



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Easter 2026: Victory Over the Grave

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My fellow Parishioners and Friends of Christ and The Epiphany Church, **Christ is risen, Alleluia!**

As I reflected on what message to share this Easter, I found myself wrestling with the weight of the times we are living in. Right now, the world seems unsettled, even aflame with conflict, uncertainty, and unrest. And yet, it is precisely in such moments that Easter speaks most powerfully. Easter 2026 stands at the crossroads of ancient hope and present-day pain, a bold and unyielding declaration that the forces of destruction, fear, and injustice will not have the final word.

At its heart, Easter is the defiant proclamation that light breaks through darkness. It reminds us that truth cannot remain buried forever. Even in situations, like the case of the Epstein files, where secrecy, injustice, or exploitation seem overwhelming, the resurrection story assures us that what is hidden will be brought into the light. Just as the stone was

rolled away from the tomb, so too are the barriers of silence and concealment eventually removed. The risen Christ confronts not only personal sin but also the deeper systems of brokenness in our world, calling all things into truth, justice, and restoration.

For millions of believers, resurrection is not simply a theological idea, rather it is a lived reality and a necessary hope. Easter invites us to move from striving to surrender, from fear to trust. It reminds us that the empty tomb is not only a moment in history, but a promise that continues to unfold in our lives today. That despair will not prevail, that death does not have the final say, and that God is always bringing forth new life.

My beloved church family, in this sacred and joyful season, let us celebrate the triumph of life over death, hope over despair, and light over darkness. No matter how heavy the crosses we carry, Easter assures us that suffering is never the end of the story; resurrection is. May the empty tomb renew your hearts with fresh hope. May it deepen your trust in God's promises. May it strengthen your courage to live as people transformed by His love. In a world marked by uncertainty, Easter proclaims a steady and unchanging truth: God is still at work, bringing renewal where there is

Worship Services

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

Holy Week and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday -

April 2, 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday -

April 3, 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday -

April 5, 9:00 a.m.

(Zoom connection information at the end of newsletter.)

weariness, restoration where there is brokenness, and redemption where there is loss.

Let this Easter remind us to seek connection and unity, celebrating not just the miracle of Christ's resurrection but also the hope that binds us as a church community. When we come together in faith, we become living witnesses to the power of love and forgiveness, shining as beacons of hope for those around us. May our shared journey inspire us to reach out to others, supporting one another and reflecting Christ's light in every act of kindness and compassion. May the joy of Easter fill your homes, the peace of Christ guard your hearts, and the hope of the resurrection guide you each day.

**With love and blessings,
Happy Easter!**

ECCT Spring Training

Registration is now open for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut's Spring Training: **Living in Hope!**

Virtual classes are free and run April 27-30, Monday through Thursday. In-person classes are Saturday, May 2 at Berlin High School, 139 Patterson Way, Berlin, and the fee of \$25 includes lunch. A carpool will be available - See Susan Shultz or Diane Villano.

Classes are offered in Administration, Resource Sharing, Lay Ministry, Witness, Lifespan Ministries and Wellness and include *Resisting White Christian Nationalism, A Christian Response to Political Polarization, Lay Preaching, Education for Ministry, Mood Disorders in Our Midst, Reparations in ECCT, A Benedictine Approach to Dealing with Parish Conflict* and more.

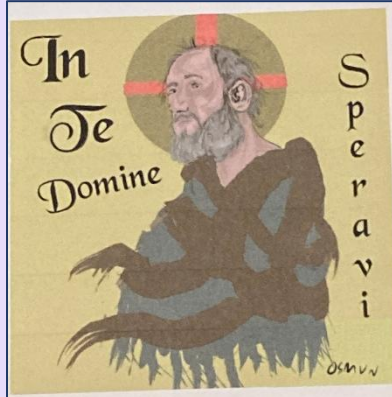
I strongly recommend Vestry 101, virtual or in-person, for new vestry members or those who are interested in joining our vestry. To register or for more information, visit episcopalct.org/spring-training.

Easter Basket Thanks

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Food Pantry's Easter Baskets. With the Food Pantry we put together 20 fabulous baskets they can distribute to needy kids. Ken and Kathy Dougherty report they were very happily received. See picture to right!

Around the Church

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created by Jesse Osmun



Palm Sunday



Easter baskets



Thrift Store Seasonal Changeover

The 1/2 price winter clothing sale is taking place between **March 26 and April 11.**

The winter to spring/summer clothing changeover will be the week of **April 13th**. We need volunteers to put away the winter clothes and get the spring clothes out. This is a big but necessary task. If you can spare a few hours it will be greatly appreciated.

March Vestry Meeting

Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, April 19th after the 9:00 a.m. service in the library and via Zoom.

Senior Warden - We are finishing up our month of weekly Lenten Ecumenical bible studies and our own weekly Living Compass devotional study. We also submitted our annual parochial report to the diocese.

Building & Grounds - The kitchen hood suppression unit and fire extinguishers were all checked. Ken Dougherty has built a platform for our new donation shed coming. We've started conversations around what it would take to hold Sunday services in the upper hall when the weather makes the Sanctuary uncomfortable.

The Food Pantry gave us a large gift to help with snow plowing expenses.

Outreach - This month we were able to be a blessing for a number of local recipients. Besides a check for \$300, we also gave Continuum of Care some clothing items from the Thrift Store that they needed. The Thrift Store also helped a young man who was formerly homeless with items for his new studio apartment as well as two other people in need. Lastly, we donated vases to someone giving flowers to East Haven teachers for Teacher Appreciation Day.

Hospitality & Fund Raising

- We are still looking for a chair for this committee. But if you are interested in running an event (with help from others!) just reach out to the Vestry.

General - All parishioners are welcome to Vestry meetings!- You may especially be interested in coming to the first 15 minutes when we are now doing a short biblical reflection.



Apr 16 - Brady Reynolds
Apr 28 - Kathy Dougherty

Encouraging Words **Audrey Sundwall**

“Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.”
---Luke 24:6-7

Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.’
---John 11:25

Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.
---Romans 6:4

This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.
---John 6:40

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
--1 Peter 1:3

Intercessory Prayers

Aiden & the Guida Family, Alexis, Amanda, Amy, Andrew, Barbuschak Family, Beth Flynn, Brandon, Carol Ude, Charlie & Kris Langlan, Chris, Chris T., David & Irene, Diana, Diane Link, Debbie, Debbie Potrepka, Donna Hodge & Family, Dot Logan, Ed, Elaine, Elizabeth Mary Lalor, Erick Villano, Family in Ukraine, Francesca, Gail & Marnie, Geneva O'Donnell, Hal Levi, Holly Chickos, Holly, Jan McDonald, Jim R. & Family, Joan Shaffner, John, John McPherson, Judy C., Kathy, Kathy Guida, Kira, Korey Mollor, Kris, Larry L., Lauren, Levi-Verderame Family, Lucas Sundwall, Matt R., Maureen McPherson, Mike, Mila, Minogue Family, Nate & Tyler McDonald, Nicole C., Pat Walters, Paul Pera, Rachael, Regina Schwall, Richard Testa, Sallie Alexander, Sam W., Susan Diaz, Tricia Clearwater, Turiano Family

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.



Apr 27 - Leland & Madeline Hubbard

WHAT IS A
PARISH
IN A
NEW MISSIONAL AGE?

IT IS A
COMMUNITY ...

OF THEOLOGICAL IMAGINATION

...where our hearts and minds are moved by God's presence in our lives, in our neighborhoods, and in the world;

FED BY WORD & SACRAMENT

...where our stories connect with God's story in Holy Scripture, and where we experience God's grace in baptism and Eucharist;

FORMING DISCIPLES AND APOSTLES
IN GOD'S MISSION

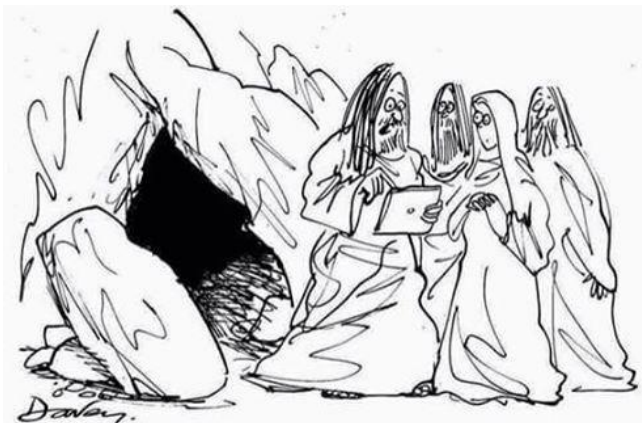
...where people grow as followers of Jesus and are sent by the Holy Spirit into the world to join God's work of restoration and reconciliation;

