



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*A service of confirmation and reception*

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*“A welcoming, compassionate and healing community in  
Christ”*

Sunday April 21, 2024

10:15am

Our vision at Christ Episcopal Church is to be ambassadors of  
Reconciliation in Christ, living lives of Love and Grace!

*2 Corinthians 5:11-20*

H-blue hymnal

WLP- green hymnal

BCP- book of common prayer (red book)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (H 525)

*The Church's One Foundation*

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 413)

*The people standing, the Bishop says*

*Bishop* Alleluia. Christ is risen. ✠

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM (BCP p. 413)

*Bishop* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* There is one hope in God's call to us;

*Bishop* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* One God and Father of all.

## OPENING ANTHEM S 278 *Glory to God (Canticle 20)*

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 -

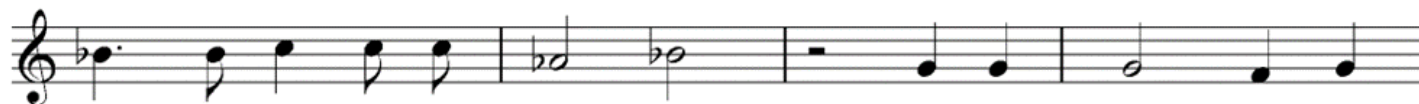


ceive our prayer.

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.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 413)

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Bishop* 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. *Amen.*

## **FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>5</sup>The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

<sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

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

## **PSALM: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

A Reading from the First letter of John.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods

and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### SEQUENCE HYMN *Celtic Alleluia*

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

### GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

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

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *Celtic Alleluia*

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

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

THE SERMON

PREPARATION HYMN (WLP 752)

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place*

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ and I  
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ till you  
 (3. If you) say he saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ now you're

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
 know him in his full - ness, and be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
 weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ and I  
 one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
 make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ you'll en -

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 going to walk with Je - sus all the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
 joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel. \_\_\_\_\_

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love.

And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in

praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 2. There are  
3. If you place.

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

### PRESENTATION (BCP p. 415)

*Bishop* The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

*Presenters* I present Katina Williams, Malik Mitchell, Adrian Gonzalez and Angel Gonzalez for Confirmation.

*Presenters* I present Melissa Bravo, Marcos Gonzalez and Anthony Pisculli to be received into this Communion.

### EXAMINATION (BCP p. 415)

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**



*The Bishop then says these or similar words*

Let us join with *those* who are committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (BCP p. 416)**

*Bishop*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

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

*Bishop*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?


*People*

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of 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.**

*Bishop*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*

**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.**

*Bishop*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES (BCP p. 417)**

*The bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for *these persons* who have renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

*Priest* Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*A period of silence follows.*

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to

perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*\*As the candidate is coming forward a line or two from their own creed will be shared. These creeds were lifted before us at the iconfirm service last night.*

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS (BCP p. 418)**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servants with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. *Amen.*

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **THE PEACE (BCP p. 419)**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you,

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 343)**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BLESSINGS**

**CHOIR OFFERTORY** Because of Love – *Nix and Martin*

*During this time the gifts are brought forward, and a collection is taken.*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN (H 178)**

**(R) Refrain:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give Praise to his Name.

### **Verse**

Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior **(R)**



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

(BCP p. 361)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing ...

... 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 (S 125)

*Holy, holy, holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 362)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself ...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption.... 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.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM (LEVAS 154)

*Taste and See (refrain only)*

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

**Fine**

## INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

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.

## DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

*You may be seated until you come forward to receive. When you receive the consecrated bread, you consume it and then move to the cup of consecrated wine. The cup is for drinking, and for those who choose to “intinct” or touch the tip of their bread to the wine. You may also choose to receive Communion in only one kind. If you would like a blessing, come forward and cross your hands over your heart to indicate you would like to be blessed. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

***All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***



COMMUNION HYMN (H 174)

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
 shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see that God is good.



## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## EPISCOPAL 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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.



