

# The Lord's Service

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024



Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

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PRELUDE

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 31

In you, O Lord, do we take refuge

**Let us never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver us!**

Incline your ear to us; rescue us speedily!

**Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to save us!**

For you are our rock and our fortress; and for your name's sake you lead us and guide us

**May the LORD be praised, now and forevermore. Amen!**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

My God, Father, and Savior, since you have been pleased to give us the grace to come through the night to the present day and this service of covenant renewal, now grant that we may employ it entirely in your service, so that all our works may be to the glory of your name and the edification of our neighbors. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

*God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

God spoke all these words, saying; I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.

**Against thee, thee only, I have sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.**

You shall not make for yourself graven images...you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

**O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
**How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord!**

You shall not kill.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.**

You shall not steal.  
**Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
**Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me thy law!**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.  
**Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain! Deliver me from all my transgressions.**

The Lord is near to all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

THE PEACE

GLORIA PATRI

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*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, amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Father, as you are give light to this world for the purposes of external life by the rays of the sun, so enlighten our minds by the effulgence of your Spirit, that he may guide us in the way of your righteousness and truth. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

DANIEL 7:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT READING

REVELATION 4



PSALTER SONG

*Psalm 23A*

(LYRICS ON PAGE 5)



GOSPEL READING

MARK 4:35-41



RESPONSE

The grass withers and the flower fades  
**But the word of our God stands forever.**

SERMON

*“Sea-beasts and Dragons”*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come 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.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING



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SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things, we will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more.*

*We will not be burned by the fire.  
He is the Lord, our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood.  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.*

*[Refrain]*

*In the dark of night, before the dawn,  
My soul, be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, oh, how long?  
O God of Jacob, be my strength.*

*[Refrain]*

*Every vow we've broken and betrayed.  
You are the faithful One.  
And from the garden and to the grave.  
Bind us together, bring shalom.*

*[Refrain]*

 HYMN OF DEPARTURE

*Be Still, My Soul*

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 CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

 NUNC DIMITTIS

*Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.  
This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light,  
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Suppose we heard of an unknown man spoken of by many men. Suppose we were puzzled to hear that some men said he was too tall and some too short, some objected to his fatness, some lamented his leanness, some thought him too dark, and some too fair. One explanation would be that he might be an odd shape. But there is another explanation. He might be the right shape.” ~ G.K. Chesterton*

*“O’Connor performs surgery on the soul without anesthesia.” ~ Michael Bruner*

*“You can not get to the father of souls without passing by the dragon that seeks to devour you. Or as psalm 23 suggests, the banquet table is prepared only for those who have walked through the valley of the shadow of death.” ~ Flannery O’Connor*

PSALTER SONG PSALM 23A

The LORD’s my Shepherd, leading me; I will not be in need.  
He’ll make me lie in pastures green; By quiet waters lead.

And He restores my soul again; He guides the steps I take.  
To walk along a righteous path, All for His own name’s sake.

Though in a valley dark as death, No evil will I fear;  
Your rod and staff, they comfort me, For you are always near.

A feast You have prepared for me In sight of all my foes;  
And You anoint my head with oil, My full cup overflows.

What love and goodness all my life Will follow after me;  
And in the LORD’s house evermore My dwelling place will be.





# Christ's Church *of the Hudson Valley*

CCHV is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We welcome you to Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley.

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## MINISTER

Rev. Justin Chiarot

## SERVICE TIMES

Worship: 10:30AM

Sunday School: 12:00PM

## CURRENT MEETING LOCATION

Chapel Field Elementary School

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## COVER

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. Post Tenebras Lux is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning After Darkness, Light. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

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