Christ Church Bronxville Holy Eucharist

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Andante sostenuto, op. 70 no. 2

Charles-Marie Widor

THE PREPARATION

All stand at the sound of the chime.

Celebrant Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

People death no longer has dominion over him.

Celebrant The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;

Peoplebut the life he lives, he lives to God.CelebrantSo also consider yourselves dead to sin,

People and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. – Romans 6:9–11

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN 191 please stand and join in singing

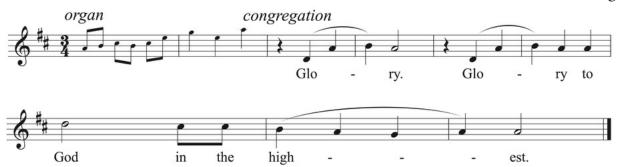
Lux eoi

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.



Choir: and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God

and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

[Refrain sung by all]

Choir: 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. [Refrain sung by all]

Choir: 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.

[Refrain sung by all]

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

People The Lord be with you.

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.**

THE FIRST READING please be seated

Acts 8:26-40

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts

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 The Word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

PSALM sung by the choir

Psalm 22:24-30

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *

he rules over the nations.

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

My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE please stand

The alleluia refrain is sung by the Choir and repeated by the Congregation.



- W. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again. Alleluia. [Refrain sung by all]
- W. Death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. [Refrain sung by all]

THE GOSPEL please stand

John 15:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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 the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Kathryn L. Reinhard, Assistant Rector

THE NICENE CREED 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.

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

The Deacon introduces the Prayers, saying

And now we ask you, who praise the loving-kindness of Almighty God, to join in prayer for all God's people everywhere according to their needs. That all may know the benefits of the paschal victory of Christ, we pray, saying: Lord, in your great mercy, hear our prayer.

The leader continues

We give you thanks for those who struggle for peace and justice in the world. Guide their efforts, that they may act with prudence and vision to plant the seeds of your dominion in the earth.

People Lord, in your great mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks that in our encounters with the Risen Christ we may find healing and peace. Give wholeness and peace to all those in need: the sick, the unloved and the forgotten, the poor and the hungry, the dying and the bereaved. We pray especially for those commended to our prayers: Benedicte, Sarina, Donna, Allie, Christopher, Elyia, Caroline, Katie, Barbara, Vedya, Vivian, Tom, Treva, Kathleen, for peace in the Holy Land and for the Israeli and Palestinian people, Marion, Brad, Tony, Anthony, Nicole, Brenda, Mike, Arthur, Chris, the people of Ukraine, Nadia, Lori, Martin, Luis, Phyu Phyu, David, Mario, Clifton, Kathy, Bob, that they may know the healing presence of your love.

People Lord, in your great mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the abiding presence of your Son in word and sacrament. As we feast on the true bread from heaven, set our minds on things above, that we may gain a new perspective on the things that are on earth.

People Lord, in your great mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, including Maxine Brooks, Giselle Licursi, Margaret Weismiller, Sean Newcomb, Janice Peterkin, Shayla Boylan, Brooke Kaye, Kathryn Reinhard, Grier Landa, Evelyn Wadkins, and Laura Baker. We give you thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith, especially Elias Mansour, who now rest from their labors awaiting the resurrection to eternal life. May we, like them, remain faithful to the end and share in the fruits of the victory of Christ, the paschal lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

People Lord, in your great mercy, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes by praying

O God, worker of wonders, you made this day for joy and gladness, yet you also know the needs that weigh upon our hearts: Hear, therefore, the prayers we bring to you, and grant us grace so to recognize the Risen One in our midst—the Christ now entered into glory, the firstborn from the dead, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Open for me the gates of righteousness

Richard Shephard

In loving memory of Edna R. Lechthaler, mother of Paige Nagle, and in celebration of Christ Church Bronxville's Centennial.

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. The offering supports Christ Church's ministry of sharing God's love.

Presentation Hymn 334 please stand and join in singing

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER A

BCP 361

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant facing the table continues

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 are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he 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 AND BENEDICTUS

Festival Eucharist

Craig Phillips



The congregation stands or kneels as 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 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:

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. **Amen.**

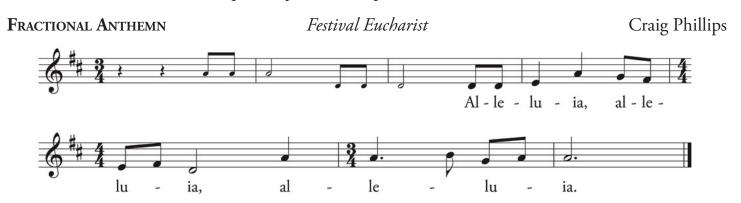
As the chimes ring, please stand to join in saying the Lord's Prayer.

