



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* arr. Robert J. Powell

Processional Hymn *"At the Lamb's high feast we sing"* Hymn 174

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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14a,36-41)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my/
suppli/cation, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever/
/I called upon/ him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took/ hold of/ me; *
I/ came to grief and/ sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name /of the /Lord: *
"O Lord, I /pray you, save my/ life."

10 How shall I re/pay the /Lord *
for all the good things/ he has done for/ me?

11 I will lift up the cup /of sal/vation *
and call u/pun the Name of the/ Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows /to the/ Lord *
in the presence /of all his peo/ple.

13 Precious in the sight/ of the/ Lord *
is the /death of his ser/vants.

14 O Lord, I /am your /servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have /freed me from my/ bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice/ of thanks/giving *
and call u/pun the Name of the/ Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows/ to the/ Lord *
in the presence /of all his peo/ple,

17 In the courts of /the Lord'S/ house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem./
/Hallelu/jah!



Reader A reading from the First Book of Peter (1:17-23)

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

Sequence Hymn

"Christ the Lord is risen again!"

Hymn 184

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (24:13-35)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Ideas to ponder

- Have you ever had a serious conversation with a complete stranger?
- How might you invite Jesus to process significant issues with you?

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, 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 *Alleluia, Christ is Risen* arr. Kirkby

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

"Then their eyes were opened"

Luke 24, Psalm 118

Communion Hymn

"Christians, to the Paschal victim"

Hymn 183

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

“The strife is o’er”

Hymn 208

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Closing Voluntary

Andante

Friedrich von Spee

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
Margo Hart and Minnie Brown Hart
By Lucy Hart Davis*

(Correction from April 12)

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of Ronnie on his birthday
By Ginger, Macy, and Landon*

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening study meets in the Parish House from 7:00 to 8:00. On **April 20**, we will begin the Epistle of James, a short letter of practical (and sometimes controversial) wisdom. All are welcome and encouraged to join at any time; no reading ahead of time is necessary.

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 22 and 29.

Registration for New Bishop’s Consecration

For those interested in attending the Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Karin MacPhail as the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia at St. John’s Roanoke on **June 13**, general registration will open on April 29. You are encouraged to visit the [Diocesan website](#) or [Facebook page](#) that day, as registration will close once the total capacity of St. John’s has been reached.

Loaves & Fishes

Come out and support our Women's Group as they host this month's Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) on **April 29**, 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. Please sign up under volunteers on our website to volunteer or bring something.

Save the Date - Flag Day Summer Outing

On Sunday, June 14, please join us for an evening of croquet, dinner, and fellowship in Marty Gardner's woods; we'll begin gathering at 4:30 pm and eat around 5:30. Reservations are not required, but a sign-up will be posted in May.

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.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Will Zimmer

Chalicers: Jay Dickens, John Swezey

Acolyte:

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Rives Coleman, Ben Lewis

Camera Operator: Linda O'Dell

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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