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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 Second Sunday of Easter  
April 27, 2025  
10:30 A.M. Morning Prayer, Rite II

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The Opening Voluntary	<i>O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing</i>	Jean Francois D'Andrieu
Introit	<i>Be not faithless, but believing</i>	John 20, Psalm 118
Processional Hymn	<i>"O sons and daughters, let us sing!"</i>	Hymn 203

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People together:*

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.

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

Invitatory and Psalter *All stand*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

*People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.  
Alleluia.

Pascha Nostrum

**CHRIST** our Passover is sacri|ficed for us:

\* therefore | let us keep the feast,

**2** Not with old leaven,

neither with the leaven of | malice • and wickedness;

\* but with the unleavened bread of sin|cerity and truth.

**CHRIST** being raised from the dead | dieth • no more;

\* death hath no more do|minion over him.

**4** For in that he died, he died unto | sin once:

\* but in that he liveth, he | liveth unto God.

**5** Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead in|deed • unto • sin,

\* but alive unto God through | Jesus Christ our Lord.

**CHRIST** is risen | from the dead,

\* and become the | firstfruits • of | them that slept.

**7** For since by | man came death,

\* by man came also the resur|rection of the dead.

**8** For as in Adam | all die,

\* even so in Christ shall | all be made alive.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,

\* and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be,

\* world without | end. Amen.

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Psalm 150      *Laudate Dominum*      *Spoken*

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*

praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*

praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*

praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*

praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath \*

praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**Reader** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (5:27-32)

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

**The First Song of Isaiah**  
*Isaiah 12:2-6*

*Surely it is God who saves me*

**Hymnal 679**

**Reader** A reading from the Revelation to John (1:4-8)

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

**The Song of Simeon**  
*Luke 2:29-32*

*Lord God, you now have set your servant free*

**Hymn 499**

A Reading from the Gospel 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.

Officiant     The Word of the Lord  
People        *Thanks be to God.*

Homily

Phil Gardner

The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of  
the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.*

*He will come again to judge the living  
and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant     The Lord be with you.

People        *And also with you.*

Officiant     Let us pray

*Officiant and People*

*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.*

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V.    Save your people, Lord, and bless  
      your inheritance;  
R.    *Govern and uphold them, now and  
      always.*

V.    Day by day we bless you;  
R.    *We praise your name for ever.*

V.    Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R.    *Have mercy upon us, Lord, have  
      mercy.*

V.    Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R.    *For we put our trust in you.*  
V.    In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R.    *And we shall never hope in vain.*

The Collect of the Day

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.**

## The Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord; Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## Free Intercession

Pray especially for *Sue, Julia, Betty, Betsy, Jennifer, Carleigh, Rebecca, Harry, Ralphie, Carolyn, Sanddii, Millard, Chuck, Will, Virginia, and Alice.*

## The General Thanksgiving

### *Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you  
humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-  
kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation,  
preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable  
love  
in the redemption of the world by our  
Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope

of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an  
awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may  
show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our  
days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages.  
**Amen.**

Officiant    Let us bless the Lord.  
People      *Thanks be to God.*

## Recessional Hymn

*"Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!"*

Hymn 205

## Dismissal

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

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

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.

Please inform the Church office at [office@christchurchmvl.org](mailto:office@christchurchmvl.org) if anyone needs to be added or removed from the prayer list.

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of James Patterson Sutton, Jr.  
and Andrea Sutton Courtney  
By their sisters Valerie, Helen, Stephanie, and Jeannie*

**Wednesday Eucharist**

On **Wednesday, April 30**, 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.

**Loaves & Fishes**

Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) will be served on **Wednesday, 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.**

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!**

Officiant: Phil Gardner

Reader: Hank Long

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Michael Hodges, Rives Coleman

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Michael Hodges, LaRue Powers

Altar Guild Team #1 - Beth Sibbick, Stuart Webster, LaRue Powers, Jane Thomasson,  
Beth Cahill, Dan Cahill, Bill Sibbick

Nursery Attendant: Emily Williams

**2025 Christ Church Vestry**

Year 3: Betty Budde, Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell. Will Zimmer

Year 2: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,  
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

Year 1: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser