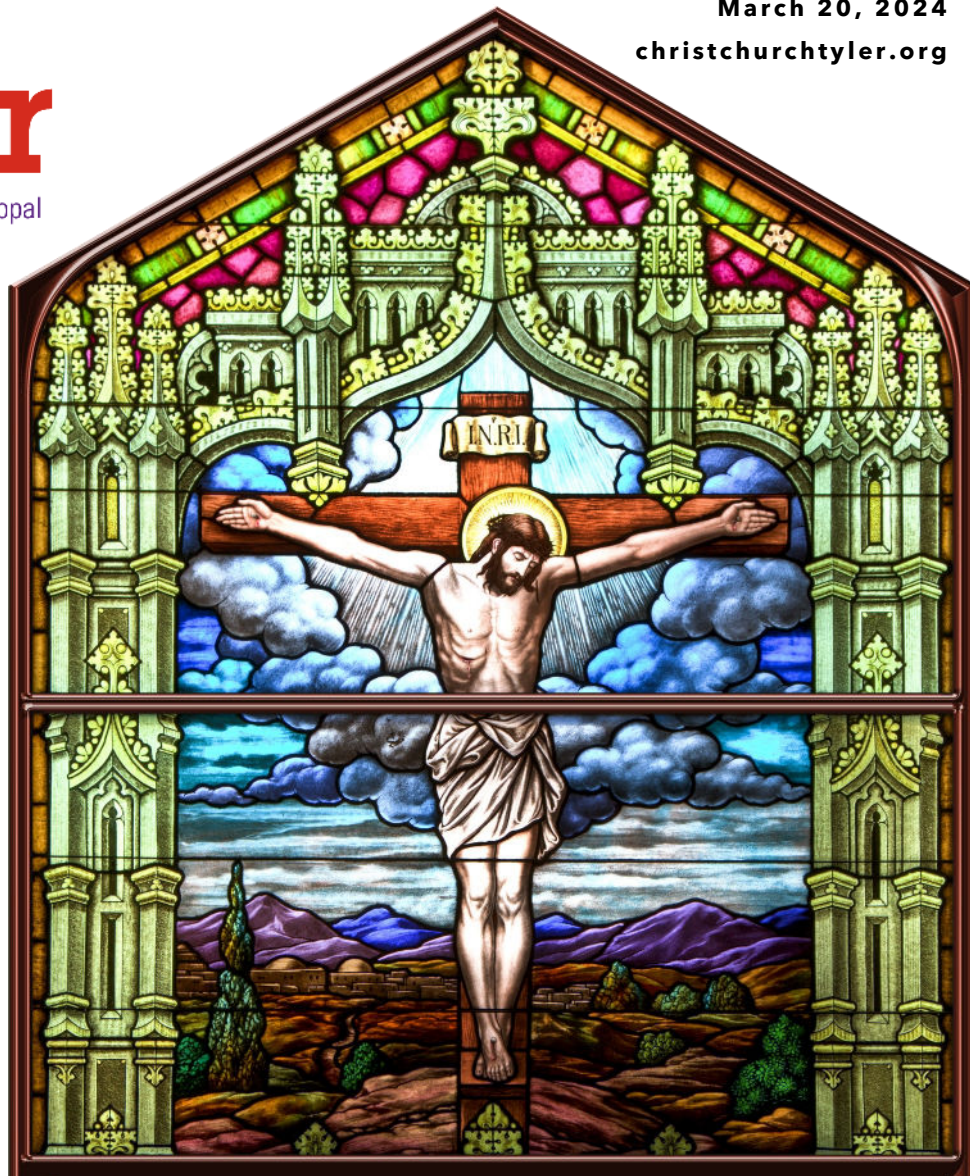


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FROM THE RECTOR:

" . . . Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here . . ." Mark 16.1-7

Years ago, in the early hours of a beautiful Easter Sunday morning, a congregation gathered outside to celebrate at the sunrise service. As the first light of dawn broke over the horizon, and the musicians strummed the first notes of the opening hymn, a curious sound broke the air. From the nearby farm, a rooster began to crow, then another, then another.

The roosters' loud cries echoed across the hillside. At first, the congregation was taken aback, even a bit frustrated with the interruption. But as they stood to sing, their smiles suppressed soft chuckles. The preacher remarked that as the rooster heralded the dawn of a new day, the Resurrection ushered in a new era of redemption and hope for all people.

