



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SAINTS JAMES AND ANDREW

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist

Welcome to Easter

Welcome to Worship! We are blessed by your presence with us today. In celebrating the resurrection and Christ's presence with the disciples, throughout this Easter we open ourselves to the new life which God offers us.

Our liturgy is drawn primarily from the *1979 Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship 1 & 2*; other approved worship resources from elsewhere within the Anglican Communion; as well as Eucharistic Prayers and Prayers of the People which correlate to the Revised Common Lectionary. We believe that the use of fresh language provides us the opportunity to broaden and deepen our relationship with God. Our music is drawn primarily from the *Hymnal 1982; Wonder, Love, and Praise; Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, and other approved hymnals. All materials are printed with permission using RiteSeries. Please note that our worship is live-streamed to YouTube.

Our Mission

We believe God is calling us to cultivate a community of love, joy, hope, and healing. Jesus is our model for a life of faith, compassion, hospitality and service. We strive to be affirming and accessible, welcoming and inclusive; we seek to promote reconciliation, exercise responsible stewardship, and embrace ancient traditions for modern lives.

Easter Flowers Given to the Glory of God

In loving memory of...

Rev. Joseph and Georgie Aschenbach

Denise Ashworth

Deborah Bickford

William Bickford

Yvette Bissell

Louis-Philippe and Yvette Blais

Victor and Angela Bonaiuto

Albert and Jane Brown

Arthur and Barbara Bruffee

David Bruffee

Margaret and Robert Caithness

Alphonse and Roseanna Choquette

Earl and Elizabeth Crowley

Ruth Demo

Jane Dion

Red, Cathy, and Ed Esleeck

Felicia and Harold Finick

Muriel Graveline

John Greene

Arlene and Frank Gwosch

Rick Gwosch

Peter Kataja

Robert LaPan

Sally Lemieux

Val and Dell Loper

Frank and Anna Maleno

Brian McCarthy

Cecile and Jack McCarthy

Robin Harron

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Jared W. Haslett

Mildred and George Haslett

John and Amy Hollister

Charlie Houghton

Rev. Prue O'Donovan

Rebecca Perham

Christine and Wallace Stebbins

Lauren and Jeffrey Tela

Minnie Quintana

In joyous thanksgiving of...

Matthew

Bruno and Diane Blais

Jason, Logan, and Lucas Blais

Desmond Drake, Timothy Donnally,

and Rebecca Donnally

Rebecca Grant

For our children Kate, Erik, Ryan and Marie

For our grandchildren Tessa, Shea, Ellie, and Brynn

This wonderful congregation!

Prelude

Suite in D major: Overture, Marche
Festive Processional [2001]
Josh Michal, horn

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Randall E. Faust (b. 1947)

Welcome

The Rev. Heather J. Blais

The Hymnal 1982 - #207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950. Descant by permission of Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. Amen.

(Source: Veronese Sacramentary)

The Hymnal 1982 - S278

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.

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Collects

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of new creation, from the womb of earth you raised the Lord of life: may we receive the word of women who braved the soldier's spears and met him in the dawning light; may we live with morning joy that love will never die, their Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. **Amen.**

(Source: Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare)

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Reynolds Whalen

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



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- 1 Give thanks to God who is **good**; *
God's mercy endures for **ever**.
- 2 Let Israel now pro-**claim** *
"God's mercy endures for **ever**."
- =
- 14 God is my strength and my **song** *
and has become my sal-**vation**.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and **victory** *
in the tents of the **righteous**:
- =
- 16 "The right hand of the Most High has **triumphed**; *
the right hand of the Most High is exalted; /
the right hand of the Most High has **triumphed!**"
- 17 I shall not die, but **live** *
and declare the works of **God**.
- =
- 18 God has punished me **sorely**, *
but did not hand me over to **death**.
- 19 Open for me the gates of **righteousness**; *
I will enter them; /
I will offer thanks to **God**.
- =
- 20 "This is the gate of the **Holy One**; *
those who are righteous may **enter**."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-**swered** me *
and have become my sal-**vation**.
- =
- 22 The same stone which the builders re-**jected** *
has become the chief **cornerstone**.
- 23 This is God's **doing**, *
and it is marvelous in our **eyes**.
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- 24 On this day the Holy One has **acted**; *
we will rejoice and be **glad** in it.

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Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Joan Pyfrom

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton

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

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The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Heather

Silence for Reflection

The Nicene Creed (sung)

setting by Quentin Faulkner

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,
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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.

The Prayers of the People

David Sund

Gracious God whose love defeated even death, hear and answer our deepest hopes and needs as you did for the women who discovered the empty tomb and hear our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Your church is the Body of Christ, constituted and empowered to continue to proclaim Christ's resurrection; strengthen and embolden us to be persistent in our proclamation.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church in La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico and for the whole Anglican Communion. We pray for our own church, for Sean Rowe our Presiding Bishop, for Douglas Fisher, our Bishop, for Miguelina Howell, our Bishop-elect, and for our whole diocese, especially St. Paul's Holyoke; Laundry Love; Clergy in Fresh Start.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our world still falls short of the full blossoming of human potential; open the eyes and hearts of the world's leaders to pursue peace and human thriving for all people.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to see the risen Christ in the world around; guide us into the work you have given us to do so that the ministries of Jesus might continue; that the world might know his healing and love through our actions.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have placed us in a glorious creation and charged us with its care; grant us wisdom and a willingness to protect our environment so that future generations might know the fullness of its beauty and abundance.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to our lives and to all who suffer in any way; grant that they might feel Christ's healing touch. We pray especially for Ann, Gerda, John, Mickey, Nancy, James, Susan, Katherine, Elizabeth, Fred, Anne, June, David, Chrissy, Danny, and Kevin. The sanctuary candle has been given in loving memory of Rick Gwosch. At this time, I invite your prayers of thanksgiving or intercession either silently, aloud, or in the comment section of our virtual worship.

Silence - the People are invited to add their own petitions, thanksgivings, and remembrances silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the ministry of the Welcome Team. Bless those who lead and those who labor on our behalf in this important work. Be present and lead them so that all they do may witness to your love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ's resurrection opened for us the way to eternal life; grant that we all may continue on Christ's pathway and enter into your eternal reign and rise again with all the saints who have gone before.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Glorious Lord you have promised to be with us always; fulfill now your promises for us and grant our prayers as may be best for us and always in accord with your will. All this we ask through our advocate and redeemer, Christ Jesus who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, eternally one God.

Amen.

(Source: Hear our Prayers: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary, adapted for use at S3JA)

Exchange of Peace

Having received God's word of hope and new life, we share a sign of God's peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Birthdays: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries: O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on those who come to re-new the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

The Collection of Gifts and Offerings

Your financial gift makes a difference. It supports our mission and ministry; our outreach programs; and provides the necessary resources to care for our church campus, enabling us to share our sacred space with the wider community. To give electronically use this QR code or text "Give" (978) 525-0712. Your gifts of non-perishable food items support our contribution to the Survival Center. These items may be placed in the baskets in the Narthex (church entry).



Offertory Anthem

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again [1971]

John Rutter (b. 1945)

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen again; Christ has broken every chain.
Hark, the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high, Allelujah!
- 2 He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today. We too sing for joy and say Allelujah!
- 3 He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. Allelujah!
- 4 Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven, how we too may enter heaven. Allelujah!
- 5 Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today thy people feed:
Take our sins and guilt away, that we all may sing for ay, Allelujah!
Michael Weisse (1480-1534). tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) alt.

The Doxology

Musical score for "The Doxology" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him, a bove ye heaven-ly host: praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men."

The Great Thanksgiving

(from Eucharistic Prayers by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher, adapted for use at SsJA)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, Almighty God,
for you are the Lord of creation and new creation,
of covenant and new covenant.

You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land,
and you brought your Son from the depth of death
to the glory of resurrection life.

And so we gladly thank you,
with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending praise.

The Hymnal 1982 - S125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: Sanctus

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.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God,
for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you.
Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit,
that your children may be blessed with power and grace,
and that this bread and cup may become for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God,
for you have rolled away the stone of despair,
the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief,
the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear.
Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace,
breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life,

that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger,
and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread
and be lifted up by your touch.

Shape your church to be your risen body;
make our scars beautiful like your scars,
make our lives life-giving like your life,
and make our communion holy with your saints,
until you come again in glory
and we eat with you in your kingdom,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the version of the Lord's Prayer you hold dear, whether that be one of these versions or another language, etc.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in the language of our hearts:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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 & Invitation

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Distribution of Communion

Spiritual Communion

Those worshipping at home or any moved to pray with them in solidarity, may offer this prayer:

Living God, holy Christ, we offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We who do not receive the sacrament of bread and wine today long for your spiritual presence, that we may be strengthened by your grace, and that we may draw ever-closer to you and to one another. We pray you, come into our hearts, that we may live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

1 Glo - ry, love, and praise, and hon - or for our food
 2 Thank - ful for our ev - ery bless - ing, let us sing
 3 He dis - pels our sin and sad - ness, life im - parts,

now be - stowed ren - der we the Do - nor.
 Christ the Spring, nev - er, nev - er ceas - ing.
 cheers our hearts, fills with food and glad - ness.

Boun - teous God, we now con - fess thee: God, who thus
 Source of all our gifts and gra - ces, Christ we own;
 Who him - self for all hath giv - en, us he feeds,

bles - est us, right it is to bless thee.
 Christ a - lone calls for all our prais - es.
 us he leads to a feast in hea - ven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Benifold*, Francis B. Westbrook (1903-1975). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Prayer after Communion

Let us give thanks for this meal:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements *(see back pages)*

The Hymnal 1982 - #208 *Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle is done*

Victory

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

Ped. ↑

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are placed between the two staves. A 'Ped.' (pedal) marking with an upward-pointing arrow is located below the bass staff at the beginning of the piece.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

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

Ped.

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt. Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Dismissal

This service has ended. Now let ours begin.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

I See a Huntsman
Josh Michal, horn

G. F. Handel

Prayer List

Names are on the list for 6 weeks, then removed. Feel free to add a name again.

Ann, Gerda, John, Mickey, Nancy, James, Susan, Katherine, Elizabeth, Fred, Anne, June, David,
Chrissy, Danny, and Kevin

Announcements

To submit a parish announcement for the leaflet, please email the office by Monday for the following Sunday's leaflet

This Sunday

Egg Hunt

Following the service, join the youth group for an egg hunt in the side yard. Kids 0 - 11 are welcome to join.

Support Grace in Haiti this Lent

Again this year we are partnering with Grace Church, Amherst, during Lent, to support the mission of Saint Matthieu School in Bayonnais, Haiti. The elementary school in rural Haiti has 279 students from pre-school to 9th grade served by 19 staff members, and provides a safe haven for children in a country continually beset by social turmoil, food insecurity, and gang violence. To contribute to this mission as part of your Lenten practice, you can send a donation to the office (or use [tithely](#)), noting that it is for St. Matthieu, Haiti. To date we have raised \$2,520.51.

Next Sunday

April 12 at 10:00 a.m. - Children's Chapel

We invite children to gather for singing, stories, and crafts during the first half of Sunday services: Apr 12, 26; May 3, 17. If you have questions or interest in volunteering to help with Children's Chapel, please contact Cara Hins at cara.hins@gmail.com.

April 12 at 11:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation & Seeking Volunteers

Join us for coffee and conversations in the Whiteman Room & Cloisters on the following Sundays: April 12; May 3; May 24 (Pentecost); June 7 (Bishop Visitation). We are also seeking volunteers to support this ministry. If you have expressed interest in helping in the past or would like to now, please let Allyson Michael know by sending her an email with your contact information at allysonmichal@gmail.com.

April 12 at 3 p.m. - Bishop Doug Farewell at St. Matthew's, Worcester

Join us as we give thanks for Bishop Fisher's 13+ years as our chief pastor and spiritual leader. This event is hosted by the parishes of Worcester County Corridor and will be the final in a series of three opportunities to gather, pray and share refreshment with the Bishop and his wife, the Rev. Betsy Fisher. Individuals are invited to make financial gifts in thanksgiving for Bishop Fisher's service to Building Bridges Veterans Initiative. [Make a Gift.](#)

Coming Soon

April 13 at 6:30 p.m. - Interfaith Event

The Interfaith Council of Franklin County invites all to attend the showing of the documentary, "Bad Faith," at the Greenfield Gardens Cinemas on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm. The film exposes how Christian Nationalism has become the most powerful anti-democratic force in America but many Americans know little about it. There will be a facilitated discussion afterwards to explore the presented information further. Thanks to the generosity of the Garden Cinema and co-sponsors of the event, there is no registration or fee, but purchase of refreshments is greatly appreciated. Along with ICFC, the program is co-sponsored with The Understanding Anti-semitism Committee, The Sunderland Human Rights Task Force, First Congregational Church of Sunderland, and the Hatfield Equity Alliance.

April 18 at 11 a.m. - Charlie Houghton Celebration of Life

Join us for a celebration of life for Charlie Houghton in the Church on Saturday, April 18 at 11 a.m. followed by a potluck reception in the parish hall. [Sign up to bring a dish to share.](#)

April 22 at 12:15 p.m. - Bach's Lunch Concert

The next Bach's Lunch concert will take place on Wednesday, April 22 at 12:15 p.m. Pianist Steven Beck will perform music by Johann Sebastian Bach and Johannes Brahms. The concert is free. Audience members are invited to bring their own lunch to eat during the concert.

April 25 at 10 a.m. - Ordination and Consecration of Bishop-elect Howell

Save the date. On April 25 at 10 a.m. we will gather as a diocese for the ordination and consecration of Bishop-elect Howell at Christ Church Cathedral. Information about how to watch will be available soon [here](#). [Make a gift.](#)

June 7 at 10 a.m. - Bishop Visitation

Save the date. Our new bishop will join us for a visitation that will feature baptisms, confirmations, receptions, and more.

Notice:

Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, April 20 through Monday, April 27. Regular office hours resume Tuesday, April 28.

Regular Events

To learn more about these ministries and events, click the link or contact the office.

Mondays

- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. [Second Helpings Community Meal](#)
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. [Whitney's Pantry](#) (4/27, 5/25, 6/29)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. [Zoom Bible Study](#)

Tuesdays

- 9:30 - 1:00 p.m. [Office Hours](#) (Closed Holidays)
9:00 - 12:00 p.m. [St. Andrew's Guild Sewing Drop-In](#) (school year)

Wednesdays

- 6:15 - 6:30 a.m. [Morning Prayer](#) (live streamed)
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. [Midweek Eucharist & Coffee Hour](#)

Thursdays

- 9:30 - 2:30 p.m. [Office Hours](#) (Closed Holidays)
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. [Choir](#)

Fridays

- 9:30 - 2:30 p.m. [Office Hours](#) (Closed Holidays)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. [Zoom Reflection Group](#)

Sundays

- 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. [Holy Eucharist](#) (live streamed)
10:00 - 10:35 a.m. [Children's Chapel](#) (4/12, 4/26, 5/3, 5/17)
11:15 - 12:00 p.m. [Coffee & Conversation](#) (4/12; 5/3; 5/24; 6/7)
11:30 - 2:00 p.m. [Youth Group](#) (4/19; 5/3)

Daily

During Daylight Walk our [Community Labyrinth](#)
Enjoy our gardens and grounds to pray, rest, be

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