

Christ Church *Episcopal*

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 5, 2026 9:00 a.m.

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, y los que no hablan inglés. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion." We've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts, and you!

THE PRELUDE

Christ is Alive
Cameron Hadley, trumpet

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God, your Son Jesus Christ promised to be with us whenever we gather together in His name. We thank you for Christ Church and the love that holds us together. Make us eager to gather for worship. Inspire us to learn and grow spiritually, as individuals and as a faith community. We seek knowledge of Your will for us. We pray for the strength and courage, the wit and wisdom, and the humor and creativity to follow Jesus, love people and change the world. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION

#207 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.**

THE GLORIA

S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*


The following is sung, all standing



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly




King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we




give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus




Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you




take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy




on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -




ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 people are seated for the reading of the Lessons.

THE 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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

**Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

**There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!

the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."

**I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's Doing;
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

The people stand as they are able for the Sequence Hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! _____

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Wise

THE NICENE CREED

All stand and say together.

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 human. 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

Celebrant

In the power of the resurrection, we pray for the church and for the world.

The people remain standing or kneel.

An Intercessor leads the prayers with the people responding in the bolded text

Let us confidently bring our needs before God asking for renewal, saying: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

As we feast together this Easter day, give us a glimpse of your kingdom so that we might set our minds on things above in order to gain new perspectives on the changes and chances of this world.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

On this day of great celebration, in gratitude and great joy, we recommit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's diverse body may be one as you are one.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for those who struggle for peace and justice in a broken world, and we pray especially for the leaders of all nations. Guide their efforts, that they may act with wisdom and vision to plant the seeds of your kingdom on earth.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the first apostles, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, who found healing in her encounter with the Risen Christ and carried the Good News of his resurrection to the other disciples. Give wholeness and peace to all those who have asked for our prayers, especially those on our parish prayer lists.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant new life to all those who feel unloved or forgotten, to the poor and the hungry, to those who are dying and those who grieve.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember before you those who have gone before us, especially those in whose memory Easter flowers are given. May we, like them, share in the fruits of the victory of Christ over the grave, the Paschal lamb who has taken away the sins of the whole world.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with these words

Giver of life, we thank you for your great mysteries, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us new life, and we offer you our prayers through Jesus, the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE GREETING

THE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Table

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Day of Resurrection, arr. Evelyn Larter

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad; The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright. The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; And listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain, His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end. Amen!

THE SANCTUS

S 129 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias)

The People remain standing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

The People remain standing or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **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.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Celebrant invites the congregation to receive the Sacrament saying

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love and for those who want to love more. So, come: you who have much faith, and you who have little; you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow, and you who have fallen short, come. Because it is the Risen Christ who invites you. It is the Risen Christ who wants to meet you here.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. You may stand or kneel at the railing and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine and then consuming it. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive in your chair, please let an Usher know, and a clergy person and Eucharistic Minister will bring the consecrated bread and wine to you.

THE MUSIC DURING THE MINISTRATION

#178 Alleluia No. 1

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

THE BLESSING

The Priest offers a seasonal blessing upon the people.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION

#180 *He is risen, He is risen*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Announcements

If you are a guest with us today, please take a moment to fill out the “I’m New” card (located on the seatback in front of you) and place it in the offering basket. A member of our clergy or staff will be happy to connect with you this week.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Get egg-cited! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt begins directly following this service!

Weather permitting, the hunt will take place outside in the Christ Church backyard. Children in 5th grade and under will gather in the PAC and be released by age group to collect eggs, then return to the PAC to exchange them for goodies.

EYC youth (grades 6–12) are invited to help hide eggs before the hunt begins.

ANNUAL BRAINS & BRATS TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, April 18th at 6:00!

This is a great opportunity for fellowship, connection, and fun - compete as a whole team (up to eight people) or register as an individual and we can place you on a team for the evening. We have several incredible silent auction items, including a fancy dinner prepared and served by our Senior Warden, Travis Wolff, and a house concert from our new Vicar/Singer-Songwriter, the Rev. Matthew Wise! This annual event is a fundraiser for one of our outreach partners, New Hope Oklahoma, which provides after-school programming, summer camps, and family gatherings that empower and support children impacted by the incarceration of a parent. Children’s activities will occur simultaneously throughout the evening in the Parish Hall. You can register via the QR code now!



FOUNDATIONS 101: A WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

- Sundays, April 12th - May 17th, 2026
- 10:00 a.m. in the PAC

This 6-week Christian formation course will serve as an introduction to Christ Church as well as the Episcopal church overall. We will discuss our community of faith, answer your questions and introduce how you can become involved in our ministries here. It’s designed especially for those who are new to Christ Church or haven’t taken the Foundations course before (or in a while), but anyone is welcome to join at any time! We look forward to some wonderful conversations and questions. Taught by Dr. Blake Connelly. Register on the Church Center App.

NAVIGATING THE CHURCH CENTER APP

- Sunday, April 12th, 19th or 26th, 2026
- 10:00 a.m. in the PAC

Want to get more out of the Church Center app? Join us for a brief introduction and refresher session to learn how to use the app to register for events, join groups, manage your giving, and stay connected with Christ Church. Classes will be offered at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 12, 19, or 26 in the PAC – choose the date that works best for you.

SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP

This summer, our students will be going on a work mission trip to Parsons, Kansas from July 5th - 11th, and you have the opportunity to become a Shareholder! For \$50/share you are paving the way for practical needs to be met in the community of Parsons, and transformation to happen for our EYC students and volunteers. For more information, please talk with one of our youth representatives or with Lyndsay Hightower.

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