



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

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 *O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing* Jean Francois Dandrieu

Processional Hymn *"That Easter day with joy was bright"* Hymn 193

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14a,22-32)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take/ refuge/ in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my/ good above all /other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are /in the /land, *
upon those who are /noble among the/ people.
- 3 But those who run after /other/ gods *
shall have their/ troubles multi/plied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I /will not /offer, *
nor take the names of their/ gods upon my/ lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion /and my /cup; *
it is you /who uphold my/ lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a /pleasant /land; *
indeed, I have a /goodly heri/tage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who /gives me/ counsel; *
my heart teaches/ me, night after/ night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always/ before/ me; *
because he is at my right hand /I shall not/ fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my /spirit re/joices; *
my body al/so shall rest in/ hope.



10 For you will not abandon me/ to the/ grave, *
nor let your/ holy one see the/ Pit.

11 You will show me the/ path of/ life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are/ pleasures for ever/more.

Reader A reading from the First Book of Peter (1:3-9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Sequence Hymn

"O sons and daughters, let us sing!"

Hymn 206

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (20:19-31)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Ideas to ponder

- Have you ever been involved in an inheritance dispute?
- How does thinking about your eternal inheritance affect your daily life?

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, Jay J., David C., Ginger C., Ashley F., Michael, Ian C., Ann G., Jim A., and Jennifer 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 *Panis Angelicus* Ceasar Franck

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

"Behold the print of the nails"

John 20, Psalm 118

Communion Music

*Tempus Adest Floridian
A Hymn for Spring*

Piae Cantiones

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 *“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”* Hymn 205

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

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

The Closing Voluntary *Deck Thyself My Soul With Gladness* Johann Gottfried Walther

Monday Night Bible Study

In April, the Monday night Bible Study will meet on **April 13, 20, and 27 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Parish House**. On the first of those, we will read Paul’s shortest epistle (Philemon) and discuss our plans for spring and summer. All are welcome at any time and no reading in advance is required.

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!**

Wednesday Eucharist

On Wednesdays, we celebrate Holy Eucharist at Noon in the Chapel (enter via the glass Undercroft door at the back of the church building). These brief (thirty minutes) spoken services commemorate the saint of the day from the Episcopal calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts and are perfect for those who want to attend a service but are unable to come Sunday mornings or who want an additional gathering for corporate prayer to help them through the week. **In April there will be Wednesday Eucharists on April 15, 22 and 29.**

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.**

Camera Operators Needed

Since the Covid shutdown, Christ Church has continued to livestream our Sunday services to Facebook, allowing members who live at Kings Grant, who are on vacation, or who are otherwise unable to attend in-person to remain connected with the worship of our community. We are hoping to add a few more people to the rotation in order to continue providing these videos; if you are willing to help with this ministry (it's not particularly hard once you've done it a couple times), please let Rives or Fr. John know.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Susan Critz

Chalicers: Rives Coleman, Hank Long

Acolyte:

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Dan Cahill, John Swezey

Camera Operator: Natalie Coleman

Counters: Michael Hodges, LaRue Powers

Altar Guild Team #3 - Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Nancy Spilman,
Ellen Maxwell, Ben Beeler

Nursery Attendant: Caroline Davis

2026 Christ Church Vestry

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Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

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