RECESSIONAL HYMN (WLP 751)

*Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit*

*Harmony*

Ev' - ry time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev' - ry time I feel the

spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray. **Fine**

*unison*

1. Up on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of his  
2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so  
bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this

fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.  
track, runs to heav - en and runs right back. **D.C.**

## DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Please join us downstairs for a potluck luncheon following Mass**

### Today's Liturgy Participants:

**Preacher and Celebrant:** The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols, Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem

**Bishop's Chaplin:** The Rev. Dominic Lorenzetti

**Vergers:** Cynthia Leenerts

**Lectors:** Patti Alleger | Carl Ausfahl

**Altar Server/Crucifer:** Adrian Gonzalez

**Thurifer:** Anthony Pisculli

**Music Director:** Bethann Kratzer

**Counters:** Bob Nelson | Martha Linne

**Chalice Bearer:** Leigh Smith

**The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols**, *Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem*

**The Rev. Bruce Gowe**, *Priest-in-Charge*

**The Rev. Dr. Sidnie Crawford**, *Assisting Priest*

**The Rev. Dominic Lorenzetti**, *Assisting Pastoral Care Minister*

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### **‘VESTRY**

Senior Warden – Carl Ausfahl

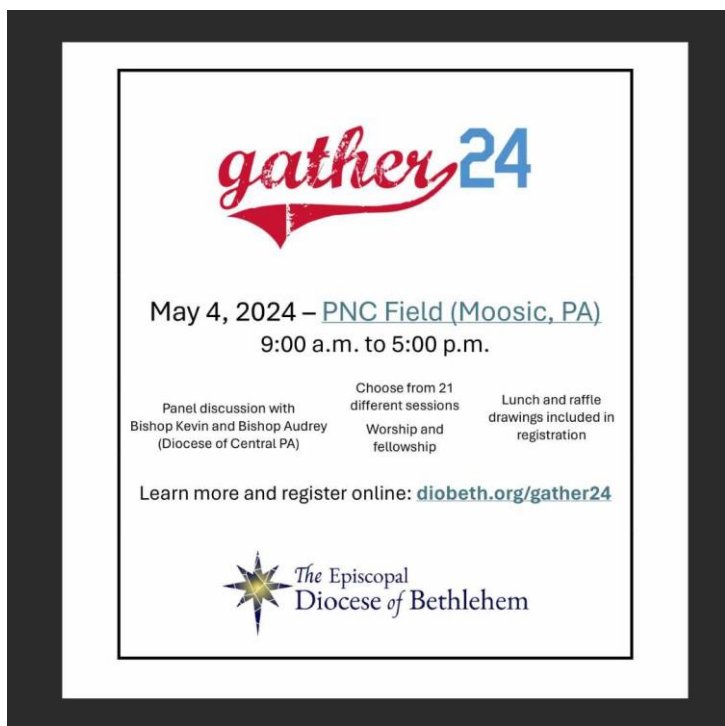
Jr. Warden – Kevin Casey

Clerk of Vestry – Jan Selving

Myra Bailey, Cynthia Leenerts, Debby Campbell, Kevin Furst,

Rob Ceci and Louise Daleigh

# Christ Church Announcements



## Gather 24 – May 4, 2024

All are invited to attend this fun and interactive day of formation and fellowship. There are 21 sessions to choose from at Gather 24. Just a few are: Ask the Bishop, Celtic Spirituality, DOK Information Session, How does Church work, Life in the Age -Being Honest about Heaven and Hell and many others. Visit the web page to register – using this QR code or this site:



<https://diobeth.org/gather24>. The day includes lunch, hearing from Bishops, worship, and lots more. The \$25 registration fee helps offset the event site cost, meals and snacks, prizes, and other event costs (scholarships are available for those with need).

*Gather* is the Diocese of Bethlehem's annual formation event. *Gather 24* is Saturday, **May 4, 2024**, at PNC Field (just south of Scranton), home of the RailRiders.

# Save The Dates

**-May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Interfaith Day of Prayer**

We are gathering at 6pm on Courthouse Square

**-May 12<sup>th</sup>: Interfaith Scripture Reasoning Session**

Here at Christ Church 2:30-4pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JUNE 01**  **COMMUNITY PRIDE MASS 5PM**  
All are Welcome to celebrate the beloved community in God.  
Location: 205 N. 7th St, Stroudsburg Pa

**JUNE 2**  **POCONO PRIDE FEST**  
12-5pm  
Courthouse Square  
Monroe Faith Leaders Shared Table.  
Sand Art, Books, Info and Swag  
Come check us out!!!

