



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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2024 Easter Message Bishop Michael Curry

Hello to my beloved family in Christ. I want to take this opportunity, first of all, on behalf of my wife, Sharon, and our family, to thank you. To thank you for your prayers, to thank you for your well wishes, your expressions of support and kindness. We are equally thankful for the blessing of remarkable medical care and pastoral support. As you may know, I've been working a bit from home—at a reduced level, to be sure, but I'm gradually increasing that.

Just two weeks ago, my medical team approved me to drive locally and to resume short domestic flights. I can't tell you how much your prayers have sustained me and my family through this medical journey. Prayer matters. We don't always know how. We don't always know or understand the outcome.

But prayer matters, and it makes a difference. Over the last several months, I have not known how this would all work out. But I've been very aware, and in some particular moments, consciously aware of being upheld in prayer by you. Without consciously deciding to do it, I actually found myself praying some words from Psalm 31, which says, "Into your hands, I commend my spirit."

Before surgeries and treatments, through some long nights, difficult days, "Into your hands, I commend my spirit." These words are part of a prayer that is Psalm 31 in the Hebrew scriptures. The late night service of Compline uses that psalm as a prayer before going to sleep at night.

Luke's Gospel records Jesus praying these very words, that psalm, on the cross, when he had a sense of what lay before him, but could not know the outcome. He didn't know with any certainty if and how God would act. He didn't know, as the old preachers used to say, Good Friday's always happened, but Sunday's always coming. He didn't know with any certainty that resurrection would become real and not a mere metaphor.

But as he died into the unknown, he did one thing: He

Worship Services

Every Sunday, 9:00 a.m.,
in-person and via Zoom

*(Zoom connection information
at the end of newsletter.)*

Events

Sunday, April 28, Movie - The
Philadelphia Eleven, 2:00
p.m., St. Matthew's, Wilton

Save the date - Military Whist,
May 10, 6:30 p.m.

threw himself completely into the hands of God. "Father, into thy hands, I commend my spirit."

And in that moment, after saying that, Luke's Gospel says, he breathed his last. And though he died, death did not have the last word, though he did die. He died into the hands of God and slipped out of the grip of death.

And as we now know, on the third day he rose again, and he lives. As William Cowper said in a poem that later became a hymn, "God moves in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform, he plants his footstep in the sea and rides upon the storm."

So God love you. God bless you. May the God who rides upon our storms and raised Jesus of Nazareth from the

dead hold us all, the entire human family and all of God's grand and glorious creation in those almighty hands of love. Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

The video of Bishop Curry's message can be found here: [Presiding Bishop Michael Curry: Easter 2024 message - The Episcopal Church](#)



Good Shepherd Thrift Store

Seasonal Changeover week of April 14

Following our **half-price clothing sale** from Thursday April 4 through Saturday April 13, will be our "all hands on deck" seasonal changeover effort. If you can spare even a short time, your help will be greatly appreciated in helping us store the fall and winter clothing and put out warm weather clothing. Contact Susan Shultz or Barbara Parsons to volunteer.

Screening of The Philadelphia 11 film

Sunday, April 28, 2:00 p.m., St. Matthew's, 36 New Canaan Road, Wilton, CT, with Rev. Dr. Carter Heyward, www.stmatthewswilton.org

Audrey Sundwall and Susan Shultz are planning to attend this film screening if you would like to ride with them.



April 27 - Leland & Madeline Hubbard

March Vestry Meeting

Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, April 21st after the 9:00 a.m. service in the library and via Zoom.

Worship - Fr. Charles will be with us the fourth Sunday of April, May and June. But since he has indicated he is free for other Sundays as well, we will strive to have him three Sundays a month if possible.

Senior Warden - C&E's participation in the EHU Lenten Program has been very good averaging six parishioners each week. We have hosted twice and Barbara Coulombe led one of the discussions.



Military Whist

Please join us on Friday, May 10th for an evening of Military Whist. Coffee and dessert will be served at 6:30 and the games will start promptly at 7:15. Each table will have four people. You don't need to know how to play, as you will get instructions with each game. Tickets are \$12. Raffles will also be available for purchase. Astrid Swanson is in charge of the evening and needs help in the following areas: dessert making, set up and clean up, serving, and raffle basket donations. Raffle baskets should have a spring or summer motif, such as bed and bath, picnic, beach, snack, or an outdoor theme. Please see her if you can volunteer.