AND CONNECTED TO THE WIDER BODY OF CHRIST

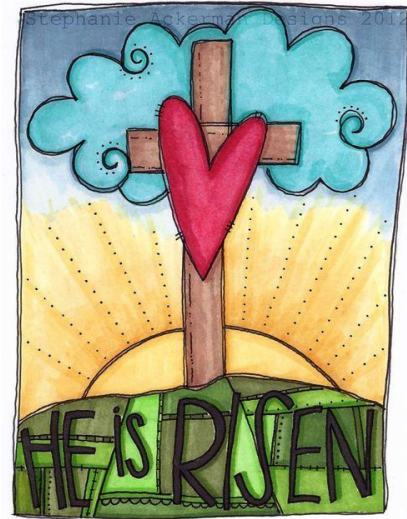
...by sharing our lives with companions in Christ across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and the wider Church.



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"He's not in there! Oh, wait - he's changed his status to 'risen' "



Easter Day

*Words cannot utter
Christ His returning:
Mankind, keep jubilee,
Strip off your mourning,
Crown you with garlands,
Set your lamps burning.*

*Speech is left speechless;
Set you to singing,
Fling your hearts open wide.
Set your bells ringing:
Christ the Chief Reaper
Comes, His sheaf bringing.*

*Earth wakes her song-birds,
Puts on her flowers.
Leads out her lambkins.
Builds up her bowers:
This is man's spousal day,
Christ's day and ours.*

-- Christina Rossetti





Archbishop of Canterbury Installation Isadora Wilkenfeld

We (officially) have a new Archbishop!

The Most Reverend Sarah Mullally was installed as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury in a festive service on March 25, capping several months of preparation and prayer. Leading up to the service of installation, the Archbishop carried out a practice that had fallen out of regular use since the medieval era: beginning in at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, she and a dedicated team made the pilgrimage to Canterbury on foot, some 87 miles and six days of walking away.

During the service on March 25, representatives from across the Anglican Communion, other Christian denominations, and members of diverse world faiths were present to support and celebrate Mullally's new archbishopric. In a letter, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV sent ecumenical greetings and warm words of friendship, calling the Archbishop his "dear sister" and, quoting the late Pope Francis and former Archbishop Justin Welby, declaring that "differences cannot prevent us from recognizing one another as brothers and sisters in Christ."

As the first-ever woman to become Archbishop of Canterbury, and with contentious debate within the Church of England and Anglican Communion around a variety of social issues, some controversy was inevitable with Mullally's installation. But the ecumenical and bridge-building affection evinced by the Pope can, perhaps, provide a guide to respectful, mutually supportive dialogue and action moving forward. Archbishop Sarah is now shepherd to a truly diverse, worldwide flock: with God's help and our prayers, may she listen well, bring people together, and strive to serve as Jesus served.

The pagentry and sermon of the service are worth watching. You can find the whole service and just highlights on The Church of England's YouTube channel.

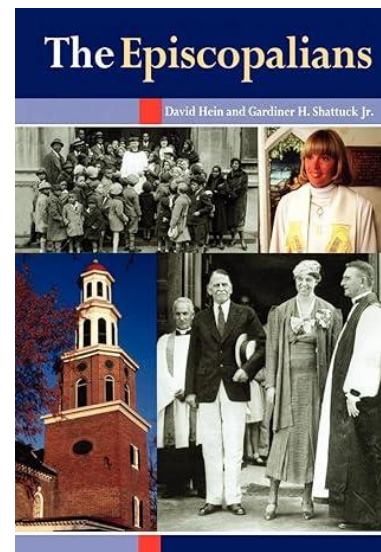


From the Bookshelf Diane Villano

I recently completed an online course, History of the Episcopal Church, from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) with Dr. Liza Anderson, also an Episcopal nun. *The Episcopalians* was one of the assigned textbooks. Written by David Hein and Gardiner H. Shattuck, Jr., it was published in 2005, and is organized in two parts. The first is a chronological history of the North American Anglican/Episcopal church. The second is an alphabetical history of major leaders. A summarized chronological history of the Episcopal Church is also included and covers 1534 to 2003.

I learned quite a lot about the difficulties of transplanting the Church of England into a totally different environment of the new world, which churches were financially supported by the states in which they were planted, and the lack of resident bishopric leadership. This book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of our church and its relationship with America's history.

I highly recommend the online Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership (CALL) courses available from CDSP. They run for seven weeks and are available in three semesters, open to anyone, lay or ordained of any denomination or none. For more information, visit cdsp.edu.



ECCT 2025-2026 Prayer Cycle



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| April 5 | Let us pray that through this Easter season, we as a diocese continue growing in faith, living in hope, and serving in love. Like the disciples that came before us, may we proclaim the joy of our Lord's resurrection in our lives, in our communities, and in our ministries. Anglican Cycle of Prayer: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico |
| April 12 | Parishes: Todos Los Santos/ All Saints', Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden Additionally: Hospital chaplains, Stephen Ministries, pastoral care groups, ministries of healing, wellness programs & recovery ministries Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola |
| April 19 | Parishes: Christ Church, Middle Haddam; St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown Additionally: Clergy whose work is not in parishes, multi-vocational priests, supply clergy & those whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) |
| April 26 | Parishes: St. Andrew's, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton Additionally: Parishes in transition, transition teams & interim clergy Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) |

Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

| | FEB | (UNDER)/OVER BUDGET | YTD | (UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET |
|----------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| INCOME | \$ 13,662.96 | (\$ 1,347.04) | \$ 21,149.13 | (\$ 1,065.87) |
| EXPENSES | \$ 14,944.78 | \$ 3,529.88 | \$ 30,786.03 | \$ 3,106.23 |
| NET | (\$ 1,281.82) | (\$ 4,876.92) | (\$ 9,636.90) | (\$ 4,172.10) |

Notes: Although income is under budget the discrepancy is only due to timing of a large pledge. In real terms our income is right on track. On the expense side we were hit by large fuel bills and snow expenses. This has hurt us and we will need to make that cost up later in the year.

Next Issue The deadline for the May issue is April 24th. 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.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING SCHEDULE (APR)

Safe Church Certification is a requirement of The Episcopal Church for all persons serving in these roles/areas: Acolyte, Altar Guild, Bible Study, Communications, Crucifer, Fund Raising, Hospitality, Lay Reader, Music, Officiant, Pastoral Visitor, Property Management, Technology, Thrift Store, Treasurer, Usher, Warden, or Worship Committee. Comprehensive trainings take about five hours to complete and are done once. Recertification training is done every three years after the comprehensive training is completed.

April 1, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Recertification via Zoom

April 11, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Comprehensive in-person (Trinity Hartford)

April 15, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Recertification via Zoom

April 25, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Comprehensive in-person (Holy Spirit West Haven)

Register online at www.episcopalct.org

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

| | April 2 Maundy Thursday | April 3 Good Friday | April 5 Easter | April 12 | April 19 | April 26 |
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| Service | Eucharist | Eucharist | Eucharist | Morning Prayer | Eucharist | Morning Prayer |
| Presider/ Officiant | Rev. Charles Kamano | Rev. Charles Kamano | Rev. Charles Kamano | Anthony Reckart | Rev. Charles Kamano | Brad Conant |
| Crucifer | George Coulombe | George Coulombe | Kristina Langlan | | George Coulombe | |
| Acolyte | George Coulombe | George Coulombe | George Coulombe | | Kristina Langlan | |
| Lay Reader | Wendy Bellmore | Barbara Parsons | Terry Osmun | Kristina Langlan | Judy Herzman | Wendy Bellmore |
| Usher | Barbara Parsons | Diane Villano | Kathy & Ken Dougherty | George Coulombe | Barbara Parsons | Kristina Langlan |
| Zoom Tech | Susan Shultz | Susan Shultz | Susan Shultz | Susan Shultz | Susan Shultz | Susan Shultz |
| Lead Counter | | | Susan Shultz | Astrid Swanson | George Coulombe | Susan Shultz |
| Asst Counter | | | Judy Herzman | Melanie Miller | Barbara Coulombe | Judy Herzman |

Clergy, Vestry and Staff

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Priest-in-charge | Rev. Charles L. Kamano |
| Senior Warden | Diane Villano (& Safe Church) |
| Junior Warden | Barbara Parsons (& Outreach) |
| Treasurer | Susan Shultz (& Technology) |
| Clerk | Isadora Wilkenfeld |
| Vestry Member | Ray Clearwater |
| Vestry Member | Astrid Swanson |
| Vestry Member | Pat Walters |
| Vestry Member | Brad Conant |
| Vestry Member | Beverly Yurgiewicz |
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| Music Director | Barbara Coulombe |
| Parish Administrator | Diane Rowley |
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| Worship Committee Chair | George Coulombe |
| Altar Guild Directress | Carol Link-Ude |
| Communications Chair | Audrey Sundwall |
| Hospitality Chair | (open) |

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