**JUNE 18**  **QUEER SPIRITUALITY MEET-UP**  
Social Fellowship to celebrate our spiritual and queer self in community  
Location and Time: TBA  
Email: [christchurchstroudsburg@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchstroudsburg@gmail.com) for more info

## CEC Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry operates every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 10:00am – 12:00pm. If you would like to volunteer for either our early (8:00am) or late shift (10:30am) please contact Debby Campbell at [debbycampbellnyc@aol.com](mailto:debbycampbellnyc@aol.com) subject line, Christ Church. Check-in starts at 8:00am.

Folks relax and wait in the sanctuary until called to go down and shop. Volunteers are asked to come in shifts 8-10:30 and 10-12:30pm.

Note that parking is on the street or located behind 624 Sarah St. only.

## Daughters of the King (DOK)

DOK continue to immerse prospective Daughters in learning and discernment for installation to the Order. It's not too late to join! Let any Daughter know that you are interested: Maggie, Rose, Patti, Jan, Cynthia, Mo. Crawford. Sharon, Louise, Colleen. Our Video/Bible Study of "The Chosen"

has begun. Please get in touch with Maggie Ziegler for more details if you are interested in attending at: [ssmoke\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ssmoke_2000@yahoo.com).

### Saturday Monthly Mass Schedule

- 1<sup>st</sup> Celtic
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Contemplative Spoken
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Healing Evening Prayer with Benediction
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sung Rite II

### Sunday Mass Schedule

- 8am Contemplative Spoken
- 10:15am Sung

\*Note beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday summer schedule is one 9:15am Mass until Sept.



**Community  
Pride  
Mass**

**SATURDAY JUNE 1ST 2024**

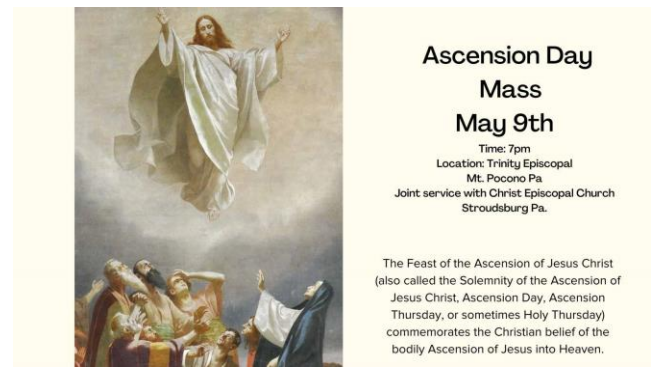
**LOCATION**  
Christ Episcopal Church  
205 N 7th St. Stroudsburg Pa, 18360

**TIME 5 PM**

All are welcome in God's house. Come kick off Pride and celebrate our image in God with the welcoming faith communities of the Poconos.

[www.christchurchstroudsburg.net](http://www.christchurchstroudsburg.net)

Those interested in helping to organize a small reception after the Community Pride Mass please reach out to Fr. Bruce asap.



**Ascension Day  
Mass  
May 9th**

Time: 7pm  
Location: Trinity Episcopal  
Mt. Pocono Pa  
Joint service with Christ Episcopal Church  
Stroudsburg Pa.

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ (also called the Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, Ascension Day, Ascension Thursday, or sometimes Holy Thursday) commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

### Ascension Day Mass

Time: 7pm

Location: Trinity Mt. Pocono

Preacher: Fr. Bruce+, Celebrant: Fr. Bill+

### Upcoming Collections:

May-June: Vacation Bible School

Theme: Suba diving into friendship with God

Like last year our donation wall be up soon. Please check out the website to volunteer and reg. the kids. August 4-8<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8pm

May- August: Back-2-school supplies

This year we will be creating a amazon and other store wish list for you to purchase and it will ship right to the church. Back-2-School Festival will be August 17<sup>th</sup> in the church Parking lot.

### Volunteers Needed:

-Second Sunday of the Month Volunteers for Coffee hour needed. (groups or individuals) Sign up at the bottom of the steps before the fellowship hall.

-Vestry is currently looking for folks with organizational skills who might feel called to lead a fundraiser this year or the future. If you would like to put your name into the hat please speak with Senior Warden, Carl, or any vestry member before May 15<sup>th</sup>.

-More Volunteer opportunities coming soon.