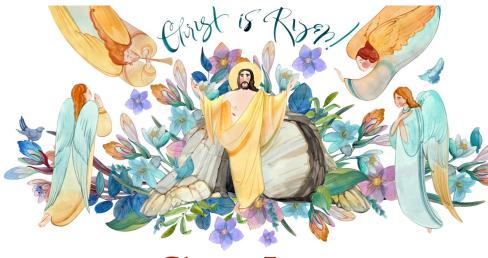
# The Canticle



## **Clergy Letter**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Happy Easter, my CTK family! May has come and Mother's Day is rapidly approaching as we continue our Easter Celebration throughout this month of festive transition from spring into the end of the school year and summer "break" (for our children anyway).

As we continue in our liturgies to explore the occasions of divine encounter between Christ's followers and the risen Lord, we are called and called again into the mystery of Easter. Over the past three weeks, we've already explored some of that mystery together, but the enormity of the occasion is part of why this fifty-day-long season is as long as it is. Christ's disciples struggled not only to believe that he had risen, but also to understand their calling to participate in Christ's resurrection as they discovered time and again Christ alive in their midst. The raising back to life of someone who had been executed and laid for eternal rest in a tomb was no more expected in their time than it is in our own, yet Jesus' followers kept encountering him until they could no longer NOT believe. In the garden outside the tomb, Mary Magdalene came to believe. Locked in the upper room, encountering Jesus twice, the apostles, finally including Thomas, came to believe. On the Emmaus road, two more disciples walked with Christ, who became known to them in the breaking of the bread. On the beach, Jesus ate fish with the apostles, reconciled with Peter, and recalled him to follow as a disciples and a leader. And on the mountain, Jesus bid them all farewell, commissioning them to preach the gospel to all-regardless of nation of origin.

However we may take these stories of faith and divine encounter, the mystery of Easter invites us into God's love as a power stronger than death and the grave, that rekindles hope, light, and life within us—calling us with Christ's disciples to live into this mystery of participation in resurrection life. With the disciples' collective awe this Sunday, we continue to remember experiences of Christ's presence even after his departure from our world. And we continue to recognize that when two or three are gathered, Christ is with us. In a very real sense, Christ continues to appear amongst us as we encounter him in one another and in the world around us. We continue to find our faith strengthened and our lives enriched in communities of mutual love and support where Christ's mission and ministry is being carried out right here and right now. In short, we continue living into this calling to be resurrection people in a world in desperate need of hope, life, light, and love.

With the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost ("fiftieth day"), this season of Easter will transition from the Mystery of the Resurrection into the triumph of

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### **CTK Vision Statement:**

We believe that God is calling Christ the King to create a spiritual home where

- \* We center ourselves in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
- We build connections among our members and our neighbors, and
- We join with our neighbors in caring for our community and God's world.

Website: www.ctkarvada.org

Check us out on Facebook!

We're also on YouTube!

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### **Worship Services**

Sunday, May 7 Holy Eucharist 9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, May 14 Holy Eucharist 9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, May 21 Holy Eucharist 9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, May 28 Holy Eucharist 9:30am - Church & YouTube

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Please submit articles by the 15th of the prior month.

Christ's life and teachings carried on in those same ordinary disciples whose lives were turned upside down by God's call. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, they rose from their crumbled hopes and lives to lead and build the early church, baptizing new members and families in the same way that we continue to do so two-thousand some years later—in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. With them, we continue to be called into the life and ministry of our Risen Christ, to be ambassadors of God's abundance and to live out God's love in our world today. We continue to bring Christ to life in our gatherings and our chance encounters, as we work together to change the lives of those around us by the simple and profound gift of loving them.

As we continue to carry on the hopes and dreams of the earliest church, may this season of wrapping our hearts and minds around the mystery of what Christ's resurrection means to us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century be a rich and welcome blessing to us. May we continue to pray for and work toward solutions to the struggles of our community and our world. And may we continue to encounter the Risen Christ in all the unexpected corners of our lives.

Blessings,

Austin

## Worship and Music

### Online and In –person Services Available

Services Available Sunday Worship, 9:30am Our services are currently being held in the church with masks recommended with social distancing when possible and live streamed on YouTube along with the opportunity to participate via Zoom.



### Weekday Services



### <u>Compline – Wednesdays, 8:30pm</u>

The service of Compline "completes" the day; it usually takes about 20 minutes. Merri Crawford will be leading this service each week; others are welcome to share leadership with her as you become familiar with this service. Compline is currently held on Zoom. Contact the office for a Zoom in-

vite or see the Weekly Update for a link.

### Morning Prayer – Fridays, 8:00am

Now, you can join in from home through Zoom. Ros Patterson, Jean Thayer and Jessica Starbird will lead the service; others are welcome to lead as you are comfortable.

### Handbell and Vocal Choir Meetings

Chi Rho Handbell Choir meets on Monday evenings and Worshiping Voices choir practices on Thursday evenings. Please contact Andi if you're interested in joining one or both of the choirs and for more information.

### A Musical Note by Andi Smith

When you hear the word 'season', what do you think of? Most of us probably think Spring . . . Or summer . . . . or fall . . . or winter. Season can also be adding spices to enhance the flavor of our food. We have seasons in our church liturgical year like, Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter. When one season ends, another one begins. I also tend to think of seasons for the vocal and handbell choirs, fall and spring. We are coming to the end of our spring season, and the time is fast approaching for them to take a summer break. It's time for the members to take some time off and get some rest. We'll return in the fall, refreshed and recharged, ready to enhance the flavor of our services. As you may have noticed, the number of singers and ringers is pretty small. We would really love to have more voices and more hands to join. Perhaps you would like to join either (or both) groups in the fall. What about you? Are you ready for the next season? Meanwhile, for the month of May, would you join me in offering thanks for each person in CTK's music ministry.

Why Am I Worth It?

I sit and I wonder and pray to God, why? Why did you send Jesus to suffer and die?

He came as a baby, so tiny and so small; He was a King, yet was born in a stall.

*He came armed with Truth; a message of love; He came to bring Peace and strength from above.* 

*Why did He do it? I wonder and pray; Why did He choose to come in this way?* 

*Why was He willing to go through the pain? To be crucified? What was He to gain?* 

*He spoke to my heart and He mentioned my name; He told me He loved me and that's why he came.* 

I'm no one special, but He's right by my side; To comfort, to strengthen, to love and to guide.

I'm a child of His; more worthy than gold; His arms to surround me, His hand I can hold.

*Why am I worth it? I ask and I pray. His simple reply: Because I made you that way.* 

> April 21, 2003 Andi Smith



We would like to thank everyone who has so generously helped our son, Joe, throughout his healing. He is healing fairly well. He has an appointment in mid -May with the spine specialist. We are

praying that he will be cleared to return to work at that time. Your assistance has helped him to pay his bills in March and April. He just needs to get through May. He has been able to do some driving for Lyft and while it's not something he wants to do on a permanent basis, he's able to keep up with some bills. As you can imagine, he's going stir crazy and looking forward to the day when he can stop wearing his back brace. Please keep him in your prayers for continued healing. Again, Bill and I are so grateful for everything you have done for him. ~ Andi and Bill Smith

## **Faith Formation**

### Bible Study Group Tuesdays in May @ 2:00pm, hybrid

The Bible Study group, led by Rev. Austin, meets weekly on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm in the parish hall and on Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing the Book of Numbers. All are welcome to join. Bring a Bible!

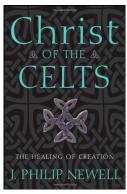


### CTK Book Club Mondays at 3:00pm on Zoom

The Book Club begins *Fierce* by Alice Connor. A Zoom link can be found in the Weekly Update of contact the office for a Zoom invite.

### Adult Forum Sundays at 11:30am, hybrid

What is grace? What if we as Christians have been focusing too much on the relationship of grace to our sins and not enough on how God's grace is connected to our goodness? Hildegard of Bingen was a 12th century abbess, preacher, musician, herbalist, painter, and poet who often wrote about the greening of God being the life force



that is pulsing throughout the universe, nurturing God's love and goodness in everything that is. Come green the goodness of God's grace in your life through this interactive series where we will be creatively making our ideas and questions of God's grace and goodness in our lives and reading *Christ of the Celts: The Healing of Creation by J. Philip Newell.* 

This series will be co-led by Rev. Dr. Austin Leininger and Angela Hummel. Angela has a BA, and MA in Theology and is currently working on her Doctorate in Ministry at Illiff school of Theology. Angela has created a method for exploring ideas and questions about God through making art, what she calls, Art Theology. Her ideas have been published by TEDx and the Wabash foundation. We are extremely grateful to the Episcopal Church and the Roanridge grant for funding that has made this opportunity possible.

