



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary *Aria* John Dixon

Processional Hymn *"The strife is o'er, the battle done"* Hymn 208

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria in excelsis *Glory to God* Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant 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. *Amen.*

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (3:12-19)

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender/ of my /cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on /me and hear my /prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dis/honor my /glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and /run after false /gods?"
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders/ for the /faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, /he will hear /me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and /do not /sin; *
speak to your heart in silence /upon your /bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed /sacri/fices *
and put /your trust in the /Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see/ better/ times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance u/pon us, O /Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness/ in my /heart, *
more than when grain and /wine and oil in/crease.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I/ fall a/sleep; *
for only you, Lord, /make me dwell in /safety.



Reader A reading from the First Book of John (3:1-7)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in

him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Sequence Hymn

"Love's redeeming work is done"

Hymn 188

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (24:36b-48)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John Adams

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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.

dead,
and the life of the world to come.

We look for the resurrection of the

Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form III

Standing or kneeling

BCP 387

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People *That we all may be one.*

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Reader We pray for Bishop Mark and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader We pray for Joe and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest.
People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Reader We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;
People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; especially *Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Leandra, Betsy, Tom, Steve, Mary Ruth, Morgan and Barbara, Thomas, Tammy, Dorothy, Amelia, Celia, Timmy, Baylie, Nancy, and Trippi.*

All may offer their prayers and thanksgivings at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

Kneeling or standing

BCP 360

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

Celebrant and 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.*

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem

"Alleluia, Christ is Risen!"

arr. James Kirkby

The Doxology:

Lasst uns erfreuen

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B

Standing

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up our hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right... to proclaim the glory of your Name:

BCP 367

Celebrant and People (text below)

Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant *Standing or kneeling*

BCP 368

We give thanks to you... do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People (text below)

Hymnal S 138

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses

For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant

"Sing unto the Lord, all the earth"

Psalm 96

Communion Hymn *"Christians, to the Paschal victim offer your thankful praises!"* **Hymn 183**

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the
spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy
mysteries
that we are living members of the Body
of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

"He is risen he is risen!"

Hymn 180

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Closing Voluntary

Toccata

Johann Pachelbel

Pray today for the Retired Clergy of The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and their Chaplains, The Rev. Dr. Bob Copenhaver and The Rev. Dr. James Hubbard. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of our dad Ronnie on his birthday
By Ginger, Macy, and Landon*

*We Give Thanks for the Beauty of Narthex Flowers
Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of Lyn Frazier and Christine Cahill
By the family*

Baptism

On Sunday, May 19, the Feast of Pentecost, we will be baptizing at least one new member into the body of Christ. If you are interested in being baptized, or having your children baptized, on that day, please contact Fr. John (johndavidadams85@gmail.com or 276-632-2896) by April 15.

Sunday Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 in the Parish House on April 14; this week we will look at the anointing of David and his introduction to court (1 Samuel 16). All are welcome and encouraged to attend as your presence allows; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening Bible study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Parish House on April 15, looking at Jesus' sermon on the plain in Luke 6. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as you can; no preparation ahead of time is required.

Wednesday Eucharists

At Noon on Wednesdays, the Eucharist is offered in the Chapel (accessed by the glass doors at the back of the church building).

Loaves & Fishes - April 24, 2024

All members of the community are invited to this free meal in our Undercroft from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Spread the Word!

Andy and Tara Williams plan the meals, and the food is delicious! **We need volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up. Volunteers are also needed to send desserts, fruit, and individually wrapped non-perishable snack items. Please sign up on the following link [Christ Episcopal Church - Martinsville, Virginia \(christchurchmvl.org\)](http://christchurchmvl.org) to help or to bring something.** Donations of either may be brought to the Office or Undercroft in the

days leading up to each meal. We are serving dine-in only, with leftovers distributed as takeout only at the end of the meal.

***Loaves & Fishes has lost the donations from the Lutheran Church which included such items as individually wrapped snacks, hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant), and household items (dish and laundry detergent - small bottles), and is asking for your donations of these items for the L&F attendees.

Thank you for your support! Andy & Tara Williams and the L&F Team

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for **April thru June: canned beans 15 oz. (any kind).** For April: **toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Susan Critz

Chalicers: Rives Coleman, Hank Long

Acolyte: Elizabeth Maxwell

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Ben Lewis, Kyle Trent, Bruce Mazurek

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Will Zimmer, LaRue Powers

Altar Guild: Team Four - Becky Farrar, Susan Smith, Natalie Coleman, Ashley Ullstein, Dawn Stone, Kyle Trent

Nursery Attendants: Emily Williams

2024 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens, Senior Warden; Beverly Lyle, Treasurer;
Andy Williams, Junior Warden

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