

Christ Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Anglican Communion

April 14, 2024, 8:00 AM

Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.

(Christ Church's Mission Statement)



**The Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite I**

Welcome! Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a lifelong member, we are glad you are here. Whatever your religious background and wherever you are on your faith journey, we hope you encounter the Sacred here.

You'll notice that in our worship services not all people participate in exactly the same ways. Part of what makes The Episcopal Church special is that people with diverse beliefs and practices worship together here. We invite you to participate in the service as you feel comfortable. You are free to sit, stand or kneel; cry and laugh; doubt and question; hold hands with your partner; sit silently; or sing off key. Children are a blessing, not a bother, so don't be worried if they wiggle.

Most of the material you need is in this bulletin; as well as *The Hymnal 1982*, the songbook *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS) and the *Book of Common Prayer* (has a cross on the front). There are Bibles in the pews in various translations, feel free to leaf through, or even take one, if you'd like.

The Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet. In the Episcopal Church it is our tradition to welcome everyone to receive communion. This is God's table, not our table; and God welcomes everyone to share in the Body of Christ.

Following the service, please join us for refreshments in St. Joseph's Hall. There are often presentations of varied topics of interest in the Adult Forum.

If you have questions about our church, please speak with a clergy person, one of the ushers, or a greeter after the service or contact the church office, 610-566-7525 or rita@christchurchmedia.org. To join our emailing list, please fill out the tan visitor card in your pew and give it to an usher or put it in the collection plate.

God loves and accepts you, just as you are, and we do too. **Welcome!**

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez - Bishop

The Rev. Fr. Ernest Galaz – Rector

The Rev. Dcn. Joseph German - Deacon

Mr. Kurt Brunner – Senior Warden

The Third Sunday of Easter
Celebrant: The Rev. Ernest Galaz, Rector
Deacon: The Rev. Joseph German

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of the God the Father, Have mercy on us. For thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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.**

The First Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
 have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
 how long will you worship dumb idols
 and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
 when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
 speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
 and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
 Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
 more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
 for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

The Epistle

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke 24:36b-48

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Priest The Gospel of Our Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Daniel Misticheli

The Nicene Creed

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 (truly 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

Christ, the stone which the builders rejected, God has made the cornerstone of a new community. In that name by which we are founded, let us draw near in confidence, saying:
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: The risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the scriptures. May the church find in the scriptures healing, mission, and good news for all. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ showed wounded hands and feet to his unbelieving apostles. May we see this risen one in all the wounded of our world. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ our cornerstone intercedes for us before God. Let us and all in authority heed God's call for justice in the church, in our community, and in the nation. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We are saved by a God who is light, in whom there is no darkness at all. Let us beg for God's light in those places which seem darkest. Let us ask that God enlighten all who inflict darkness on others. Let us ask that God shine on those who are victims of evil. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In the power of Christ's name we are healed. Let us recall all who need healing and all in the healing profession. For them let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

The people add their petitions and thanksgiving aloud or silently.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect

Loving God, you have glorified your Son Jesus Christ and given him the name by which we are saved. Give us the courage to act in his name. Accept our praise, offered in his name, for we offer this prayer through and with and in Jesus, your Son and our Savior.

People Amen.

The Peace (All Stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving, (*Eucharistic Prayer II*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The 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. The Body of Christ for the Body of Christ. Be what you see. Receive what you are.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that

holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
the Kriebel and Konar Family in loving memory of Jane Kriebel.*

*The Altar Wine, Bread, and Candles are given to the Glory of God by
Terry & Allen Andrews in thanksgiving and celebration of their anniversary.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST – (friends, family and acquaintances of parishioners)

Michael, Teresa, Helen, Mark, Al, Tracy, Lynn, Lee, Diana, Jackie, Bruce, Barbara, Peter, Patrick, Lucille, Bryan, Rosemarie, Rick, Robert, Meredith, Cindy, Willa, Thomas, Joan, Elizabeth, John, Guy, Mike, Bette, Carol, Sherry, Linda, Peggy, Mary, Ed, Taylor, Robin, Joy, Alex, Paul, Judi, Rebecca, Terry, Sandy, Carolyn, Daniella, Rachel, Morgan, Karen, Anthony, Jean, Marco, Abigail, Pat, Barbara, Doug, Debbie, Judith, Taylor, Sandy, Carol, Isabella, Connor, Bruce, Bonnie, Cynthia, Anu, Robert, Mark, Jim, Linda, Greg, Joanne

WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Christian Mayer, Marie Quinn, Rae Barnard, Chrissy Recchiuti

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I and 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II, the 10am service is live-streamed.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, and SERVICE Every Wednesday, all are invited to join in a spiritually uplifting morning. **Intercessory Prayer at 10am; Bible Study at 11am** in the Rector's Office. Following Bible Study, the **midday service** is offered in the Chapel. All are welcome!

NURSERY CARE Nursery care is available today from 9:30am—12:30pm for infants to 3 years of age in the Acorn Classroom located on the lower level. Ashley Steinhauer and De Anna Hickson, Nursery care givers.

CHURCH SCHOOL Church school is held immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. All children 4 years of age through 5th grade meet in St. Mary's Hall. Church School ends promptly at 12:15pm.

