



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26th, 2026

SERVANTS OF THE WEEK

	APRIL 26	MAY 3
Officiant / Leader	Rita Schoeps	<i>Still Needed</i>
Sharer	Doug Rotondi	<i>Still Needed</i>
Altar Guild	Char Kautzman	Becky Allen
	Judy Conlan	Vicky Dean
Chalice Bearer		
Lay Reader	Ken Zahn	Jan Thorne
Ushers	Jim Kelly	Rita Schoeps
	Ron Kautzman	Judy Conlan
	Cynthia Weems	Cynthia Weems
Sunday School	Phil Dean	Judy Conlan
	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Music	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Order of Worship	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Sound & Video	Charlie & Jim	Charlie & Jim

A NOTE ABOUT LITURGICAL WORSHIP

Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

MORNING PRAYER

April 26th, 2026



Officiant says to the people

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Mark 16:6 and Luke 24:34

PROCESSIONAL

All stand.

“Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior like a shepherd lead us
Much we need Thy tender care
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us
For our use Thy folds prepare
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us Thine we are
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us Thine we are

We are Thine do Thou befriend us
Be the Guardian of our way
Keep Thy flock from sin defend us
Seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Hear O hear us when we pray
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Hear O hear us when we pray

Thou hast promised to receive us
Poor and sinful though we be
Thou hast mercy to relieve us
Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Early let us turn to Thee
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Early let us turn to Thee

Early let us seek Thy favor
Early let us learn Thy will
Blessed Lord and only Savior
With Thy love our beings fill
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us love us still
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Thou hast loved us love us still

Words: Dorothy A. Thrupp | Music: William B. Bradbury

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

All Prayerfully sit or kneel. Officiant says to the People

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept as we pause for reflection.

Officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the deceits and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord; And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Officiant prays

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Officiant and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVITATORY

O Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

ANTIPHON

Officiant

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed.

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

PASCHA NOSTRUM

Christ our Passover

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Alleluia.

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

THE LESSONS

PSALM 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; *
therefore I can lack nothing.
- ² He shall feed me in green pastures *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- ³ He shall refresh my soul *
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for
his Name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil, *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff
comfort me.
- ⁵ You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of
those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall
be full.
- 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.

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

FIRST LESSON

A reading from Nehemiah 9:6-15 (Page 404)

After the reading the reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

ECCE, DEUS

Surely, it is God who saves me

Lay Reader and People together, all standing

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.**

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

**Sing the praises of the Lord for he has done great things *
and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you

is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit; *

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Isaiah 12:2-6

SECOND LESSON

A reading from John 10:1-10 (*Page 896*)

After the reading the reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

MAGNA ET MIRABILIA

A Song of the Redeemed

Lay Reader and People together, all standing

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.**

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? ***

For you only are the Holy One.

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit; ***

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Revelation 15:3-4

SHARING – DOUG ROTONDI

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8:9*

OFFERTORY SONG

All stand.

“Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus”

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!

Thou didst suffer to release us;

Thou didst free salvation bring.

Hail, thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame!

By thy merit we find favor: Life is given through thy Name.

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Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on thee were laid:
By almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:
Opened is the gate of heaven,
Reconciled are we with God.

Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide;
All the heavenly hosts adore thee,
Seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading:
There thou dost our place prepare;
Ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

Worship, honor, power, and blessing
Thou art worthy to receive;
Highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior's merits,
Help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

*John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790)
In Babilone, melody*

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen.**

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THE PRAYERS

The people remain standing.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People pray together

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.

Prayerfully sit or kneel

SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

And grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;

And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

And let your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save your people;

And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

And defend us by your mighty power.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ 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. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR STRENGTH

To Await Christ's Return

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF A MINISTER

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People say together

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant continues

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING SCRIPTURE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14

MILESTONES

RECESSIONAL

All stand.

“Jesus Name Above All Names”

Jesus__ name above all names
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord
Emmanuel__ God is with us
Blessed Redeemer living Word

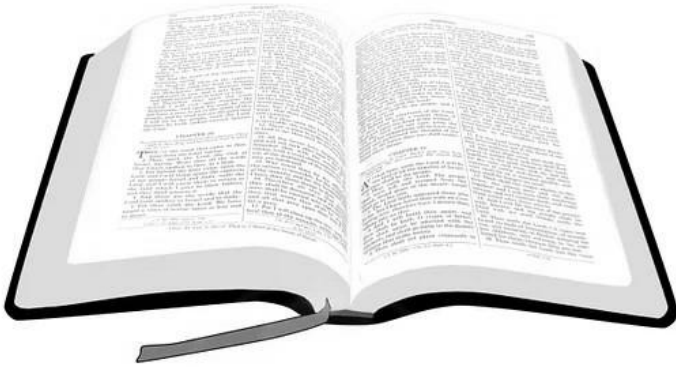
Jesus__ loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches Son of God
Prince of Peace__ Wonderful Counselor
Lord of the universe Light of the world

Praise him __ Lord above all lords
King above all kings God's only Son
The Prince of Peace__ who by his Spirit
Comes to live in us Master and Friend

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



*“Your word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light upon my path.”*

Psalm 119:105

SHEPHERD

*Samuel Palmer
(1805-1881)*

“In John 9: 29, Jesus had just had a confrontation with the Pharisees over the healing of a blind man. Jesus had replied to them, in verse 41, saying, ‘If you were blind you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.’

“Jesus went on to say, in our reading John 10, that the healed man is “one of the sheep who hears Jesus’ voice, those who expelled him from the synagogue are compared to thieves, robbers and wolves; and Jesus is the good shepherd. By putting the man out of the synagogue, Israel’s leaders treated him as not part of Israel. In light of OT background however, Jesus as the good shepherd... does belong to God’s people... Meanwhile, Jesus portrays some of Israel’s leaders in his day as being like the leaders of Israel who were condemned as exploitive shepherds in the OT.

“Sheep pen [were] used during winter nights to protect against lions, wolves... and other dangers to the sheep. Wolves normally had trouble penetrating a well-built pen. Shepherds could construct makeshift shelters using thornbushes, more enduring shelters with stone walls near a cave or adjoining homes, or even a roofed shelter...

“Shepherds could separate their sheep from others grazing with them simply by calling them (or... in some cases by distinctive flute melodies); sheep recognizes their shepherds voice and were known for their obedience. Shepherds also could have names for various sheep. In the OT, hearing God’s voice meant heeding his message (including both the law and what God was saying through the prophets); in this context, the healed man heeds Jesus. Also, in the OT, God knew his people by name...especially those most intimate with him. Jesus goes on to speak of this experience for his followers in terms of a personal relationship with him.

“[In verse 7, Jesus says,] ‘I am the gate.’ Some scholars have even suggested that the shepherd here is the gate. Shepherds may sleep across the entrance to a temporary shelter, guarding it themselves.”
(The Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible)