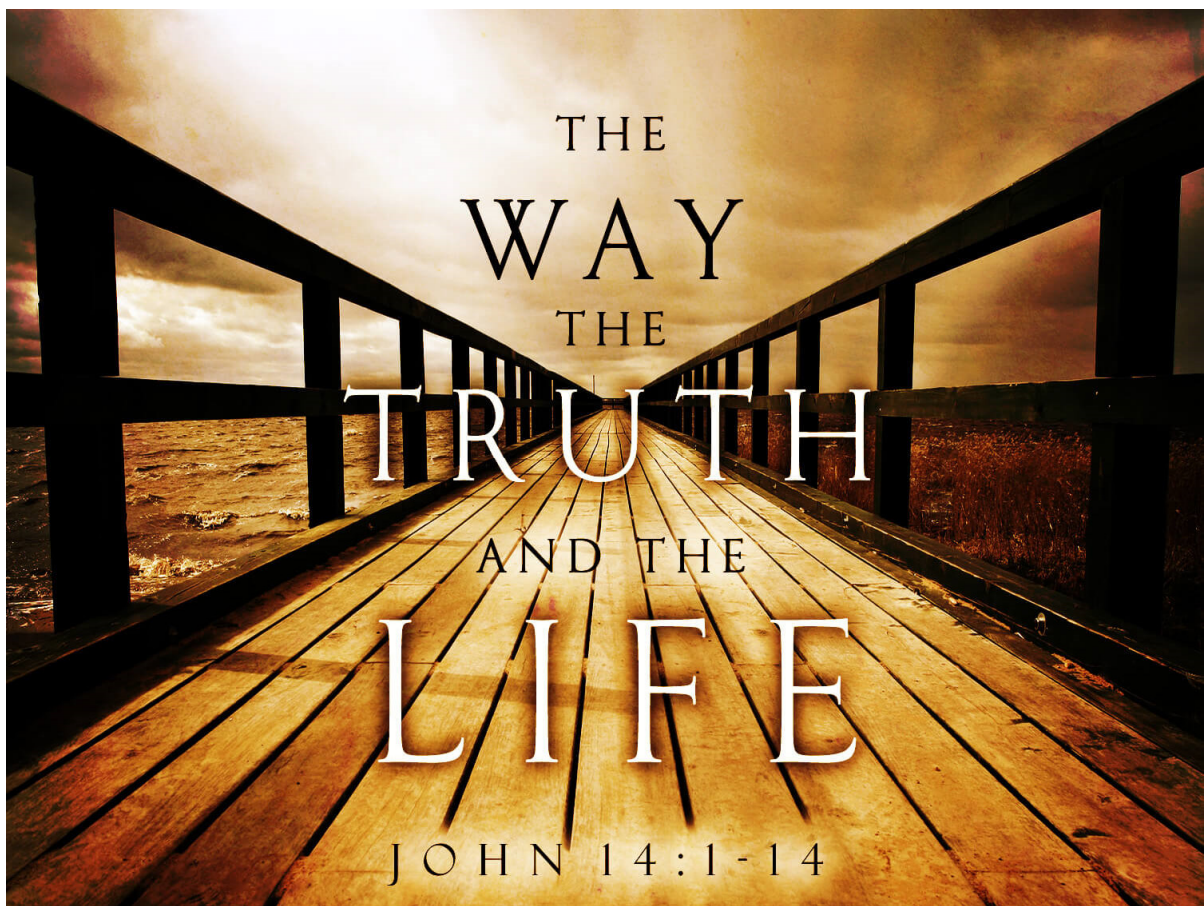


# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## *Mother's Day*

SUNDAY ♦ MAY 10, 2020 ♦ 9:45 AM



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**WELCOME! AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FROM YOUR HOME FOR TODAY'S SERVICE!**

**WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PHYSICALLY COME TOGETHER TODAY FOR WORSHIP, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SPIRITUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS SERVICE.**

**WE THEREFORE INVITE YOU TO REPLICATE MANY OF THE SAME PRACTICES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN A SUNDAY WORSHIP. FOR EXAMPLE, WE INVITE YOU TO SPEND SOME TIME IN QUIET PRAYER TO PLACE YOURSELF BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

**DURING THE SERVICE, WE INVITE YOU TO PERFORM THE SAME GESTURES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN CHURCH (SIGN OF THE CROSS, BOWING, ETC.).**

