



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## The Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

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	<i>Toccata in C</i>	Johann Pachelbel
Processional Hymn	<i>"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"</i>	Hymn 207

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.*

<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	<i>Glory to God</i>	Hymnal S 280
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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 God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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 endures for /ever.

2 Let Israel /now pro/claim, \*  
"His /mercy endures for/ ever."

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 righ/teous:

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

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 First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth (15:19-26)

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**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 Luke (24:1-12)

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**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.

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People*     *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

*Reader*     We pray for Donald 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, Betsy, Jennifer, Carleigh, Rebecca, Harry, Ralphie, Carolyn, Sanddii,  
 Millard, Tom, Chuck, Will, Virginia, and Alice.*

*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 "Gaudeamus Paritur" setting by Kenneth T. Kosche

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

*"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

Pray today for the Bishop’s Visitation to St. John’s, Waynesboro. Pray for the people of St. John’s, Waynesboro and their curate-in-charge, The Rev. Tom DuMontier. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

### 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. **Our schedule in April is inconsistent: there will be Wednesday Eucharists on 30, but no Wednesday Eucharist on April 23.**

### Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) will be served on **April 30**, with dinner being served from 5:00 to 6:00. Even if you are not helping with cooking, serving, cleaning, or donating fruit or dessert, church members are encouraged to come and sit down for a meal with our neighbors in the community. **Sign up on the Church’s website under Volunteers to volunteer to help or to bring something.**

### Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for April - June: Deodorant (Men’s or Women’s) 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 2025 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 2025

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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**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. John Adams

**Reader:** Susan Critz

**Chalists:** Rives Coleman, Tom Webster

**Acolyte:** Baylie Coleman

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Cantor:** Raul West

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

**Ushers:** Gus Barber, Dan Cahill

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