Christ Church Grosse Pointe

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026 ✠ 9 am

Welcome to this service of Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. We hope that this service will help lift you to the presence of God and strengthen you for the week to come.

Scripture readings are printed in Currents *(leaflet insert).*

Hymns are found in the red hymnal in your pew.

'S' numbers refer to service music found in the front of the hymnal.

BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Voluntary Prelude in Memory of Hubert Parry *Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)*

The Announcements The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

The Entrance Rite

The people stand for the hymn.

Hymn 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more *Engelberg*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity, and the people respond **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo - S 278

The children follow the Children's Cross to the Chancel steps during the Gloria.

The Word of God

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And al - so with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Celebrant dismisses the children to Children's Chapel,
and the people respond **Amen.**
The people are seated for the reading and the Psalm.

The Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

The people stand for the hymn.

Hymn 305 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest *Rosedale*

The Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.
The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

All **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.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those on our parish cycle of prayer (*N.*). Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*N.*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died (*N.*), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The congregation may add their own petitions.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect and the people respond **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Gospeller Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief period of silence is observed.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant offers the absolution, and the people respond **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.
Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward.

Celebrant Let us pray for those in our congregation who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary.
People **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.**

The Offertory

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

Commissioning of Crossroads Volunteers

Journey of Generosity

Anthem Blessed be the God and Father *Samuel S. Wesley (1880-1976)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heav'n for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. Love one another with a pure heart fervently. See that ye love one another.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for evermore. Amen.

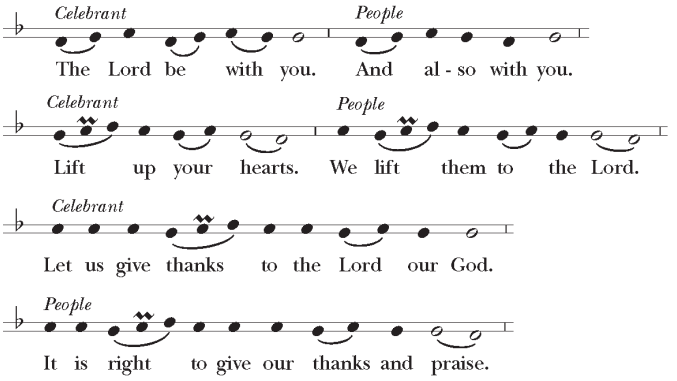
1 Peter 1:3-5, 15-17, 22-25

The people stand as the gifts are presented.
Children and their parents are invited to follow the children's cross and to sit in the Chancel between the choir stalls. They return to their seats for Communion.

Hymn 343, vs. 1, 3 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless *St. Agnes*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP p. 372



The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus & Benedictus - S 128

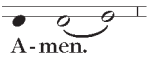
The people remain standing as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

And offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

People **We praise you, we bless you,**
we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People 

The Lord's Prayer

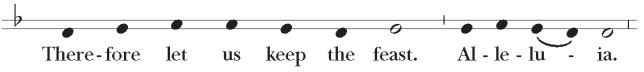
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People 

The Invitation

To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station or to the Altar Rail at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Agnus Dei - S 165

The people are seated.

Voluntary	Andante religioso, from *Sonata No. 4, Op. 65*	*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*
Anthem	Alleluia. Cognoverunt discipuli	*William Byrd (1543-1623)*

Alleluia. Cognoverunt discipuli Dominum Jesum, in fractione panis. Alleluia. Caro mea vere est cibus, et sanguis meus vere est potus: qui manducat meam carnem et bibit meam sanguinem in me manet, et ego in eo. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia. My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. Alleluia.

Luke 24:35; John 6:56-57

The Postcommunion Prayer

The people stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

The Gospeller dismisses the people.

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

Hymn 432	O praise ye the Lord!	*Laudate Dominum*
Voluntary	Fanfare	*John Cook (1918-1984)*

During the voluntary, parents are invited to escort their children to St. David's Crossing for breakfast and formation.