**ALSO, IN THOSE PLACES IN THE SERVICE WHERE THE PEOPLE WOULD NORMALLY SAY A PRAYER (SUCH AS, THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING) OR RESPONSE (SUCH AS, "AND ALSO WITH YOU"), PLEASE SAY IT ALOUD.**

**YOUR PHONE IS MUTED BUT OUR VOICES WILL RISE TOGETHER IN AFFIRMING OUR FAITH. THANK YOU.**

### **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**PRIEST:** The Rev. Ryan Paetzold

**DEACON:** The Rev. Ted Foley

**MUSIC:** Polly Moore, Cathy O'Neill, Andrew Van Buskirk, David Corbitt

**LECTOR:** Polly Moore

**INTERCESSOR:** Suzanne Schleck

## PRELUDE

### OPENING HYMN

*Father, We Praise Thee, Now the Night is Over*

Hymnal 1

*Father, we praise thee, now the night is over;  
active and watchful, stand we all before thee;  
singing we offer prayer and meditation: thus we adore thee.*

*Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where thy saints united joy without ending.*

*All holy Father, Son and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us thy salvation;  
thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding through all creation.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people standing, as able, the Priest says*

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Priest* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*The following is said together by all*

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*All* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following is said by all*

## **THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING**

*All* Almighty and gracious God, we are your church, serving your mission. Lead us forth beyond our walls to seek out all people in our community, to invite and love them as Jesus would. Empower us to welcome to Christ Church all who are hurting or in need, all who are searching for you or for answers to life. Open our eyes to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. Transform us all into disciples of Christ. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The following is said by all*

## **PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF A RECTOR**

*All* Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Christ Church that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The people sit as the lessons are read.*

## **THE FIRST READING**

*Acts 7:55-60*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

*The following is said by all*

## **PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16**

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

## THE SECOND READING

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

*People                Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand as able and face the Gospeler.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 14:1-14*

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

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

*Deacon* Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.” The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## REFLECTION

The Rev. Ryan Paetzold

## HYMN

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

Hymnal 487

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath;  
Such a truth as ends all strife; Such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light as shows a feast;  
Such a feast as mends in length; Such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a joy as none can move;  
Such a love as none can part; Such a heart as joys in love.*

*All stand, as able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from 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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

\* "catholic" here means the universal Church across time and place

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader* In the sure and certain hope of resurrection, we pray to the Lord, saying, God of grace, Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for all your people, that they may find, and be found, by you. God of grace,  
*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* We pray for peace and good will among all nations. God of grace,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* We give you thanks, Almighty God, for the many blessings in our lives, especially for those blessings we now name ... .... and for all blessings. God of grace,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* We ask your mercy for all who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, oppressed, in prison, or in any kind of trouble. God of grace,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* We pray for those affected by natural and man-made disasters; for those who are sick and suffering; we pray for a quick end to this pandemic and for those with and exposed to the virus; for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers; for those who have lost their jobs or suffered financial loss; for those serving our country; for those listed on our parish prayer list especially Roberto Garcia, Ann Eustace, Jodie Reid, and for those we name at this time ..... God of grace,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* For those who have died from the COVID-19 virus, for those who died serving our country, for all who have died in the hope of rising again, especially Phil Cocuzza, Ann Forbes, and for those we name at this time .....God of grace,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of Motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us, and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday, and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need.

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*The Priest adds a concluding collect.*

*Please listen to the following prayer*

### **PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with all essential workers. Be with all emergency responders, law enforcement, and medical professionals who seek to help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of all people, particularly those who are poor and most vulnerable. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

*Adapted from prayer written by Kerry Weber, America Magazine*

*The following is said by all*

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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 forever. Amen.

*\*We use the modern translation of Lord's Prayer because it is closer to the Greek original text; particularly for the verse, Save us from the time of trial"since God does not deliberately lead us into temptation.*

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The priest invites the following prayer to be said by all:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



*The ministries of Christ Church “thank you” for your continued giving during these times of uncertainty. Your generous donations and pledges keep Christ Church moving forward. Please continue to mail to Christ Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) or set up with your individual bank, a bill pay, to be directly submitted to Christ Church. Please contact the Church Office with any questions or concerns.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please also read “Parish News” beginning on page 10 of this bulletin for additional information and news.*

## **THE BLESSING**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Hymnal 518

(as sung by Harvard University Choir)

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.*

*To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today:  
with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

## **PARISH NEWS**

(titles in red indicate a new or updated item)

### **CHRIST CHURCH WELCOMES THE REV. RYAN PAETZOLD AS TODAY'S PRIEST!**

“Rev. Paetzold is a passionate social justice advocate and public theologian who has been a featured speaker at multiple events on issues of healthcare and immigration justice.

