



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

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

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*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	<i>Fantasia</i>	Johann Pachelbel
Introit	<i>The Lord is my shepherd</i>	Psalm 23
Processional Hymn	<i>"This joyful Eastertide"</i>	Hymn 192
Celebrant	Alleluia, Christ is risen.	
People	<i>The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.</i>	

*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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Reader** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:5-12)

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

**Reader** The Word of the Lord

**People** *Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 23** Dominus regit me

- 1 The Lord /is my /shepherd; \*  
I /shall not be in /want.
- 2 He makes me lie down/ in green /pastures \*  
and leads /me beside still /waters.
- 3 He re/vives my /soul \*  
and guides me along right /pathways for his/ Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall/ fear no /evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your/ staff, they comfort/ me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who /trouble /me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my /cup is running /over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the/ days of my /life, \*  
and I will dwell in the /house of the Lord for /ever.



**Reader** A reading from the First Book of John (3:16-24)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Sequence Hymn                     *"My Shepherd will supply my need"*                     Hymn 664

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (10:11-18)

People:     *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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.

We look for the resurrection of the  
dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

*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, Timmy, Baylie, Nancy, Trippi, and Mark and Tina Gauldin.*

*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 "Christ the Lord is Risen Again!" setting by Carl Schalk

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;

*Celebrant* BCP 369

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.

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

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

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

*"I am the good shepherd"*

John 10, Psalm 23

### Communion Hymn

*"I come with joy to meet my Lord"*

Hymn 304

*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,  
*The celebrant blesses the people.*

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.

### Recessional Hymn

*"The King of love my shepherd is"*

Hymn 645

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

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

The Closing Voluntary      *Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death*      Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

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 Allan McClain  
By Charlotte, James and Anna*

*We Give Thanks for the Beauty of Narthex Flowers  
Given to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of Minnie Brown Hart  
By Lucy Hart Davis*

### Sunday Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 in the Parish House on April 21; this week we will look at the story of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17). 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 22, looking at Jesus' encounters with a centurion and a widow (Luke 7:1-17). 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) 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:** Jay Dickens

**Chalicers:** Bob Bushnell, Tom Webster

**Acolyte:** Tyler Johnson

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Cantor:** Raul West

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** Jay Dickens, Bob Weatherall, Hank Long

**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 Attendant:** Emily Williams

**2024 Christ Church Vestry**

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

**Year 2:** Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Pat Russell; Will Zimmer

**Year 1:** Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall