

Welcome to Christ Church Parish (Episcopal)

April 20, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

The Sunday of the Resurrection:

EASTER SUNDAY

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CHRIST CHURCH PARISH (Episcopal)

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Opening Voluntary *Christ ist erstanden* – **Christ is Arisen** by Anton Wilhelm Leupold
Choral Introit *Chorale Prelude* **Christ is Arisen** by JS Bach

Processional Hymn 207 “*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*”

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

There is one Body and one Spirit

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Lesson

Acts 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."

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 proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 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 declare 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 enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 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.

Sequence Hymn 193

Puer Nobis

“That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright”

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe

Holy Baptism

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

Parents and Godparents

I present **Luna Ramirez Evans** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Luna in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with Luna who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant, Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these Luna who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his

resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Luna Ramirez Evans, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

Luna Ramirez Evans, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Baptismal Hymn **“This Little Light of Mine”** (congregation joins in on the refrain **“I am going to let it shine”**)

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

“ Now the Green Blade Rises”

by Shirley McRae

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

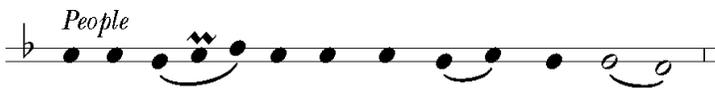
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharist prayer D)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant  *People* 
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant  *People* 
Lift up your hearts. 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing .

Celebrant and People

Sanctus (S 125)

“Holy, Holy , Holy”

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own

first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, 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.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

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.
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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction (S 154) Cantor and Choir

“Christ Our Passover”

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Communion Voluntary

“Noel Nouvelet”

by Anthony Giamanco

“Easter Carol”

by Patti Drennan

Communion Hymn **178**

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn 205

Gelobt sei Gott

“ Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

Closing Voluntary

“ Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah”

by George Frederick Handell; arr.by Donald Moor

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Those on our Prayer List: Lurlene Samuel, Robin Wells, Jim Padgett, Ann Donoff, Joyce Reisinger, Taylor Johnson, Colt Johnson, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Lucille Redmon, Lovey Jane Long, Tim Schwartz, Denise Brown, Louise Woods, Cyndy Bristow, Levi, Elizabeth Foley, Andrea Mac-Fall, John Wilson, Garry Clay, Helen Tarran, Barbara Cockrell, John Hilliard, Bruce Forsberg, Bill Brown, Dolly Cronk, Ellen Johnson, Diane Martin, The Rev. Stuart Wood, Mike Floyd, Betty Evans, Libby Boyer.

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Homer Hartung, Harwood Hall, Nicole Davis, Grace Parker, Rick Smith and those celebrating an anniversary: Richard & Cindy Naylor, Homer & Ginny Hartung.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Altar Guilds, Flower Guilds, Ushers, Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, and Choirs.

We welcome **Luna Ramirez Evans**. Luna is the daughter of Maria Fontaine Evans and Erwin Jose Evans. Her Godparents are Pablo Aznar, April Renee Fisk Roper, and Claire Mason. Luna is the great-granddaughter of Betty Evans and the great niece of Betsy.

EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

IN MEMORY OF

Jerry L. Atterholt
Geraldine Brown
Paul & Lou Van Wert
Paul & Lorraine Loustaunau
Charles & Margaret Brook
John & Jean McClelland
Shelley Moncure
Marion & Elizabeth Moncure
Clyde & Rose Marie Roettger
Sally Anne, Gordon & George Faulknier
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Helen T. Kagels
J. Michael Groin
June Pataky
Virginia & Wayne Heacock
Pearle & Eronie Hellems
Belle Bain Bronner
William Franklin Drudge III
Anne Marie Jones
Richard W. Turner
Elizabeth A. Turner
J. Miller Smither
Charles & Virginia King
Doris & Harry Henning
D. Fripp Ducker
Eugenia Lebherz
James Lebherz
Jane Fackler
Ruby Lee & Vernon Norris
Michael Elliott Floyd
Lyttleton B. Cockrell
Marian S. Liphart
Logan
Ellie
Meredith Caskie's Family
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lance Horton
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Smith

IN HONOR OF

Jackson and Colton
Loved Ones of the Bingham
Cameron Wilson Cluff
Hannah Elizabeth Cluff

GIVEN BY

Mary Jo Atterholt
Phil & Karen Brown
Jeff & Susie Loustaunau

Jeff & Pam McClelland

Peg & Henry Moncure

Robert L. Montague III
Grace Parker
Marilyn & Dave South
Anne Wilcox
Alice K. Campbell

His loving wife, Karen
Pat Pataky Anderson & Roland Anderson
Ginger & Jack Hellems

John B. Bronner
Harwood Hall
Kathryn Humphreys
Ann Padgett

Ginger Smither
Bill Budd & Mary Lynn Landgraf

Monica Melendez

Jack Fackler
Vernon W. Norris, Jr.
Mike & Harriette Floyd
Barbara Cockrell

Cindy Pryor

Meredith Caskie
Delores Horton Greenwood
Richard Allen Smith

GIVEN BY

The Houser family
Denise & Steve Bingham
John & Susan Hilliard

Participants

Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant/Sermon	The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
Deacon	The Rev. Peg Moncure
Assisting Priest	The Rev Doug Wigner
Organist	Libby Boyer
Flutist	Monica Melendez
Gosp. Bk. Bearer / Prayers / Euch.	Grace Parker
Lector	Harriette Floyd
Crucifer / Acolyte	Tom Clarke
Torch Bearers	Pat & Roland Anderson
Ushers	Ginger & Jack Hellems
Altar Guild	Virginia Miller, Pat Anderson, Marilyn South Ginger Hellems, Grace Parker
Flower Guild	The Flower Guild Team
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Jeff Loustanaun, Rusty Spears, Monica Melendez, & Jack Fackler

Christ Church Parish (Episcopal)

The Rev. Randi Rowe- Priest in Charge
The Rev. Dr. Robert Prichard– Priest Associate
The Rev. Peg Moncure – Deacon
Grace Parker-Verger
Charles E. Adkins- Treasurer
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Christ Church Parish Vestry

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Scott Holt– Junior Warden '25
Henry Moncure '25
Tom Clarke '26 Jeannette Adkins '27
Rick Smith '26 Evie Wilton '27
Anne Wilcox '26 Monica Melendez '27