Rev. Ryan Paetzold lives in Marlton, NJ with his art-educator wife, Katie, and 2 year old son, Asher; their rather feisty, yet adorable cockatoo, Peach; as well as two very energetic Pomsy puppy sisters - Yuki and Nutmeg.

Rev. Paetzold has led two nonprofit organizations, and has been a featured speaker at multiple events on social issues, including events on healthcare and immigration justice. He is pleased to be worshipping virtually with Christ Church this morning.”



**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!** From your Christ Church Family. We wish you a blessed day!

**CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS!** Bring a bag lunch and join us at the Christ Church Garden at noon on Tuesday, May 12! There will be lots of room to maintain our social distance. We will be planning what we will be putting in our beds and choosing a planting date. Many hands make light work. Please join us! Any questions, please call Dale: 732-600-5260.

**“SIGNS OF LIFE” VIDEO DISCUSSION SERIES:** Deacon Ted invites you to a "video discussion group" (like a "book discussion group") based on the video series, "Signs of Life". We will meet virtually twice a week (Tues & Thurs) for about an hour starting at 4 PM.

#### **Schedule for Discussion Series:**

Tuesday, May 12 - "Food"

Thursday May 14 - "Shelter"

Tuesday, May 19 - "Community"

The virtual discussion group will be on ZOOM. For those not familiar with ZOOM, it is a video chat room/meeting space. If you have a phone or computer with video/camera functions, you will be able to join in and SEE the faces of Deacon Ted and others participating, as well as show us your face. If you are not interested in being visible, having your video off is an option. If you do not have or are not comfortable using a computer or internet, you can still participate by calling in on your phone. You will still be able to listen and speak to everyone else participating. Please do note that video only works by using the internet link to join the meeting; using the phone number does not permit video).

In order to be able to participate in the virtual discussion group on ZOOM, you MUST REGISTER. An email with all the needed instructions and web links to register and participate in the Discussion Group and watch the weekly videos was sent out on April 30. Please contact the church office if you did not receive this email. For those who do not have a computer and still would like to participate in this discussion, please leave a voicemail at the Church Office 732-349-5506. Deacon Ted will get in touch with you with special instructions. We hope you will be able to join us as we all grow in faith together.

**WEEKLY FINANCES:** During the year 2020, we have budgeted \$5,635 to come from pledges and loose offerings each week. For the week ending May 1, we received \$3,127 in pledges. (There were no loose offerings due to there not being any services in church.)

**PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING** — We want to hear from you! And know that you are doing “ok” amongst this pandemic. Please leave us a Voicemail or send us an Email!

**DO YOU MISS FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY?** We have been so blessed by our Clergy and Lay Ministers for the many services available each week during this time of suspension of all public gatherings.

But what about “Coffee Hour” and the many “Events” that we would typically and regularly gather and socialize with our Church Family?

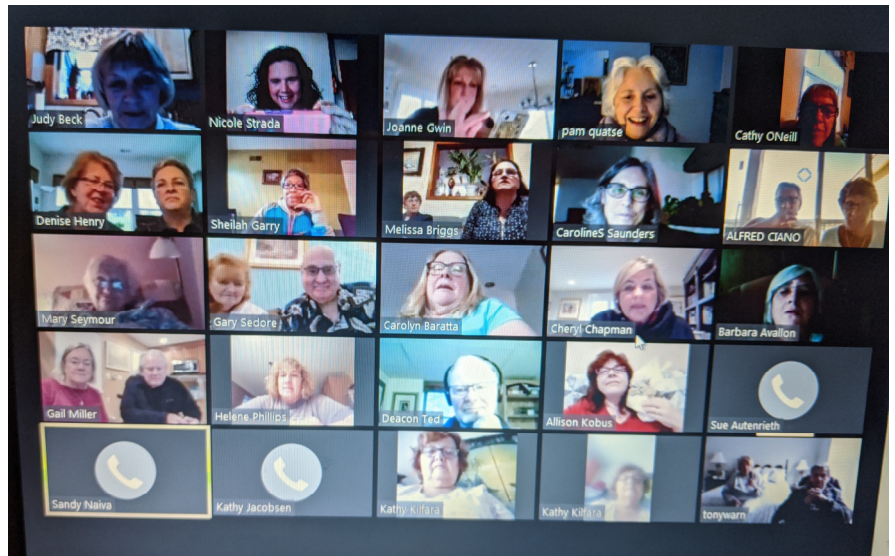
***Christ Church is currently hosting on ZOOM a virtual “Coffee Hour” each Monday evening from 7:00-8:00pm.***

For those not familiar with ZOOM, it is a video chat room/meeting space. If you have a phone or computer with video/camera functions, you will be able to join in and SEE the faces of your Church Family as well as show us your face. If you are not interested in being visible, having your video off is an option. If you do not have or are not comfortable using a computer or internet, you can still participate by calling in on your phone. You will still be able to listen and speak to everyone else participating.

You should have received in your email on April 23 a ZOOM invitation to register for Monday Evening "Coffee Hour". You MUST register in order to be able to participate. After registering you will receive another email including both the link to Join the Meeting with internet and video or the Phone # to call in and Meeting ID# (video options only works by using the link, using the phone number does not permit video).

Don't worry, those without the capability of receiving this email or registering online have been individually phoned and provided all needed information to participate if interested. And, if you did NOT receive an email already, please contact the Church Office and request the registration email.

We look forward to “seeing” your faces in these virtual Coffee Hours as we take this opportunity to say "Hello!" and "How are you?" If you need any help, please let Nicole know! Here is a photo of the April 27 “Coffee Hour” Blessings!



**JOIN US IN DAILY PRAYER AT 8:00PM:** Pray, wherever you may be ...at home, at work, in the car...let us pray together for a resolution and end to the COVID-19 pandemic...let us pray for health care workers, first responders, law enforcement and all essential workers... let us pray for our federal and state government officials ... let us pray for those that are sick and those that have died from the virus...let us pray for the families of the victims of the virus and all those who are poor and more vulnerable to the virus...let us pray for New Jersey, the United States of America and the World.

There is no right, wrong or specific way one should pray ... pray the "Our Father", the "Prayer in Time of Pandemic" from our Sunday bulletins, or pray using words expressing how your heart feels. Join us in a moment of prayer daily at 8pm.

**JOIN US FOR “SERVICE” FROM THE SAFETY OF YOUR HOME!**

During this time of “public service suspension” through at least the month of May, your Clergy and Staff are providing multiple times a week live and recorded services via phone and email. The current weekly schedule of live services via phone are: Sundays, 9:45am — Wednesdays, 10:00am — Fridays, 7:00am

We plan to have each service recorded and then provided to you via email as well as posted on our website [www.christchurchtomsriver.org](http://www.christchurchtomsriver.org). To listen to the live service please: Dial: 712-770-5505 and Enter Access Code: 189853# If you have any difficulty, please email or call the church office (leave a voicemail).

**THE ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE** originally scheduled for May 14 & 15 has been **CANCELLED**. We will hope for better and healthier circumstances in September for a Fall Sale.

**ASCENSION DAY**, the occasion on which the risen Christ is taken into heaven after appearing to his followers for forty days (Acts 1:1-11, Mk 16:19). The Ascension marks the conclusion of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances. It is the final elevation of his human nature to divine glory and the near presence of God. The Ascension is affirmed by the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds. The Ascension is celebrated on Ascension Day, the Thursday that is the fortieth day of the Easter season. It is a principal feast of the church year in the Episcopal Church. ***There will be a 10am tele-service on Thursday, May 21.***

**UPDATE FROM THE DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE:** Greetings! As all of us are aware, we are in the midst of an unprecedented time in our living history. As buildings have been closed, employment furloughed and life as we knew it came to a grinding halt, the diocese also had to make decisions about people and practices that would be impacted. In light of this, Bishop Stokes and Rev. Dr. Brian Jemmott, Transition Coordinator have suspended all discernment activity with prospective clergy until further notice. The committee has been able to do virtual meetings and we are set and ready to continue once the "all clear" is given. Please pray for those who have applied to be our rector that they may remain safe and healthy as they minister to their parishioners.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS RECEIVING VOICEMAILS, EMAILS & MAIL:** If you need to reach us for any reason, please 1) Call the church office at 732-349-5506 and leave a voicemail. Voicemails are being immediately received offsite and we are calling you back as soon as possible. Or 2) Email NicoleStrada@ChristChurchTomsRiver.org and she will reply as soon as possible. We are also receiving our USPS mail.

