



Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for/ he is /good; \*  
his mercy en/dures for e/ver.

2 Let Israel /now pro/claim, \*  
"His mercy en/dures for/ e/ver."

14 The Lord is my strength /and my /song, \*  
and he has be/come my salva/tion.

15 There is a sound of exultation and /victo/ry \*  
in the /tents of the right/eous:

16 "The right hand of the/ Lord has /triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the /Lord has tri/umphed!"

17 I shall not /die, but /live, \*  
and de/clare the works of the /Lord.

18 The Lord has /punished me /sorely, \*  
but he did not hand /me over to /death.

19 Open for me the /gates of /righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will/ offer thanks to the /Lord.

20 "This is the gate /of the /Lord; \*  
he who is /righteous may en/ter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you /answered /me \*  
and have be/come my salva/tion.



22 The same stone which the /builders re/jected \*  
has be/come the chief corner/stone.

23 This is /the Lord's /doing, \*  
and it is /marvelous in our /eyes.

24 On this day the /Lord has /acted; \*  
we will re/joice and be glad in /it.

**Reader** A reading from the Book of Colossians (3:1-4)

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

**Sequence Hymn**

*"Alleluia, Alleluia!"*

**Hymn 178**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (20:1-18)

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

*Ideas to ponder*

- When was the last time you ran, and why?
- How might you run with the good tidings of Jesus' resurrection?

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.

## 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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Karin, our bishop-elect and all  
bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

*Reader* We pray for Donald, our President, 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, Jennifer, Mallory, Ashley F., Michael, Ian C., and Ann G.*

*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.*

**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 "With the Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

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 D *Standing* BCP 372

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your 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 *BCP 373*

It is truly right... glorify your Name, as we say...

Celebrant and people *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 373-374

We acclaim you... this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and people*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*Celebrant*

BCP 375

Lord we pray... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

*"Therefore, let us keep the feast"*

1 Corinthians 5, Psalm 118

Communion Hymn

*"Lift Your Voice Rejoicing, Mary"*

Hymn 190

*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

“Welcome Happy Morning”

Hymn 179

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

The Closing Voluntary

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Healey Willan

**Discretionary Fund** – Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and the loose offering is designated for the Rector’s Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, “For RDF”.

**Wednesday Eucharist**

**NO Wednesday Eucharist on April 8.**

**Public Theology**

Public Theology meets on **April 8** at the Ground Floor (1 E Church St); food and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be available from the usual menu. We begin gathering at 6:00 pm, with the program going from 7:00 to 8:00.

**Women’s Club Meeting**

You are invited to join us in the Parish House on **Tuesday, April 14, at 5:30** for the monthly Women’s Club meeting. Beverages and paper products will be provided. Please sign up online under ‘volunteers’ if you plan to attend. **We are looking forward to our evening of fellowship!**

**Grace Network**

Our Grace Network Assignments for **April - June: Applesauce (24-32 oz) OR six packs of individuals. For April: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network by 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.

*The floral decorations of the church this morning are given in Loving Memory of and in Thanksgiving for those named on the below list of 2026 Easter Memorial Flowers.*

*Thank you to each donor, and to the Special Altar Guild Flower Committee and their helpers for making the church so beautiful this Easter!*

**Christ Episcopal Church's  
Easter Sunday Special Flowers 2026**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of William R. & Virginia S. Windle and Dr. Thomas C. & Margaret W. Webster by Tom, Stuart, Win, Jessica, Evans, and Clay Webster.

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**The Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:**

James Patterson Sutton	Marjorie Powell Sutton
James 'Duke' Patterson Sutton, Jr.	Andrea Sutton Courtney
Betty Budde	Norman & Dolores Cassada
Danny Crosby	Bob Crosby
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Jim Hayes	Bob Spilman
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Six Grandchildren & Three Great-Grandchildren of Betsy Cole

Children and grandchildren of Lynn and Phil Gardner

Scouras children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren by Celia Scouras

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. John Adams

**Reader:** Jay Dickens

**Chalicers:** Bob Bushnell, Steve Keyser

**Acolyte:** Elizabeth Maxwell, Emma Jane Morrison, and Quinn Gravely

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Cantor:** Raul West

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

**Ushers:** Gus Barber, Hank Long

**Camera Operator:** Rives Coleman

**Counters:** Michael Hodges, LaRue Powers

**Altar Guild Team #3** - Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Nancy Spilman,

Ellen Maxwell, Ben Beeler

**Nursery Attendant:** Caroline Davis

**Special Flower Committee** - Beth Cahill, Becky Farrar, Frankie Smith, Karen Jones, Debbie Lewis, Susan Smith, Page Beeler, Rita Hodges, Stuart Webster, Natalie Coleman, Pat Russell, Dawn Stone, Ashley Ullstein, Susan Critz, Valerie Payne, LaRue Powers

**2026 Christ Church Vestry**

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Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

**Year 2:** Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges; Secretary, Steve Keyser

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