We begin with Art Theology on May 7th in the Chapel at 11:30am. Prelude and Chapters 1-2 on May 14th please bring a copy of *Christ of the Celts: The Healing of Creation by J. Philip Newell.* Copies can be purchased at <u>Amazon</u> or <u>Christianbooks.com</u>.

## **Caring Connections**



### **Open Offering for May**

The Open Plate Offering for May will go to the CTK General Fund. Thank you for all your generosity.

### Breakfast at The Rising Thursday, May 2, 8:00a.m.

Christ the King will be serving breakfast at The Rising in Olde Town Arvada on Thursday, May 2. All are welcome to help. Please contact Mary Beattie if interested.



### Climate Care Group No Meeting in May

Our CTK Climate Care team is working on a few environmentally friendly projects for the next few months:

- 1. Mike Paugh has written an informative piece about various resources concerning electronic recycling (see below).
- 2. Instead of our May meeting on Zoom, some of the Climate Care team will be visiting a new nursery in west Arvada called Finding Nectar, on Saturday, April 29th. This nursery sells primarily pollinator plants, so we are hoping to find a few new plants for Gary's Garden.

- 3. Mike Paugh has the Adopt-A-Plot chart displayed in the Narthex, please sign up!
- 4. The Dream Books recycling receptacle is located in the southwest corner of the main parking lot, please donate any books, DVDs, CDs, or video games, thank you!
- 5. Jeneene Lowe is heading up our can recycling mission, please talk to her about either bringing in cans or bringing in the money from recycling them.

Thank you to our CTK community for all of your support! We feel like you are always so open to the many ideas that we continue to learn about ourselves!



### Crafters of the King Monday, May 8, 10:00a.m.— Noon, Library Saturday, May 20, 10:00a.m.— 3:00p.m., Parish Hall

As we move into May 2023, the CTK Crafters will be working on their projects related to our group's original four options:

- Crocheting or knitting prayer shawls or lap robes for those facing personal challenges; these are blessed and can be obtained by parishioners as a gift for a loved one. The item offers a feeling of support and warmth to those suffering through difficult times. Contact the CTK Office for more information.
- Creating warm hats and scarves for the homeless and others who visit the special outreach program at The Rising in Old Town Arvada and St Clare's Table.
- Researching and creating a variety of projects for sale at the annual CTK Craft Fair. We already have some exciting new ideas to offer greater variety and appeal.
- Working on our own individual projects.



### **Electronic Recycling**

The Climate Care Team investigated doing an electronic recycling event this summer. We found that an event like this isn't feasible for us to do. This is based on a limited number of recyclers to work with. We decided to provide information about electronic recycling options available near us instead of hosting an event.

One of the cheapest options is your local Best Buy store. They will accept up to three items per household per day. There is no charge for most items. They charge \$30 per item for tube televisions smaller than 32 inches and flat panel screens. For details, see the Best Buy web site at bestbuy.com. Another local option that many of you might already use is SustainAbility. This is a local recycler that hires differently abled people to work there. They recently moved their collection facility in Arvada and are in the process of re-locating to Broomfield, but they still accept a wide variety of items for recycling, including electronics. SustainAbility accepts computer towers, laptops, loose cables, and a few other items for free. Other electronic items can be recycled for between 55 and 85 cents per pound. All batteries must be removed from any items to be recycled. Click <u>here</u> for a full list of what they will accept, and prices.

Chemicals and metals in electronic equipment are bad for the environment. Dumping electronics in landfills is not the answer. Please consider recycling the old gear you have around the house. The Canticle

### **Caring Connections Continued**

Here are the activities we have planned for May 2023:

- Monday, May 8: Regular CTK Crafters gathering in the library from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. Join us for wonderful warm fellowship, good times and project sharing, and get to know our most welcome new members.
- Saturday, May 20: Open House Crafting gathering from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Kempsell Hall. Feel free to drop in and join the combined group gathering. Stay as long as you are able, and feel free to bring your lunch if you wish.

Please contact Kay Seiler 303 460-9234 or Peggy Broderick 303 954-0243 if you have any questions.



**No Place for Racism** 

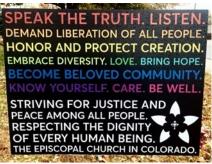
### Conversations on Racial Justice and Reconciliation Tuesday, May 9 & May 23 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

"If one really wishes to know how justice is administered in a country, one does not question the policemen, the lawyers, the judges, or the protected members of the middle class. One goes to the unprotected — those, precisely, who need the law's protection most! — and listens to their testimony." — James Baldwin, No Name on the Street

**Conversations** – We are individuals gathered to share our experiences and knowledge knowing none of have the whole picture. We are committed to staying in relationship to share, discuss, listen, and grow together. We may not always agree, but we always respect each other and strive to be a living example of the Beloved Community. Racial and Social Justice - In a continually shifting national and world landscape, we believe the pursuit of racial and social justice is more important than ever. Please JOIN US as we continue our journey to expand our knowledge of history, enhance our awareness of situations and policies that stand in the way of racial and social justice in our community and nation today and explore avenues of action that bring needed change. Reconciliation - Our desire is to create, foster and live in Beloved Community where love, human dignity, equality, and compassion are offered to and shared by all.

As a group we are pleased and excited to support our Vestry decision to engage our CTK family in becoming a BE-LIEVE OUT LOUD Episcopal Congregation. You can read more about this on the <u>Diocesan Website</u> and <u>www.believeoutloud.com</u>. During May our conversations will center on what it means to open our doors and our hearts in welcome and affirmation for all Gods children.

**Recommended:** Have you noticed the sign in our West yard? Take a picture of our sign! Post it on your social media page. Put the picture on your bedside table. Pray it. Preach it. Love it. Live it.



### St. Clare's Table Tuesday, May 9, 3:30p.m.

Each month, the Church of Christ the King prepares and serves dinner for about 80 people at St. Clare's Table, located at the Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Mary in Denver. Carpooling is available contact Mark with any questions.

### Ladies Bunco Tuesday, May 16, 11:00 am

MAY LADIES' BUNCO has moved to the third Tuesday in May to Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Kempsell Hall. Our April Bunco Queen is Jeneene Lowe, second place was a tie Jo Ann and Kay, third place is Andi Smith. If you were not able to join us in April, maybe you can join us in May. Please bring a snack to share. I will provide the soda and paper products. We plan to be meeting monthly from May through October in 2023, now on the third Tuesday of the month. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex a couple of weeks in advance of the scheduled Daytime Ladies Bunco date. All ladies are welcome and you may bring your friends. If you have any questions contact Kay Seiler 303-460-9234.

### Open House Craft Day Saturday, May 20, 10:00am—3:00pm

This day is open to all crafters in our church and our community. Participants are welcome to come at any time and stay for as long as you like. Please bring your own food and beverages.

### **Reserve your Space!**

Trunk Sale coming June 17, 8:00am to 4:00pm to the CTK parking lot. A sign up sheet can be found in the narthex. Items that do not sell must be taken home by seller. No space fee,



just share 50% of any profits made with CTK. We will be grilling hot dogs and selling baked goods.

## Food For Thought



### The First Book Of Common Prayer Commemoration Monday, May 29

In 1549, under the reign of Edward VI, successor to Henry VIII, the primary language of public worship in England and other areas ruled by Edward was changed from Latin to

English, and the first <u>Book of Common Prayer</u> came into use. It was first used on Pentecost Sunday, 9 June 1549, and the occasion is now commemorated "on the first convenient day following Pentecost." The Book was the work of a commission of scholars, but primarily of <u>Thomas</u> <u>Cranmer</u>, Archbishop of Canterbury.

### See full article by James Kiefer.

Almighty and everliving God, who, through the Book of Common Prayer restored the language of the people in the prayers of your Church: Make us always thankful for this heritage; and help us so to pray in the Spirit and with the understanding, that we may worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Beyond Our Walls**

### **Family Camps**

<u>Cathedral Ridge</u> invites you to unplug, relax and delight in the beauty of God's creation. Enjoy a long weekend of delicious meals, arts & crafts, hikes, high ropes and archery, field games, worship, s'mores and more. Each family stays in a private room in Lupine Lodge. Intergenerational and age -appropriate activities will be offered. Episcopal clergy will serve as chaplains and lead Sunday's outdoor Eucharist. Come and join us for a time of rest and renewal. Uncoming camps include:

Upcoming camps include:

- Intergenerational Pride Camp, June 15-18, 2023
- Intergenerational Creation Care Camp, June 22-25, 2023
- Grown Up Camp, June 29-July 2, 2023



## Parish Life

### May Birthdays

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of life. And we thank you especially for bestowing this gift upon these, your people. Guard them, protect them, uphold them and strengthen them for your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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### **May Anniversaries**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of love, especially the love that is shared between two people in marriage. Pour your grace upon them, O Lord, that they may be strengthened and sustained in the covenant they share. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Linscome, Kama & Mitchell, Harry	May 04
Starbird, Dane & Jessica	May 28

### **Readings for May**

May7—Fifth Sunday of Easter		
Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	
1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14	

May 14—Sixth Sunday of EasterActs 17:22-31Psalm 66:7-181 Peter 3:13-22John 14:15-21

May 21—SeventhSunday of EasterActs 1:6-14Psalm 68:1-10, 33-361 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11John 17:1-11

May 28—Day of Pentecost or WhitsundayActs 2:1-21Psalm 104:25-35, 371 Corinthians 12:3b-13John 20:19-23

### Fixers & Tenders and Parish Clean Up

Due to inclement weather last month we were not able to address the outside of the building during Parish Clean Up day. We will try again on May 13, 9:00a.m. Contact Mike Paugh with any questions.

## **Vestry Corner**

### **Vestry Update**

The financials for March showed that we are still a little behind the amount needed for the budgeted expenses. We collected \$17,562.75 in pledges and \$846.75 for the Ralston House. We do have reserves to keep up current bills. We thank you for your generosity. Everything we do is because of your support.

A church cleanup was scheduled for April 22 to be held indoors in case of bad weather. The Adopt a Plot map is in the Narthex for parishioners to help with the weed control of the property. We will continue to look into the possibility of getting solar panels on the Chapel roof and flat roof. This should be a positive for us in reducing Electricity costs.

The Vestry approved the request by the YMCA to use Kempsell Hall and a classroom for summer activities. This should help us financially. The Racial Justice and Reconciliation group presented a request for CTK to join the Believe Out Loud practice. The Vestry approved and more information will follow. Phil Goodman presented the information for a "Trunk Sale" on June 17. People will bring items for sale and showcase them out of their trunks in the parking lot. The Vestry approved the event and you will see more information. The Vestry was informed that Ros Patterson will be retiring soon. She will still be here until we find a replacement. We will celebrate her years of service at CTK when the actual date or her departure approaches.

Other items discussed: An Episcopal 101 class will be presented in the fall, possibly September. A book study on Christ of the Celts and a class in Art Theology will be presented in May. Look for more info.

The Vestry voted to not require any masks and to remove the blue x's from the pews. The entire Nave will be open for use.

Barbara Jenníngs, Seníor Warden

**Treasurer's Report** Income/Expense Report - March 2023

#### Year to Date as of March 31, 2023

YTD total Income	\$69,795.23
YTD total Expenses	\$76,431.42
YTD net income	-\$6,636.19

*YTD* = *Year to Date* 



Gift Cards - Not just for giving!

Gift cards bought through the RaiseRight program can be a gift for yourself and the church. Buy cards to your favorite places; Walmart, amazon.com, Arby's, Wendy's (full list) and use them yourself at any time. With the Scrip mobile app it's even easier to purchase and use e-gift cards, use enrollment code 23D7D74L55288 to set up an account. Or you can print an order form and mail it to the church with your check or hand it in Sunday to receive a physical card. RaiseRight orders are placed on the last Monday of the Month. Have questions about the RaiseRight Program contact Barbara Jennings

### Place your RaiseRight order by Sunday, May 28th!

### Gift Cards Help Support Our Parish!

It's true! Every time you use a gift card purchased here at the church—through Shop with Scrip, Safeway or King Soopers, you help support the ministry of Christ the King. And it's easy to start!

• *Safeway* offers reloadable cards, available through the <u>church office</u> (303-424 -5288); or Sunday morning. We receive a rebate of 4% every time you reload your card.



Shop with Scrip offers gift cards from hundreds of familiar retailers, in amounts that vary from \$10 to \$500.
Rebates to the church range from 1.5% to 18%, depending on the retailer.



• For *King Soopers*, you'll need to designate Christ the King as the organization you would like to support by linking your loyalty card at <u>www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/</u> <u>community-rewards</u>, using code LM 737.

The money from these gift cards programs is directed to our operating budget and it is a really easy way to help support our church.

## May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 S:00pm Book Club	2	3	<b>4</b> 8:00am Break- fast at the Rising	5 Second Second	6
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