**COVID-19 DISCRETIONARY FUND:** While everyone's life has been impacted by the coronavirus, we have become aware of several people in our parish who have already lost their jobs and income and are in dire need of emergency assistance. Also, as this disaster continues, we expect that more jobs will be affected. For this reason we are setting up a Coronavirus Discretionary Fund. This fund will provide emergency assistance to people affected by this disaster. If you are in need of emergency assistance, please contact one of the clergy (Mother Petrina, Deacon Jose, or Deacon Ted). If you are able to contribute to this fund, please send a check to Christ Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) with "Coronavirus Fund" in the memo. A restricted account has been established specifically for this purpose. May God bless us all. We will get through this together. \*\* As May 7, the COVID-19 Fund balance stands at: Contributions: \$21,305.50; Disbursements: \$3,254.16

The **FOOD PANTRY** remains open to anyone in need on TUESDAYS from 9:30am to 12noon. The pantry is well stocked and we are still serving many in our community.

**WE DO HAVE SOME ITEMS WE ARE URGENTLY IN NEED OF:**

Jelly, grape — Jelly, strawberry — White rice — Canned fruit

**We are also in need of:**

Sugar — Peanut butter — 2% or fat free long life milk — Pasta sauce — Spam — Canned chicken — Canned stew — Canned diced tomatoes — Ketchup — Pinto Beans — Mayo — Mustard — Pancake mix — Pancake syrup — Canned peas — Ramen noodles

If you are still comfortable shopping, can shop safely and would like to drop off donations, please drop them on the lower table (outside) marked DONATIONS ONLY, between 9:30am and 11am on Tuesday mornings. This allows our volunteers time to log and load the food while we are there. If you need to schedule a different drop off time, please contact the Church Office.

If you have any questions at all, or are not considered 'at risk' and would like to volunteer for the Food Pantry, please free feel to contact (text/call) Claire Koerner at 732-600-5709 or email

Clairekoerner1503@gmail.com. Thank you, more than ever, for your support of the CHRIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY.

**CONTRIBUTIONS & PLEDGES DURING COVID 19:** Our pews will be empty for the next several weeks, that also means our collection plate is empty. We are asking if you would please continue to send in your pledges even though our weekly worship services have been suspended. Although most of life as we know it has come to a halt, the bills continue to come in and need to be paid. You can help us keep our bills current by keeping your pledge up to date. You can do this by mailing a check to the office (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753), or you can set up online bill pay through your bank (see your bank for details). Please consider doing this, so that once we are back in church, we can continue moving forward without the worry of how we are going to “catch up”. Thank you!

**BIRTHDAY CLUB:** We all have one day of the year that is just for us; it’s our birthday. We may celebrate in grand style with family and friends singing that special song, eating cake and GETTING gifts; or we may choose to celebrate in a quiet fashion. However you choose to celebrate, it is YOUR special day. The Endowment and Stewardship Committees have come up with another way to celebrate this day. How about GIVING a gift that will KEEP ON GIVING? Each year on your birthday, we are inviting you to join the Birthday Club by writing a check in the amount of your age to Christ Church, which will be deposited into the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is invested with the diocese. By giving to this fund on your birthday, you will be contributing to the day-to-day life of the parish as well as the future of Christ Church. It is truly a gift that will keep on giving! How can you donate? Simply write out a check for the amount of your age, put Birthday Club in the memo and put it in the offering plate, mail it or drop it off to the office mailbox. So that we can all watch our gifts grow, we will update you on what we have received. We look forward to celebrating each of your birthdays! **Total contributions for the month of APRIL were currently \$371 (5 birthdays)! And the current total of contributions for the month of MAY are \$148 (2 birthdays)!**

**IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU, WOULD WE KNOW ABOUT IT?** Do the people who care about you know to notify the church right away in case of your hospitalization, or an accident, or an extended illness, etc.? Please give them the church's contact information with clear instructions to contact us right away. We hope to be praying for you during any incidents rather than after the fact. Thank you!!

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