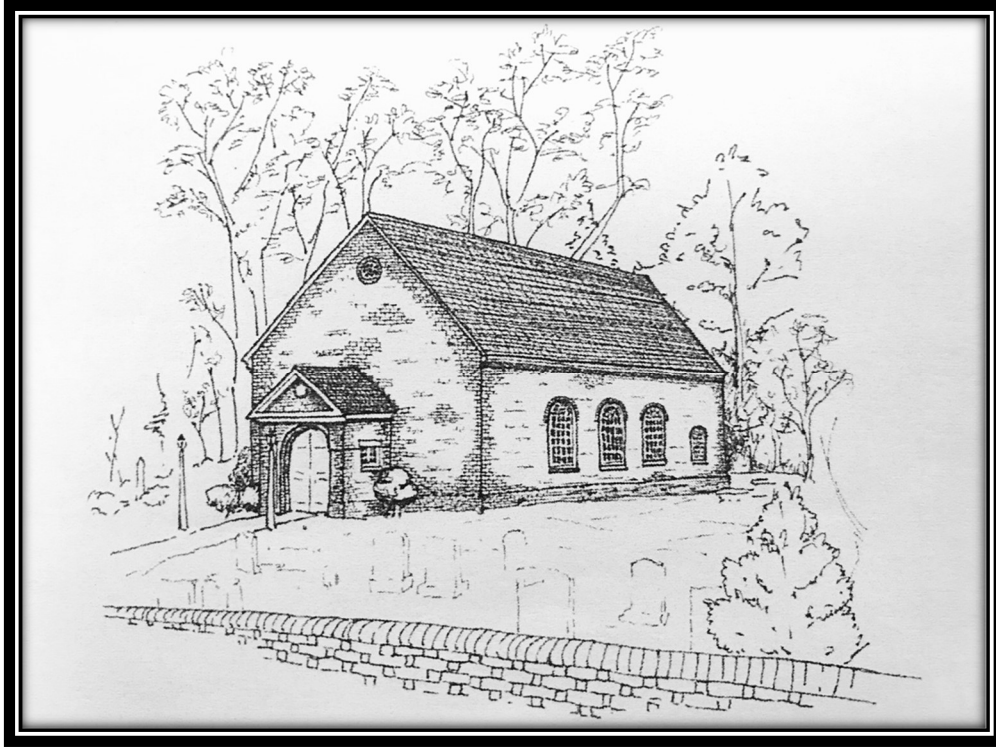


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)
April 7, 2024
10:30 a.m.
The Second Sunday of Easter*



Founded in 1666

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.
During the service, let God speak to you through
Word and Sacrament.
After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are a family of faith,
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and
service, who strive to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

The Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist: Rite II ~ April 7, 2024

We know the risen Christ through faith.

Opening Voluntary	" <i>Blessed Assurance</i> "	J. Bert Carlson
Processional Hymn 205	<i>Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing</i>	
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
The Gloria (S-278)		

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>)		BCP Page 224
First Lesson		Acts 4:32-35
Psalms 133		BCP Page 787
Second Lesson		1 John 1:1-2:2
Sequence Hymn 193	<i>That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright</i>	
Gospel		John 20:19-31
The Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood	
The Nicene Creed		BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People		Insert
The Confession and Absolution		BCP Page 360
The Peace		BCP Page 360
Offertory Anthem	" <i>We Walk by Faith</i> "	Marty Haugen

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. *Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A
Sursum corda (S-120) BCP Page 361

Sanctus (S-128) BCP Page 362

The Lord's Prayer BCP Page 364

Breaking of the Bread:

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.

Giving of Communion:

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion Voluntary "We Walk By Faith" David Maxwell

Post Communion Hymn 204 *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP Page 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 198 *Love's Redeeming Work is Done*

The Dismissal: With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at
work within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia,
alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Vol. Chorale Prelude on 'Gelobt sei Gott' Healey Willan

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 First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Epistle

1 John 1:1—2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

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.

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Those on our Prayer List: Jim Padgett, Jack Tarran, Helen Tarran, Betty Evans, Ann Donoff, Dan Mulligan, Zubin, Taylor Johnson, Colt Johnson, Shannon Budd, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Lucille Redmon, Jennifer Montague, Anne Montague Bavin, Robert Flynn, Joan Crown Hodges, Lovey Jane Long, Tim Schwartz, Rev. Dunn, Denise Brown, Louise Woods, and Mary Breedon.

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Tori Bess Rollins, Mavis Mangum, Scott Holt, Elaine Meyer, and Dave South.

We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as our Parish Discernment Committee carries on their work.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of St. Paul's – Alexandria, and Trinity – Manassas,.

The Wednesday Eucharist is celebrated at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall chapel.

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