On Easter Sunday, Christ Church will join with voices of several billion Christians throughout the world, celebrating with great joy the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Christ is Risen! Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at Christ Church.

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

David H

Lent is long in the same way that life is long.

Lent feels like it is taking forever when you are in the midst of it, having sworn off coffee or chocolate or meat for forty days, jonesing for what you don't have and will again soon.

Life too can seem to stretch on forever, as we are waiting for the weekend, our next vacation, or even just the end of a long conversation (or sermon!) we've tired of hearing.

But in hindsight, Lent (like life) seems to have just passed us by. "What?" we think, "Where did the past month go? It's already Easter."

God in his providence allows us the season of Lent to empty out space in our lives for God to fill. We empty out this space by denying ourselves some good, by giving away something that we have to those in need, or by hollowing out hours for prayer.

And this is good.

But Lent brings with it unique temptations. The most pernicious of these is the switch that we might be tempted to make to thinking about Lent as something meritorious we give to God to make him like us better.

Here is what I mean: Instead of thanking God for beer or lattes or steaks and setting these gifts aside for a while so that we might stoke our hunger and thirst for righteousness, we might start hearing ourselves think, "Man, I'm such a good Christian. I'm so disciplined God must be pleased with me. He might even owe me something special for all I've given up."

The Lenten disciple changes from being a means to draw near to God and instead becomes a buffer we create between God and ourselves, a self-constructed defense against the truth that we are sinners and God loves us anyways.

The New Testament teaches us that "God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8, NRSV). God loved us and gave himself for us, before we had any chips to bargain with. And from that love God made a way in Christ so that we know a "person is justified not by the works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:15). So the freedom and forgiveness we enjoy as Christians starts with God's love and is opened to us in Jesus, all as a free gift that we don't really have any claim on. It's really too much. And it's ours, thanks to the grace of God.

Lent is meant to be a time to respond with thanks to this gift. But if we're not careful, it can become the time where we try to convince ourselves that we didn't really need the gift to begin with, and that if we could only try a little harder we might not need to be forgiven at all.

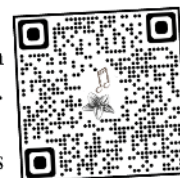
As Easter closes in, let's finish Lent well, remembering everything is grace, and it always will be.



Easter Flowers & Music

You are invited to participate in the Feast of the Resurrection at Christ Church through the Easter flower fund &/or underwriting the music.

Please complete this form by scanning the QR code or go to christchurchtyler.org/easter-flowers if you wish to contribute & make a dedication. **Deadline: Thursday, March 21, 2024**





Holy Week *and* Easter

PALM SUNDAY | March 24, 2024
Downtown 7:30am, 9:00am**, 11:00am* | South 11:05am**

HOLY SATURDAY | March 30
EASTER EGG HUNT 10:00am South
The GREAT VIGIL of EASTER 8:00pm Downtown

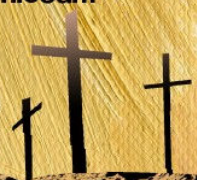
HOLY MON, TUES, WED | March 25, 26, 27
Noon Eucharist Downtown

EASTER SUNDAY | March 31
Downtown 7:30am, 9:00am**, 11:00am*
South 7:00am (outdoor sunrise service) & 11:05am**

MAUNDY THURSDAY RITES | March 28
7:00pm* Downtown

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY | March 29
Noon Downtown
STATIONS of the CROSS 1:15pm Downtown

*Darkness has been vanquished
by our eternal King!*



*Nursery available **Children's Chapel

Music For Holy Week at Christ Church

March 24 **Palm Sunday**

- 9:00 Anthem: *He Comes*, Michael Bedford (Cherub & Carol Choirs)
- Anthem: *Hosanna to the Son of David*, Arthur Hutchings
- 11:00 Anthem: *Hosanna to the Son of David*, Arthur Hutchings

March 28 **Maundy Thursday** 7:00 pm *In the Nave*

- Anthem: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*, Robert Leaf (Tina Beason, *clarinet*)
- Anthem: *For God So Loved The World*, Noël Goemanne

March 29 **Good Friday** Noon *In the Nave*

- Anthem at the Veneration: *Have Mercy, Lord* from St. Matthew Passion, J.S. Bach
- Anthem at Communion: *Wilt Thou Forgive?*, K. Lee Scott
- Holly Marsh, *soprano*; Michelle Hanlon, *violin*

March 30 **Great Vigil** 8:00pm *In the Nave*

- Anthem: *Awake, Thou Wintry Earth* from *Cantata 129*, J.S. Bach
- Anthem: *Hallelujah* from *Messiah*, G.F. Handel

March 31 **Easter Sunday** 9:00 & 11:00 *In the Nave*

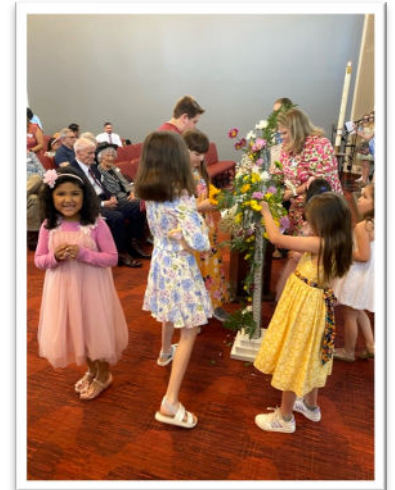
- Anthem: *Awake, Thou Wintry Earth* from *Cantata 129*, J.S. Bach
- Anthem: *Hallelujah* from *Messiah*, G.F. Handel
- Brass Quartet: Lane Clevenger, Christina Colley, Austin Seybert, Sam Labordus



children's ministry
Kimber Short,
Director of Children's Ministry



Flowering of the Cross
EASTER SUNDAY
9:00am Downtown
11:05 South Campus



CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

3/20 Abigail Jensen, 3/21 Joy Weissmann, 3/29 Anna Kate Dickerson, 4/1 Jonathan Fennell,
4/4 Robbie Meals, 4/7 Reagan Cassity, 4/7 Malachi Boone

student ministry
Sarah Jones,
Director of Student Ministries

Easter is almost here! The day after Easter is the official start of spring in my mind, even if the weather is already hot. Time speeds up between then and the end of the school year. Confirmation classes will finish up, youth Sunday will be here in a flash, school activities will sneak up on me, and then it will be summer. It will go fast and I will try to keep up.

Upcoming dates:

