

# Christ Lutheran Church Community News

March 30, 2022

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## CLC Transition

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Keep those CATs coming! 48 people (roughly 40%) have returned their online Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) to the Transition Team. The rest of **you have until Sunday, April 10** (Palm Sunday) to complete and return your survey.

Your responses will inform the Congregation Profile which will be used to identify a clergy candidate whose gifts closely align with CLC's plans for mission and ministry in the years ahead.

The team asks that each family member, including young adults, complete the survey. If you prefer to fill out a paper copy, contact Gretchen in the church office at of [ice@christnatick.org](mailto:ice@christnatick.org) and request a hard copy.

If you did not receive the link, please contact a member of the Transition Team:

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## Music Notes

### Tom Berryman, Music Director

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#### Hymns for Sunday, April 3 Lent 5

Gathering Hymn: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart ELW 750 vv1 and 2

Hymn of the Day: Christ, the Life of All the Living ELW 339 vv 1 and 3

Offertory Hymn: Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW 186

Communion Hymn: I Received the Living God ELW 447

Sending Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory ELW 324 vv 1 and 4

The aria "Aus Liebe will mein Heiland sterben" occupies a central place in the Bach *St. Matthew Passion* (1724), a 2 1/2 hour work for chorus, orchestra and soloists, recounting the judgement and death of Jesus. The soprano soloist reflects on how the Savior accepts death willingly, out of love for us. Bach's very spare setting features a duet between the soprano and flute, accompanied by two oboes. Unusually, no bass or keyboard is included. "Aus Liebe" will serve as the Offertory Music this Sunday, with soprano, Christine Jay and flutist, Anne Weaver. [Here is a performance by members of the Netherlands Bach Society.](#)

### Also this Sunday,

-the CLC Choir will be singing Heinrich Schütz' setting of Psalm 137, "Beside the Streams of Babylon." Kim Petot, Celeste Larson and John Whitlock will sing a setting of the same text by Michael Praetorius during the Distribution.

-the Prelude and Postlude feature movements from the Bach Sonata in E Major for flute and keyboard, with Anne Weaver, flute.

### Support local live music!

The Boston Cecilia (John Whitlock)<http://www.bostoncecilia.org/> presents the world premiere of *Our Transcendental Passion* by Paul John Rudo on Saturday, April 2 at 8 pm (All Saints Parish , Brookline) and Sunday, April 3 at 7 pm (Umbrella Arts Center, Concord).

Music at Trinity at Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester will present William Cooper's *St. Luke Passion* on Palm Sunday, April 10 at 4 pm  
<http://trinityworc.org/music-at-trinity/> Will Cooper is a colleague, teaches composition at Walnut Hill School in Natick and serves as Music Director for St. James Episcopal Church in New London CT. His *St. Luke Passion* was commissioned by St. Peter's Lutheran Church NYC and first performed by a fully professional ensemble of singers and players there in the Spring, 2021.

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## Worship Notes

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The Covid Working Group will be meeting tonight to consider our current mask policy in worship as we move into spring. Fellowship Hour/aka Coffee Hour has been a welcome return to pre-Covid days; however, we need to be sure to open some windows in the parish hall to provide good air circulation while we sit unmasked and chat.

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**holy week  
and easter  
at  
Christ Natick  
2022**

**Palm Sunday, April 10 10 am**  
Procession of Palms

Maundy Thursday, April 14 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 15 7:30 pm

Great Vigil of Easter Saturday, April 16 8 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 17 10 am**  
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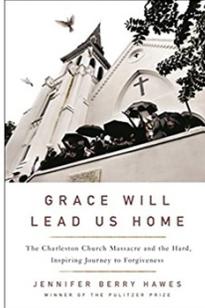
all Holy Week and Easter services are at Christ Natick

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## Adult Formation

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CLC Book Group, Monday, April 25, 7:30 pm



Journalist Jennifer Berry Hawes tells the stories of the survivors of the mass shooting at Mother Emanuel Church in Charlotte, South Carolina, and finds in those stories a powerful meditation on mercy.

To join in the discussion, contact Marianne Swenson, [mswenson10@comcast.net](mailto:mswenson10@comcast.net) for the Zoom link.

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### **Lenten Devotions, Mondays through Fridays throughout Lent.**

Consider making Lenten devotions part of your Lenten pilgrimage. This week and next, the Rev. John Stendahl offers readings, reflections, and prayers. Each Devotion ends with a musical offering by a CLC member or a friend. The Devotions are available via the home page on our website, [christnatick.org](http://christnatick.org)

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## **Looking Ahead**

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CLC's Social Justice Committee is planning to co-host an **Earth Day event at the church the afternoon of May 1**. EcoNatick, a group of volunteers, is partnering with community groups, organizations, families, individuals, businesses, and houses of worship to host Earthfriendly (mostly outdoor) activities all over town (think First Night or Artists Open Studios). They will feature these events on [EcoNatick.org](http://EcoNatick.org) along with an interactive map and schedule.

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CLC's Social Justice members will partner with Green Reads members, the environmental book group that met at the church prior to the Covid lockdown. We met these folks when CLC's book group and Green Reads read and discussed together the book *Four Fish*. A demonstration workshop on making your own natural soaps will be one of the featured activities on May 1. A planning session takes place at the church this Saturday, April 2 at 1 pm if you would like to join in.

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## **Call to Action**

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### **Help Wanted:**

Seeking a "shutter bug" for CLC. If you like to take candid photos with your camera or phone, let Gretchen Rowley, our administrative assistant, know. The church needs one or two people taking photos at events so we can share on Facebook, Instagram, and website what a lively, welcoming community CLC is!

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Celeste Larson is seeking volunteers to assist in the nursery on Sunday mornings.

All who sign up will be required to undergo a CORI check in compliance with the Safe Church policy.

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### **Help Others:**

Lutheran Disaster Response is partnering with interfaith organizations and churches in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia to respond to the crisis in Ukraine. Your gifts will support Ukrainians and others. Gifts to "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the crisis in Ukraine

and neighboring countries.

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## **READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

April 3, 2022

First Reading

***Isaiah 43:16-21***

For the Psalm

***Psalms 126***

Second Reading

***Philippians 3:4b-14*** ***Corinthians 5:16-21***

Gospel

***John 12:1-8***



***The Rev David Hulse, Interim Pastor***

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