April 16 - Brady Reynolds
April 28 - Kathy Dougherty

Did You Know?

Absolution is the formal act by a bishop or priest of pronouncing God's forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ. The absolution of sins reflects the ministry of reconciliation committed by Christ to the church. Absolution may be pronounced following private confession of sins or following a general confession of sin in worship services.

From "An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians"



**Episcopal
Church in CT
(ECCT)**

Spring Training & Gathering 2024

Get Equipped for Ministry!

April 8-20, 2024

Online: April 8-18 (free)

In-Person: April 20 (\$20)

Registration ends April 14

Click below to see list of workshops and register

All are welcome!

<https://www.episcopalct.org/spring-training/>

Our theme *Ephesians 4:11-13* affirms that Christ gave us all different gifts to make the church strong. This year, we want to help you discover, strengthen, and ignite your inner fire for ministry.

Sample workshops, many more

Parish Operations & Mgmt

- Vestry 101
- The Ins and Outs of the Episcopal Church in CT

Leadership & Discernment

- Reading Scripture Out Loud: Tools & Tips

Church in the World

- Exploring the Ministry of Eucharistic Visitors
- Turning Swords in Plowshares

Creation Care

- Starting an Organic Vegetable Garden
- Building a Parish Creation Care Team

Celebrating Diversity

- Made in God's Image: How Scripture Affirms & Supports all God's Beloved Children
- Elder Friendly Worship

Around the Church

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(painted by Carol Ude)



Palm Sunday



Spring Has Sprung at Thrift Store



Encouraging Words

Audrey Sundwall

And he said to them, Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.

- *Mark 16:6*

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

- *Romans 10:9*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. -

Colossians 1:13-14

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. - *John 3:16*

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

- *John 11:25-26*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. - *1 Peter 1:3*

Intercessory Prayers

Aiden & the Guida Family, Alexis, Amanda, Andrew, Barbuschak Family, Barbara Parsons, Bill & Donna Hodge, Bohdan & Family in Ukraine, Brandon, Brown Family, Carol Ude, Charlie & Kris Langlan, David & Irene, Diana, Diane Link, Dominick L., Don Dempsey, Doreen St. Germaine, Dot Logan, Ed, Eileen F., Elaine, Faith, Fran Zella, Francesca, Geneva O'Donnell, Ginny, Jack Uberti & Holly Chickos, Jack & Jan McDonald, James Chapman, Jay Medlyn, Jay W., Jennifer, Jim R. & Family, Joan S., Joan Shaffner, Joyce Aurelius, Kris, Lauren, Leah S., Linda P., Lucas Sundwall, Matt R., Maureen McPherson, Mike, Michael M., Minogue Family, Nicole C., Pat Walters, Pete F., Phyllis Marston, Rachael, Ray Sundwall, Sr., Rebecca & unborn baby, Jeff, Richard Christofferson, Sallie Alexander, Sam W., Sharon Rogalski, Susan Diaz, Tim, Tish, Tricia Clearwater, Turiano Family, Wayne

To submit names for the Intercessory Prayers list please call or email the church office. Names will be kept on the list for three months unless longer time is requested.

A Prayer for Transition and Guidance

O Lord, you are with us in every transition and change. With your deep compassion, presence and abounding love ease our anxiety. We pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, and daring in our faith. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Help us accept change as a gift of your direction for our journey in this transition. Instill in us a vision of the church's family; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



On Easter Day

"On Easter Day the lilies bloom,
Triumphant, risen from their tomb;
Their bulbs have undergone rebirth,
Born from the silence of the earth
Symbolically, to tell all men
That Christ, the Saviour, lives again.
The angels, pure and white as they,
Have come and rolled the stone away
And with the lifting of the stone,
The shadow of the cross is gone!"

—*June Masters Bacher*

Death By a Thousand Cuts

INDABA ACTION TEAM &
M.A.D. CONTENT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

DEATH BY A THOUSAND CUTS

A REQUIEM FOR BLACK AND BROWN MEN

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY
STEVE DRIFFIN

@M.A.D.CONTENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH @7PM
ANDREWS MEMORIAL TOWN HALL, CLINTON, CT
RESERVATIONS: [EVENTS.HCHLIBRARY.ORG/4-13-24](https://events.hchlibrary.org/4-13-24)

   

Join us for a riveting theatrical experience! *Death by a Thousand Cuts: A Requiem for Black and Brown Men* will be presented on Saturday April 13 @7:00pm at Andrews Memorial Hall in Clinton. Written and directed by Award-Winning screenwriter Steve Driffin, this acclaimed one-act play delves into the profound experiences of melanated men in America. Secure your FREE spot now! No donation required. Click here to register: events.hchlibrary.org/4-13-24

This powerful production, featuring professional actors, has captivated audiences across CT and off-Broadway. Drawing from a spectrum of emotions - joy, pain, and the trauma of survival - this is a requiem centuries in the making. Following the performance, engage in a thought-provoking Q&A and panel discussion. Your voice matters as we collectively explore the impact of this poignant narrative.

ECCT 2023-2024 Prayer Cycle



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Apr. 7	<p>Parishes: St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown</p> <p>Additionally: CCT Regions and Region Leadership Teams</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria</p>
Apr. 14	<p>Parishes: St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; St. Peter's Grace, Monroe</p> <p>Additionally: Hospital chaplains; Stephen Ministers; pastoral care groups; ministries of healing; nurses; wellness programs; recovery ministries</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia</p>
Apr. 21	<p>Parishes: St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; St. Mark's, New Britain</p> <p>Additionally: Clergy whose work is not in parishes; multi-vocational priests; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or diocese</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia</p>
Apr. 28	<p>Parishes: St. Mark's, New Canaan; Christ Church, New Haven; St. James', New Haven</p> <p>Additionally: Parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh</p>

Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	FEB	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$9,242.15	(\$757.18)	\$20,731.81	\$4,784.15
EXPENSES	\$17,890.77	\$4,302.19	\$28,963.01	\$2,753.60
NET	(\$8,648.62)	(\$5,059.37)	(\$8,231.20)	\$2,030.55

Notes: While the February period looks rough (\$5,000 over budget) - if you look at the YTD numbers you will see that overall we are actually \$2,000 under budget. This is due to YTD income being up (mainly Thrift Store) which offset the larger than expected expenses in utilities and snow removal.

Next Issue The deadline for the May issue is April 23rd. Submissions can be sent to newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com. For an update to the Intercessory Prayers, Birthday or Anniversary lists, please call the church office at 203-467-2310 or email christandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

Worship Schedule 9:00 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Service	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Eucharist
Presider/ Officiant	Barbara Parsons	Audrey Sundwall	Pat Walters	Rev. Charles Kamano
Crucifer				George Coulombe
Acolyte				Diane Villano
Lay Reader	Gail Beck	Wendy Bellmore	Judy Herzman	Barbara Parsons
Usher	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Audrey Sundwall	Ken & Kathy Dougherty
Zoom Tech	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz
Lead Counter	Susan Shultz	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Pat Walters
Asst Counter	Judy Herzman	Fred Bowden	Barbara Coulombe	Audrey Sundwall

Clergy, Vestry and Staff

Priest-in-charge	Open
Senior Warden	George Coulombe
Junior Warden	Barbara Parsons (& Outreach)
Treasurer	Susan Shultz (& Technology)
Clerk	Gail Beck
Vestry Member	Ray Clearwater
Vestry Member	Carol Link-Ude (& Altar Guild; Hospitality & Fund Raising)
Vestry Member	Audrey Sundwall (& Communications)
Vestry Member	Astrid Swanson
Vestry Member	Pat Walters
Music Director	Barbara Coulombe
Parish Administrator	Diane Rowley

ECCT continues to experience a shortage of supply clergy for Sunday services. If you know of anyone who might be interested in serving at C & E, please contact the office at christandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

To connect by computer, enter: <https://tinyurl.com/3kbvnb4>, or click on the link on our webpage: www.ChristandTheEpiphany.org

To join by phone call: 929-436-2866, Meeting ID = 763 909 4733, Password = **39**

Weekly bulletins are emailed out on Fridays. Zoom is opened around 8:45 a.m. on Sunday.

If you are not receiving the email bulletin, please contact Diane Rowley in the office at 203-467-2310 or christandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

If you want or need any help getting connected on Zoom please reach out any time to Susan Shultz at 203-589-1142 or sbshultz@gmail.com.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m. In-Person & Online Zoom Worship
In-person with social distancing and optional masking