Youth bowling night at Green Acres March 23rd 6-8pm

Youth Sunday May 12th

Confirmation June 2nd

Sarah Jones



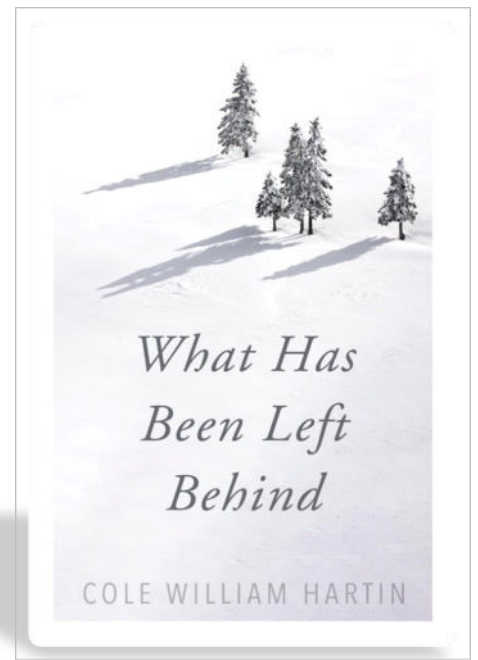


South Campus Sundays
10:00am
April 14, 21, 28 & May 5

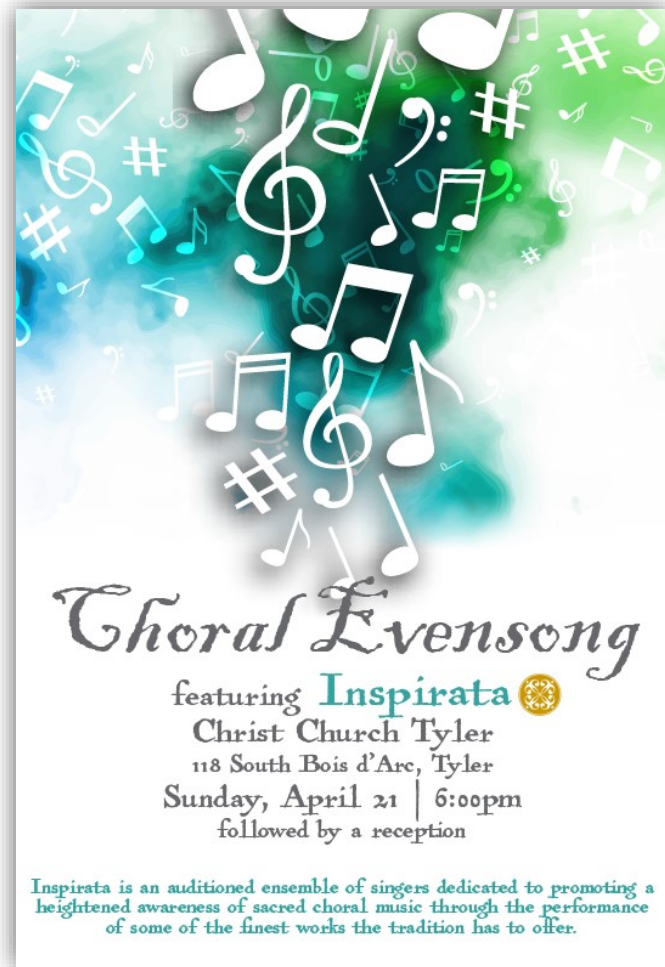
contact Kimber for more info:
kshort@christchurchtyler.org

First Communion is Pentecost Sunday May 19

SAVE THE DATES!



Fr. Cole has published a book of poetry, get your copy at the Christ Church Gift Shop!
giftshop@christchurchtyler.org



thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Isabelle, Tommy, Lorelei, Cody, Paul, Lucy, Amber, Lindzey, Dylan, Amber, Briggs, Margaret, Maggie, Jennifer, Linda, Chris, Mike, Mark, Marian, Dalton, Verdie, Stacy, Lily, Susie, Noah, Mike, Vicki, Josh, Katie, Johnny, Harley, Jennifer, Jasper, Lynne, Scott, Bruce, Kyle, JC, Elizabeth, Becky, Jeremy, Mary Elizabeth, Steve, Brenda, George, Nancy, Chuck, Jerry, Tony, Bess

The Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Cuba; The Episcopal Church: Dioceses of Eu Claire (WI) & El Camino Real (CA) Diocese of Texas: St. Luke's—Belton & St. Peter's—Brenham

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Prayer list will be re-set April 14. Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine if you'd like to keep or add someone to the prayer list 903.530.8168 or ssti@tjc.edu.

upcoming

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
DOK Quiet Day
11:00am—3 @ Bobbie Schroeder's

SUN, MARCH 24 Palm Sunday
First Communion
9:00am|CCD
Reception at 10:00
Christian Formation begins @ 10:15

MARCH 25-31
Holy Week & Easter
See graphic on p.3 for all the details

MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY
See graphic on p.3 for all the details
Easter Reception
no Christian Formation
10:00am both campuses

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
Supper Club
6:00pm RSVP by 4/12

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
Choral Evensong
followed by a reception
6:00pm | CCD

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Crawfish Boil
Save the date

FRIDAY, MAY 3
Golf Tournament

christchurchtyler.org/golf-tournament

SUNDAY, MAY 5
Summer Service Hours
begin Downtown
Holy Eucharist 7:30 & 10
Christian Formation
9:00am

SUNDAY, MAY 12
Youth Sunday



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Lectionary for upcoming Sundays

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11a, Psalm 118:19-29,
Isaiah 45:21-25 or Isaiah 52:13--53:12
Psalm 22:1-21, Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:32-15:47

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43, Isaiah 25:6-9,
Psalm 118:14-29, Colossians 3:1-4, Mark 16:1-8



Holy Baptism

The next scheduled date for baptisms is Sunday, April 7, 2024. If interested in baptism on this date, please contact the church office, 903-597-9854 or office@christchurchtyler.org.

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Worship Schedule

Sundays

7:30 am **CCD**: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*
9:00 am **CCD**: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*
11:00 am~ **CCD**: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*
11:05 am~ **CCS**: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*
~ live-streamed christchurchtyler.org

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CCS: Christ Church *South*, 15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703

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