Inc.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.*

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

*All baptized persons, including children, are full members of the Body of Christ and are invited to participate in every aspect of the service and receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do*

*not wish to receive Holy Communion are also invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing and not Holy Communion).*

## COMMUNION MOTET

*During the ministration of Holy Communion, the choir sings Surrexit pastor bonus by Orlando di Lasso (c.1532-1594).*

Surrexit pastor bonus, qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis et progege suo mori dignatus est, Alleluia.

– Responsory for Matins on Easter Monday

*The good shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and deigned to die for his flock. Alleluia.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people kneel (as you are able)..*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All*

**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.**

# EASTERTIDE BLESSING

*The people remain kneeling.*

*Celebrant*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People*

**Amen.**

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN (#205)

*All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers process to the back of the church.*

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
\*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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

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

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

**Words:** Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (1923-1987)

**Music:** *Gelobt sei Gott*, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616); last verse harmonized by Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

## DISMISSAL

*All remain standing.*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*If you are staying in your pew for the Organ Voluntary, please be courteous to those who are listening to the music by remaining quiet.*

Allegro con spirito by Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

## ABOUT THE MUSIC

**Benjamin Britten** (1913-1976) was a leading British composer of the twentieth century. Born in the coastal town of Lowestoft, Suffolk, on the North Sea, he was the youngest of four children born to the dentist Robert Victor Britten. Recognized as a child prodigy pianist and exposed to a rich musical life by soirées his mother, Edith, hosted in the family's home, Britten also learned to play the viola and began composing at a very early age. His mother's friend Audrey Alston taught him the viola, and introduced 14-year-old Benjamin to her friend, the composer Frank Bridge (1879-1941), who was impressed with his talent and began teaching him the craft of composition.

After winning a composition competition at the Royal College of Music in 1930, he studied composition with John Ireland and piano with Arthur Benjamin there for three years. His first professional successes were his *Sinfonietta* in 1932, and the short oratorio *A boy is born*, composed for the BBC Singers in 1933. Through Frank Bridge's influence, Britten met Adrian Boult, the BBC's music director, and given the opportunity to score documentaries for the BBC, where he met and

collaborated with W H Auden, whose friendship was a powerful catalyst in Britten's early professional life. In 1937, after his mother died, Britten met the tenor Peter Pears, who was to become his life companion. Together, they lived in New York for a period from 1939 until 1942.

Britten's anthem *Jubilate Deo* is a setting of the hundredth psalm meant for liturgical use at a choral matins, an ordinary canticle for the traditional Prayer Book service of Morning Prayer. Composed in 1961 on commission from H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh for the choir of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, it has been a staple of the Anglican choral repertoire ever since.

**Orlando de Lassus** (c. 1530/2-1594), also known as Orlando di Lasso, was a Flemish composer of the late Renaissance. Born in Mons, during the reign of the Spanish Habsburgs, Lasso appears to have distinguished himself at an early age as a boy chorister in the church of St. Nicholas. Biographers suggest that he was thrice kidnapped because of the particular beauty of his singing and taken into service elsewhere. By the age of twelve he had traveled to Mantua and later to Milan in the retinue of Ferante Gonzaga, General of Charles V's Imperial Army. By 1553, he had been appointed the Choirmaster of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the seat of the papacy, a position he held for only one year (Palestrina succeeded him there in 1554). In 1556, he joined the Munich court of Albrecht V, Duke of Bavaria as a singer and composer-in-residence. His compositions made him famous around Europe, and both Andrea and Giovanni Gabrieli are believed to have traveled to Munich to study with him. In 1570, Lasso was granted the then-rare distinction for a composer by the Emperor Maximilian II, who elevated him to the nobility.

Lasso's setting of the Easter Responsoy *Surrexit pastor bonus* (*The Good Shepherd has arisen*) is especially appropriate on this Sunday, as we recall Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and chant the twenty-third psalm in accordance with the lectionary. Scored for 5-part (SSATB) chorus, the motet begins with a rising fourth motive on the word "surrexit" (arisen), an obvious example of text-painting followed by a stepwise motion on "pastor bonus" (good shepherd), which continues the upward trajectory of the motive up to the fourth above the first leap, followed by a downward correction on the last syllable, which signals the end of the musical phrase and idea. Imitative, though not strictly canonic, entrances of this rising motive then appear at the interval of the fourth in each of the five voices. The use of inversions of this motive with imitative cascades of three-voice parallel triads at the words "mori dignatus est" (deigned to die) propel us to a quietly insistent "alleluia" motive in the tenor, picked up by the rest of the chorus and closing the motet joyfully.

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT THE BOLTON ALTAR

*Following the Eucharist every Sunday prayers for healing with the anointing of Holy Oil are offered by Deacon Chisara or Father Matt. Come to the altar and tell the priest or deacon what you want to pray for.*



***Scan this QR Code to join our Email List and catch up on everything that's happening at Christ Church***



***Scan this QR Code to donate online.***

# CHRIST CHURCH

Episcopal/Anglican

## Clergy & Staff

The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, *Rector*  
The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole  
Mr. Jeffrey Hoffman, *Organist and Choirmaster*  
Ms. Marie Main, *Parish Administrator*  
Mr. Walter Roberts, *Vergers and Sexton*  
Mr. Ed Blue, *Sexton*

## Wardens & Vestry

The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, *Rector*  
Mr. Jeff Bodenmann, *Senior Warden*  
Ms. Etta Gumbs, *Junior Warden*  
Ms. Allison Bodenmann, *Treasurer*  
Mr. John Fox, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ms. Jean Gruener, *Clerk*

Ms. Jennifer Hawks Bland	Mr. John Fox
Mr. J.D. Calder	Mr. Jack Kraft
Mr. Andy Des Rault	Mr. Robert Landis
Mr. Stephen Dolan	Ms. Courtney McGrory
Ms. Barbara Zambelli	

***The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8 and 10 a.m.***  
***Morning Prayer is read on, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom***

† A Parish of the Diocese of New York †

## Christ Church

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer  
1415 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, New York 10803  
914.738.5515  
914.712.0526, *fax*  
[www.christchurchpelham.org](http://www.christchurchpelham.org)

***Christ Church Pelham is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition.***  
***As members of the Body of Christ, we are dedicated to spiritual growth***  
***and committed to serving God through worship and***  
***service to our community and the world.***