ADULT FORUM Adult Forum immediately follows the 10 AM worship service and is held in St. Joseph's Hall. Upcoming topics:

April 14 – Diaconate life in Delco – Joe German, presenter

April 21 – Coffee Hour Social

April 28 – Vestry Meeting

May 5 – St. James School

If you'd like to present a topic at an upcoming Adult Forum, or if you have an idea for a topic, please contact Beth Termini 978-239-3937

CHRIST CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP The Christ Church Grief Support Group meets every month on the third Saturday at 10 AM. This meeting is offered both in-person at the church and via Zoom. All are welcome, whether your loss is recent or long ago. Next meeting, April 20th.

THURSDAY EMPOWERMENT GROUP meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm. The group has decided to study the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) beginning with our next meeting. This is a great opportunity for both those new to the Episcopal church and for long time members to delve into our shared faith. The BCP includes all of the various rites (Eucharist, Baptism, Marriage, etc.) prayers, as well as historical documents, a catechism of church teachings, and so much more. All are welcome to join us and hopefully have many of your questions answered. If you have any questions about this group, please contact Dan Mistichelli via email ddmisti@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING 170 YEARS – Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$6840 during our February 25-April 7 Campaign. These donations will be used to help defray the costs of activities such as the October 25 gala dinner dance and November 16th celebration reception. We will use the funds towards the cost of music, flowers, decorations, catering, program booklets, mementoes and more. The Planning Committee meets next on April 30 when we will focus on creating a budget, organizing our volunteer lists and finalizing many event details. Contact the Planning Committee with questions/suggestions: Leslie Bullitt, Heather Comerford, Patti Davis, Father Ernie Galaz, Deacon Joe German, Joel Lenderman, Peggy Levesque, Karen Mason, Rob Miller, Jo Trout, Barbara Wilson, Kate Zurick.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **15th ANNUAL ANGEL EVENT** at Springfield Country Club, April 20th 11:30am-2pm
City Team Chester will hold a luncheon and silent auction supporting women and family programs. Please be our guest and join us to learn more about the work City Team is doing for the community. Please email Kate Zurick if you would like to attend, kszurick@gmail.com
- **LADIES SPRING TEA** – There has been a wonderful response to this year’s Ladies Spring Tea, **Saturday, May 4, 12 noon-2:00 pm** in St. Joseph’s Hall. We have space for about 20 more women and girls; all generations welcome. Please see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Feel free to invite other special women to attend and be sure to include their names on the sign-up sheet. Reach out to the Tea Planning Committee with questions: Terry Andrews, Marylee Bunting, Bobbi Morris, Sandy Rendin, Barbara Wilson
- **Sunday, June 2 - END OF YEAR CELEBRATION** This fun event takes place immediately after the 10am worship service.

- **Tuesday, July 30 – CHRIST CHURCH NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES**

Christ Church has purchased 50 tickets for the Phillies vs Yankees game. The game has a 6:40pm start time. Tickets are \$50 each. Please see Bob Miller if interested on purchasing tickets or contact him via email: Robertmiller42311@gmail.com

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

3 Easter, April 14

8AM

Altar – Rob Miller
OT, Psalm – Holly Cunningham
PP – Geoff Kitson
NT, CB – Kate Zurick

10AM

1st Server – Alexsa McKeown
2nd Server – Ivy Comerford
Crucifer – Maya Scranton
Gospeler – Robert Miller
OT – Patti Davis
NT – Dan Mistichelli
PP – Kurt Brunner
CB1 – Susan Mayer
CB2 – Frank Mathews

Ushers

8AM – Geoff Kitson, Holly Cunningham
10AM – Ron Mecklin, Faith Elcock

4 Easter, April 21

8AM

Altar – Steve Falcone
OT, Psalm – Ginny Davis
PP – Holly Cunningham
NT/CB – Peter Falcone

10AM

1st Server – Caroline Lenderman
2nd Server – Scott Scranton
Crucifer – Robert Miller
Torch 1 – Claire Comerford
Torch 2 – Maya Scranton
Gospeler – Frank Mathews
OT – Callie Scranton
NT – Dillen Wible
PP – Ivy Comerford
Paten – Sue Welfley
CB1 – Alexsa McKeown
CB2 – Ivy Comerford

Ushers

8AM – Gregg Smith, Holly Cunningham
10AM – Ron Mecklin, Jim Mayer

Weekly Calendar

3 Easter, April 14

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery Care

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30am Church School & Youth Group

Monday, April 15

9am Soccer Shots

Tuesday, April 16

Wednesday, April 17

10am Intercessory Prayer

11am Bible Study

12:15pm Midday Service

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

8pm AA Meeting, SJH

Thursday, April 18

7pm Empowerment Group

Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20

9am Altar Guild

5pm Brooke Bodtke & Chris Pyfer Wedding

4 Easter, April 21

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery Care

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Church School & Youth

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Vestry

2025

Heather Comerford, Preschool
Karen Mason, Parish Life
Robert Miller, Liturgical
Kate Zurick, Secretary & Communications

2026

Kurt Brunner, Rector's Warden
Rob Miller, Outreach
Patti Davis
Stephanie Untz

2027

Jo Trout, Hospitality

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

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