

Christ Church *Episcopal*

Follow Jesus // Love People // Change The World

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER April 12, 2026

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 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

(9:00) Hymnal #182 Christ is alive!

(11:00) I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

Chorus

In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness
shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to follow Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus

OPENING 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.**

Any children wishing to go to Children's Chapel and Godly Play may follow the procession out of the back of the church at this time.

THE GLORIA

(9:00) Hymnal # S-280 Glory to God (Canticle 20)

Powell

(11:00) Glory to God

LEVAS #243

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

1. Glo-ry to God — in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we
wor-ship you, — we give you thanks, — we praise you for — your glo-ry.

Unison

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 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,
Unison
 7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
 praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
 Praise your Ho - ly name.
 A - - - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 people are seated for the reading of the Lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan

and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

THE GRADUAL

Psalms 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
**Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
**I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

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. Kelsey Carter

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:

Standing or kneeling, let us offer our prayers for the church and for the world.

Intercessor:

On this day of celebration, we praise God for the dying which destroyed our death, and we pray for our world in need of life, saying: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

The risen Christ was present with the disciples even when they did not recognize him as the Lord. May the church find, even in our weakness and fear, Christ's call to healing, mission, and the sharing of good news for all. In the Anglican Cycle of prayer, we offer our prayers for *Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola*. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks for the clergy and people of *St. Paul's Cathedral in Oklahoma City*. Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Christ showed wounded hands and feet to his beloved apostles. May we recognize the Risen One in all the wounded of our world. Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Christ calls us each by name that we might more fully know his resurrection. Let us and all in authority heed his call for justice in the church, in our community, and in our nation. Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

We are saved by a God who is always at work redeeming the world. Let us ask for God's light in those places of our lives which seem darkest. Let us ask God to enlighten all who inflict darkness on others. Let us ask that God shine on those who are victims of evil. Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

The Risen Christ promised his followers that they would never be alone and that each time two or three came together in his name that he would truly be present with them. Let us prayerfully remember Christ's living presence among, between, and all around us. We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week....
Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

In the power of Christ's resurrection, we experience healing. Let us recall all who have asked for our prayers, especially.....

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

We remember before you those who have gone before us, (especially...) 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:

To the one who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever. **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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

(9:00) Now the Green Blade Rises arr. Shirley McRae

Now the green blade riseth,
from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth
many days has lain;
Love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that
springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him,
Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would
awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain
that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that
springeth green.

Teach me oh God to follow your decrees
Give me understanding, your law
I wanna keep
Direct me in the path of your commands
For there I find delight
my will is in your hands

Chorus

Turn my heart away
from worthless things
Preserve my life according to your ways

Forth He came at Easter,
like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days
in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead
the risen One is seen:
Love is come again
like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again
like wheat that springeth green.

(11:00) Flourishing (Psalm 119) by Sandra McCracken

Take away disgrace
You hold me in my place
Flourishing

Fulfill your promise to the ones you love
Within your ways
we walk for your laws are good
Temptation loses pow'r my soul's revived
In righteousness oh God preserve my life

THE SANCTUS

(9:00) Hymn S-129 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias)

(11:00) Mass of the Desert - Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God,
Lord God, Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - 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

(9:00) *Hymnal S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God*

(11:00) *Mass of the Desert - Fraction*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,

have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Celebrant invites the congregation to receive the Sacrament saying these or similar words

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

(9:00) Hymnal #304 I Come with Joy
(11:00) Graves Into Gardens by Elevation Worship

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then you came along and put me back
together
And every desire is now satisfied here in
your love

I'm not afraid to show you my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord you've seen them all
And you still call me friend
'Cause the god of the mountain
Is the god of the valley
There's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Chorus
Oh there's nothing better than you
There's nothing better than you
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than you

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

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

(9:00) Hymnal #296 We know that Christ is Raised
(11:00) Awake O Sleeper by Ike Ndolo

In the darkest times of life
When our lights refuse to shine
You are there You are there

When our hearts become like stone
When we live without hope
You are there You are there

Don't let your hearts be troubled
Don't let your hearts be troubled

Awake O sleeper
Arise from slumber
Christ is calling your name

In the midst of life's decay
When our lives become like graves
Rescue us rescue us

Awake (O) arise (sleeper)
And follow the light
Awake (O) arise (sleeper)

And follow the light
Awake arise
And follow the light

Awake arise
Christ is calling your name

Christ is calling your name

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The altar flowers are given by the Messer family in celebration of Mary Messer's 12th birthday.

The bread and wine has been donated by Kathryn Melnick for all blessings received.

Upcoming Opportunities to Connect & Grow

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.

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.



Weekly Offerings

MONDAYS

10:30-11:30am

Women's Bible Study @ Christ Church

Led by Pam Dean

7:30-8:30pm

Pub Theology @ McNellie's South

TUESDAYS

7:30-9:30am

(every other week)

Men's Breakfast Group

@ Apple Barrel Café on Mingo & 61 st

Led by Larry Comstock

9:30am - 12:00pm

MONOS Contemplative Prayer Group @ Christ Church

1:00-2:00pm

Bible Study Group @ Christ Church

Led by The Rev. Judy Gann

5:45-6:45pm

Yoga and Meditation @ Christ Church

WEDNESDAYS

10:00am-12:00pm

Yarnsters @ Christ Church

5:30-6:30pm

60+ Bible Study @ Christ Church

Led by Deanna Mendenhall

6:00-7:30pm

Youth Group (6th -12 th grade) @ Christ Church

THURSDAYS

7:00-8:00pm

Southside Traditions AA (meets @ Christ Church)

6:00-7:30pm

Thursday Night Light

(first week of the month)

@ The Caring Center, Downtown Tulsa

FRIDAYS

7:30-8:30am

Men's Prayer Group @ Christ Church

Led by Don Dyer

SUNDAYS

9:00am

Traditional Eucharist with Choir

10:00am

Formation for all ages

11:00am

Contemporary Eucharist with Band

7:00-8:00pm

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