

CHRIST THE KING

The Lord's Day, April 28, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter¹

¹ The Church has long used symbolic color in its worship. As the dominating colors of God's creation change from season to season, so do the liturgical colors of the Church calendar. The sequence of colors is meant to enhance the celebratory aspect of worship and to teach the Gospel story throughout the year. In celebration of Easter, white is used because it symbolizes the joy, glory and perfection of the resurrection.

For Reflection

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the glorious manifestation of the victory of love over death. The same love that makes us mourn and protest against death will now free us to live in hope. Do you realize that Jesus appeared only to those who knew him, who had listened to his words and who had come to love him deeply? It was that love that gave them the eyes to see his face and the ears to hear his voice when he appeared to them on the third day after his death. Once they had seen and heard him and believed, the rest of their lives became a continuing recognition of his presence in their midst.

—Henri Nouwen A Letter of Consolation

Prelude

GOD CALLS US

Call to Worship^{*}

Celebrant Christ is risen! People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead. God has claimed us as his own. He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world. Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

> Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

^{*} Standing, if able

Hymn of Adoration

For the Beauty of the Earth

 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
 for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Refrain: *Christ, our Lord, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

3 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

4 For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given, agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864 / Music: Dix, Conrad Kocher, 1838

Collect of the Day (unison)

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.



GOD CLEANSES US

Confession of Sin (unison)

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.

Private Confession





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Declaration of Pardon and Passing of the Peace*

- Celebrant But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as 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. 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 Thanks be to God!
- Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

The people greet one another, and then join in the following hymn.

Hymn of Joy

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

 I am weak, but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
 I'll be satisfied as long
 As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. (*Refrain*)

3. Came to save the least and lost Bore our sins upon the cross Who but Jesus paid the cost? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. (*Refrain*)

4. King and servant to us allBorn within a humble stallWho will lift us from our fall?None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Words: Unknown | Music: Trad. folk song

Welcome

Children are dismissed for Children's Church with the following call and response.

Leader Jesus called the children to him and said, People Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. The Leader then prays for the children and the teachers, then asks the children to recite their memory verse for the month:

Children "But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me." —Micah 7:7 (ESV)People Go in peace!

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Wednesdays: CTK Moms Group Fellowship @ 9:30am. Location: Brooklyn Heights April 28: Joint Sunday Evening Service @ 4:30pm. Location: Brooklyn Heights May 6: Art and Faith Group Exploratory Meeting @ 7:30pm. Location: The Taylor Home May 18: Dinner with Friends @ Saturday evening. Location: Various homes in BK. May 31: Newcomers Dessert @ 7:30pm. Location: The Payne Home. June 1: Youth Picnic in Prospect Park @ TBD – More Details to come

Easter Sacrificial Offering - During the Easter Season, CTK and our Finance Committee are encouraging our members and regular attenders to participate in a "sacrificial offering" (meaning, above and beyond your normal giving) toward the Mercy Fund, to help those around us who are in need. CTK's Mercy Fund is used to meet material/financial needs of those in our community who are struggling. To give, use the QR code at the back of the bulletin and select Sacrificial Offering/Mercy Fund.

Sunday Study for the Easter Season - Join us during the Easter Season before worship for a book study of N.T. Wright's book *Surprised by Hope*. Studies will begin on April 7th and run for the 6 Sundays of the Easter Season. Childcare will be available. Please consider joining us for this short season!

Dates: April 28 (Joint Service) and May 5, 12

Times: 9am (Williamsburg) and 3:30pm (Brooklyn Heights)

New Art & Faith Group -We are looking to build a group for artists and creatives in the church to encourage and support each other as we pursue the intersection and synergy of art and faith. Whether a form of art is your job, your hobby, or your interest, you are welcome! There will be an initial meeting to gauge what everyone is looking for from the group (May 6) but we envision monthly meetings to read through a book together, share our work, and pray for each other.

Meals Ministry – We have relaunched our Meals Ministry. If you or your family are in need of support, please reach out to our Meals Ministry Coordinator, Sarah Patch – meals@ctk.nyc.

Sound Team Volunteers - Looking for volunteers to run sound for both services. Volunteers get there an hour before the service starts to set up for band rehearsal. Volunteers would ideally be called once a month. Email Reed at tech@ctk.nyc to get trained and on the schedule.

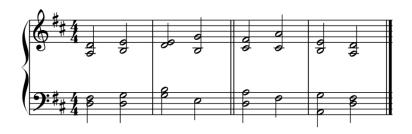
GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Lessons [†]

Deuteronomy 4:32-40 (ESV)

³² "For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. ³³ Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? ³⁴ Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before vour eves? ³⁵ To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him. ³⁶ Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire.³⁷ And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, ³⁸ driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, ³⁹ know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. ⁴⁰ Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

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



Psalm 66:1-8 (King James Version)

Be joyful in God, all you *lands*;

sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be *glorious*.
Say to God, "How wonderful are your *works*; through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before *you*.
For all the world shall worship *you*, sing to you, and praise your *Name*."
O come and see the works of *God*, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all *people*.
He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on *foot*; therefore in him let us *rejoice*.
He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the *nations*; let not the rebellious exalt *themselves*.
Bless our God, you *peoples*, and make the voice of his praise to be *heard*,
Who holds our soul in *life*, and does not allow our feet to *slip*.

Gloria Patri



1 John 3:18-24 (ESV)

¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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People	Thanks be to God.	

John 21:15-24 (ESV)*

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" ²³ So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

²⁴ This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

Reader	The Gospel of the Lord
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew Smith

Meditation

Little Things With Great Love

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Nicene Creed (unison, standing)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

* As a gesture of Christian unity with our brothers and sisters in the East, we omit the *filioque ("and from the Son").*

The Prayers of the People

- Leader The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
- Leader Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. For this, O Lord, we pray:
 People Lord, hear our prayer.
- Leader Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, especially Joe Biden, Xi Xinping, Vladimir Putin and Benjamin Netanyahu; that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love. For this, O Lord, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.
- Leader Almighty God, you sit on your throne giving righteous judgment: We humbly ask you to bless all courts of justice and all magistrate in this land; give them a spirit of wisdom and understanding, that fearing no power but yours alone, they may discern the truth and impartially administer the law; through him who shall come to be our Judge, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. For this, O Lord, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.
- Leader And for what else should we pray?

Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions for the church and the world.

Leader Loving God, we offer these prayers, joining our voices to the great chorus of those who sing your praise and depend on you alone. We long for that day when all your children will live in your peace and praise your name. Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Offertory

The offering is a way for members and friends of Christ the King to support the church's mission and ministry.* If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give. For those wishing to give online, please see the flow code at the back of the bulletin.

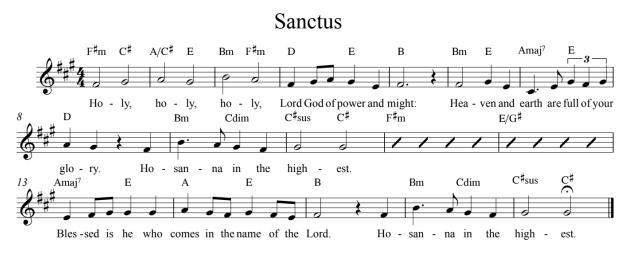
*During the Morning Service, children can be picked up from children's church at this time.

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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The Prayer of Consecration

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

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.

Christ the King welcomes all baptized Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. We will be coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Those not wishing to receive the Eucharist (including children who do not yet receive) may cross their hands over their chest and will receive a blessing (or you may simply stay in your seat).

Communion Music

I Have a Shelter

 I have a shelter in the storm When troubles pour upon me
 Though fears are rising like a flood My soul can rest securely
 O Jesus, I will hide in You
 My place of peace and solace
 No trial is deeper than Your love
 That comforts all my sorrows

2. I have a shelter in the storm When all my sins accuse me
Though justice charges me with guilt Your grace will not refuse me
O Jesus, I will hide in You
Who bore my condemnation
I find my refuge in Your wounds
For there I find salvation

3. I have a shelter in the storm When constant winds would break me For in my weakness, I have learned Your strength will not forsake me O Jesus, I will hide in You The One who bears my burdens With faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven

Words & Music by Steve & Vikki Cook and Bob Kauflin

Silent Prayers for Reflection

Prayer for Those Searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment to God's People

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Heavenly Father,

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**.

Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand.

 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest upon unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale
 My anchor holds within the veil. (*Refrain*)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. (*Refrain*)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found; Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (*Refrain*)

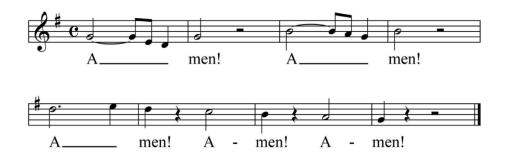
Words: Edward Mote, 1834 | Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863

GOD COMMISSIONS US

Benediction and Dismissal

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. *—Revelation 1:4-6, ESV* **Amen.**

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ **Thanks be to God!**



Postlude

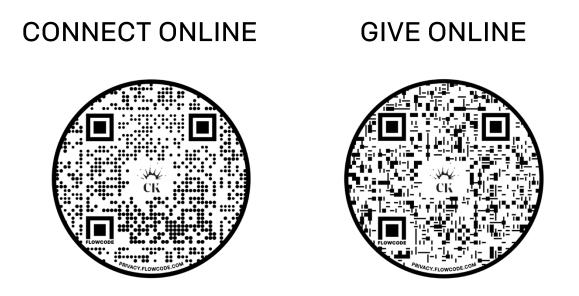
The pastoral staff and other church leaders are available following the service to pray with you or to answer your questions about the Christian faith or Christ the King Church.

*Morning Service – please return worship folders to the back table for reuse in the evening service.

Christ the King would like to thank our musicians:

Piano	Chris Swan
Vocals	Miriam Clancy
Guitar	Ross Martin
Bass	Gui Duvignau

* God's mercy and grace are displayed through the generosity and kindness of his people. The Mercy Team at Christ the King seeks to care for those who have financial, physical, spiritual, or emotional needs. If you have an immediate need, please speak to Pastor Matt or email <u>mercy@ctk.nyc</u> and someone will be in touch with you. If able, please consider giving to the mercy fund of Christ the King.



WELCOME VISITORS. We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us and we would love for you to be a part of what God is doing in and through this new church. To receive our e-newsletter, please take a picture of the flow code above and fill out your contact information.

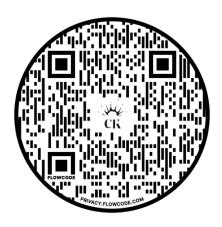
- Visitors with Children. Children of all ages are welcome in the service. In addition to infant & toddler nurseries, we offer Children's Church, a time of worship & teaching for children 3 years old through 5th grade. Children attending Children's Church are dismissed prior to the sermon and will return for the Eucharist.
- Parents of Infants and Toddlers. Childcare is available during the service for children up to 3 years in the fellowship hall in the basement. Please label all personal items and sign your child in at the sign-up table at the bottom of the stairs. Your children will be returned to you prior to the Eucharist.

Community Groups are small groups that meet in people's homes to study the Bible and build genuine community. They are a microcosm of Christ the King and a principal way that we care for one another and help each other grow spiritually. To learn more, please email Kaytie at <u>admin@ctk.nyc</u>. CTK currently offer groups in the following neighborhoods:

- Williamsburg: Wednesdays 7:30-9:30
- Greenpoint: Wednesdays 6:00-8:00
- Park Slope: Thursdays 7:00-9:00
- Brooklyn Heights/Ft Greene: Wednesdays 7:30-9:30, alternating men, women, and everyone
- Windsor Terrace: Thursdays 8-9:30pm

† Lectionary. A lectionary is a selection of readings from the Scriptures, intended for reading and preaching in the worship of the Church. The Book of Common Prayer (2019) commends a three-year cycle of weekly lections that follows closely the Revised Common Lectionary used in many traditions. The lectionary is built around the seasons of the Church Year, and includes four lections for each Sunday, as well as additional readings for major feast days. During most of the year, the lections are: a reading from the Hebrew Bible, a Psalm, a reading from the Epistles, and a Gospel reading. During the season of Easter, the Hebrew Bible lection is usually replaced with one from the Acts of the Apostles.

To discover the lectionary passages for any given Sunday and for Small Group discussion, use the QR code below. We are currently in Year B.



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