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD a period of silence is kept



Choir Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. [Refrain]

Invitation to 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.

AT THE COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the bread) in the common chalice. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.



THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER, please stand

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

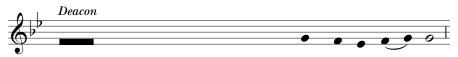
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the \maltese blessing of God Almighty,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

CLOSING HYMN 657 please stand and join in singing

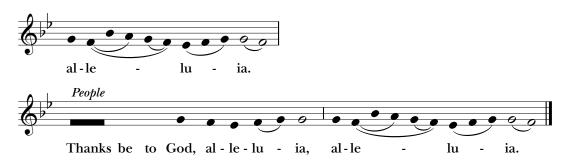
Hyfrydol

As the cross processes by, please turn in preparation for going out into the world.

THE DISMISSAL



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al-le-lu - ia,



ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in B major, op. 7 no. 1

Marcel Dupré

The organ voluntary is a musical reflection concluding our service.

Please be respectful of those offering their ministry of music as you leave the church.

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:

Benedicte Caneill, Sarina, Donna, Allie George, Christopher Sloan, Elyia, Caroline McPherson, Katie, Barbara Lewis, Vedya, Vivian Lam, Tom, Treva, Kathleen Thomas, for peace in the Holy Land and for the Israeli and Palestinian people, Marion Pierce, Brad Bateman, Tony, Anthony Gagliardi, Nicole Totans, Brenda Alkins, Mike Epstein, Arthur Park, Chris Milner, the people of Ukraine, Nadia, Lori, Martin, Luis, Phyu Phyu Lwin, David, Mario Gagliardi, Clifton Haymon, Kathy Thornton, Bob Bianco.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Elias Mansour. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Prayer requests may be directed to Mtr. Kathryn Reinhard (kreinhard@ccbny.org). Prayer intentions will remain listed for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

Announcements

Director of Music Search Update

We are in the final stages of hiring a full-time person to serve with us to provide holistic music program across generations. The committee narrowed the pool of candidates to three finalists, the last of whom will be visiting today. We will not be announcing names and we ask that you do not seek to discover them. We are doing this to protect their confidentiality as they serve at other churches. Please let members of the search committee know your thoughts. The members of the search committee are Carol Bartold, Stephen Cubbellotti, the Rev. Dr. Kurt Gerhard, Colleen McMahon, and Evelyn Wadkins.

Chair dedications: Sunday May 5

Next Sunday, May 5th, we will be dedicating and blessing the fall round of newly repaired and reseated church chairs during the 10:00 AM service. This will also mark the beginning of the next opportunity to "Name that Chair," as we continue to repair and reseat our beautiful 100-year-old chairs. An engraved brass plaque for one chair is \$250, two chairs is \$400 and if you want to buy a whole row, we would be happy to give you a great price! Plaques need to be ordered in bulk and we are hoping to have our next order in by June 1 and ready by Homecoming in September.

Adult Confirmation/Reception Preparation

A bishop will be at Christ Church on Sunday, June 16 to confirm and receive people at our 10am service. Our youth are being prepared together, but there are no age requirement. If you are interested in being confirmed or received, Join the clergy for a 5-week Episcopalian class on Sundays beginning May 5 at 11:30 AM (we will not meet on May 12). If you are interested, please email the rector at kgerhard@ccbny.org. The class is open to anyone even if you aren't interested in being confirmed or received.

Confirmation: The sacramental rite in which the candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop" (BCP, p. 860).

Reception: Baptized persons who have been members of another Christian fellowship and who wish to be affiliated with the Episcopal Church may make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism in the presence of a bishop.

LGBTQ+ Gathering: Sunday May 12th

The Christ Church LGBTQ+ group will meet for another study/discussion session on Sunday, May 12th from 11:30-12:30 pm in Crispell lounge, following the 10:00 am service. **Childcare will be provided.** To focus our reflections for the meeting, we will discuss a short reading themed on LGBTQ+ spirituality/Queer Theology. We will also use this time together to discuss possibilities for a CCB Pride event in early June. Use the QR code below or sign up in the Narthex to receive a copy of the reading from Mtr. Kathryn. All LGBTQ+ folx and allies are very welcome!



Guild of St. Raphael Meeting: Sunday, May 19: Newcomers Welcome!

Did you know that CCB has its own intercessory prayer group, the Guild of St. Raphael? Members of the guild faithfully offer weekly (and often daily) prayers for all people listed on the CCB prayer list, as well as a "special needs" list created specifically for the guild's ministry. For years, beloved parishioner Debbie Cook led this wonderful group. Now that Debbie has moved on, Mtr. Kathryn is working with the current guild membership to envision a future for the ministry of this group, which has long been so important to the Christ Church community.

Current Guild members and any interested newcomers are warmly invited to a meeting on Sunday 5/19 after the 10:00 am service. In addition to offering a brief introduction to this group, and its history, our meeting is an opportunity for newcomers to join us in brainstorming future possibilities for this important ministry. If you are interested in spiritual development and spiritual practices (praying with icons, contemplative prayer, meditation, intercessory prayer, healing prayer, etc.) please join us for this meeting as we imagine together new ways for us to minister to one another's needs in our community. This group is open to anyone interested in developing their prayer life and spiritual practices, including youth and middle school-aged children. So we can have a general idea of numbers, please sign up using the QR code below, or on the list in the Narthex. However, all are welcome, even if you are not able to sign up!



Service and Formation

Refugee Family Updates:

Refugee Ministry Drivers Still Needed!

It was wonderful having the Lwin-Kyaw family join us for coffee hour on Palm Sunday. Hopefully, you had the opportunity to get to know this lovely family. Even though the family is now mostly settled in their new apartment, we still have an ongoing need for volunteers to drive family members to various appointments. This is a highly flexible service opportunity. Volunteers offer rides whenever they are available: once or twice when you have a chance. or you can do a regular on-going assignment, such as a weekly medical appointment or grocery trip. You'll have a wonderful time engaging with the family and will help set them up as they become self-sufficient in their new context.

The only requirement you need to fulfill before you start driving them is to complete the Hearts and Homes Security Clearance process. It's easy and takes only two to three days once you get the link. To do that, contact Mtr. Kathryn (kreinhard@ccbny.org), Charlotte Church (cnchurch@att.net), or Jane Johnston (jane. johnston44@gmail.com) to get started. As soon as you have the security clearance confirmed, you will be added to the available driver list managed by Heather Scholes, and you'll start receiving requests for specific times. We'll greatly appreciate you as a key member of our great support team!

We're counting on you! Please offer some rides and keep the donations and quarters coming.

Ongoing Fundraising

A HUGE thank you to all the generous donors who have already contributed to our refugee fund! Along with HHR, we've been able to pay the broker's fee, security deposit, and first month's rent for the Lwin-Kyaw family. However, our work isn't done yet! As we work with HHR to help our family become self-sufficient, CCBNY will need to continue to assist them with expenses, including rent. You can make a donation, in any

amount, at any time, to our Refugee Fund: use this link to donate directly, put a check in the offering plate with "Refugee Ministry" in the memo line, text "CCB refugees" to 73256 using your mobile device, or utilize the QR code below.



The Refugee Committee is also collecting quarters, on an ongoing basis, for the Lwin-Kyaw family to use in the building's laundry machine. Look for the donation jar in the Narthex of the Church. Collecting quarters can be a great way for kids to participate in our Refugee Ministry, and to introduce them to the concept of service. Parents: please be sure that only quarters are placed in the jar, so that the Lwin-Kyaws don't need to sort their coin donations. Thank you for the many ways you are supporting CCBNY's Refuge Ministry!

Reminder: Ongoing donations to St. James Fordham Food Pantry!

Lent is over. Our season of fasting and penitence has passed. Unfortunately, Easter is not a feasting season for all New Yorkers, particularly our foodinsecure neighbors. Don't forget, CCB continues to collect food donations for the St. James Fordham Food Pantry. We have an ongoing need for canned veggies, canned protein (tuna, chicken, sausages), shelf-stablized milk, and healthy breakfast cereals like Cheerios & Special K. Donations can be left in the Narthex of the church and will be delivered to the food pantry – housed in St. James' new community center – after the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for continuing to help our neighbors who rely on St. James' food ministry to meet their daily and weekly grocery needs.

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Who We Are

The people of Christ Church Bronxville have built an Episcopal community based on the knowledge that God's love for humanity knows no bounds, and that with God all things are possible. We are committed to spiritual growth, a deeper understanding and expression of our faith, and service to others in the name of Jesus Christ. Christ Church Bronxville's racially, ethnically, and economically diverse congregation from Westchester and NYC embraces the Gospel's vision of hope, love and profound acceptance in the name of Jesus Christ. We believe God has called us together to reflect a better way of being in the world, and we challenge ourselves to fearlessly share Christ's love. We invite you to join our community!

Newcomers

We're so glad you joined us today! We invite you to fill out a Newcomer's Form by scanning the QR code below. Alternatively, you may fill out a physical form located in the narthex (lobby) and hand it to an usher or clergy member.



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NEWCOMER