

Christ Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Anglican Communion

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Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.
(Christ Church's Mission Statement)



The Fourth 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 Fourth 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

Glorify 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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen**

The First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 10:11-18

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Priest The Gospel of Our Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Ernie Galaz

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

Consoled by the knowledge that the Good Shepherd gives his life for us, let us pray for the needs of our community, our church, and our world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: The earliest Christian community held all things in common, and no one was in need.

May we recommit ourselves to hold the goods of this world in common and to work to eliminate hunger and homelessness. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: When we share with one another, we make a new world. May we build a new community on earth which knows God as home. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Following the example of the shepherd who searched for the lost sheep, let us seek out the lost in our community and welcome them in our midst. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Conscious of the Good Shepherd's voice, may we speak God's words of reconciliation and peace to all we meet, and may all in governmental authority receive the joyful message of peace. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We are called to give up our lives for others. Let us praise God for all in serving professions who work at low pay for the welfare of others. May we give our lives to those in our care. For this 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

God, in you we live and move and have our being. You seek us before we know your name, and you give us joy in your life. Accept our prayer of joy in being found and forgiven and loved by you, for we pray in the name of Christ your Son and in the joy of the Holy Spirit.

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

People

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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: Lee Herzog, Russ Bilbrough, Douglas Davies, Lawrence Hartley, Carolyn Falcone, Ginny Davis

ANNIVERSARY: Rosemary & Russ Bilbrough

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 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.

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 \$7400 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.

ST JAMES BACKPACK PROJECT As part of our outreach ministry we will once again partner with St. James School in providing backpacks for their 18 graduating students. Each backpack will have a calculator, homework assignment book, school supplies, books to read, and other items needed for their educational journey and a personally selected item.

The first two items – backpack and calculator – will be a donation of \$170 (for our 170th year celebration!!) When you sign up to donate, please note payment by cash or check. Other items, that is, assignment books, supplies, etc. will be for you to purchase. There will be table in St. Joseph's Hall where you will place your donations and they will be collected each Sunday until May 19th. Sign up sheets will be available in St. Joseph's Hall. Checks payable to Christ Church memo: *Backpack project*
If you have any questions, please see or email JoAnn Townsend at joanntownsend@mac.com

SAVE THE DATES!

- **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 Rending, Barbara Wilson

- **St. James POOL & PACKING PARTY** On **Saturday, May 25th** you're invited to the "BARN" (JoAnn Townsend's) 327 W Baltimore Pike, Media for a fun day of crafts, swimming, and outdoor play. We will also be packing backpacks and wrapping presents for graduating students of St. James as part of our outreach ministry. It all begins at 11am, lunch will be provided. \$25 per person donation to St. James Backpack project. Please see sign up posted on the bulletin board.
- **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

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 – Holly Cunningham
10AM – Ron Mecklin, Jim Mayer

5 Easter, April 28

8AM

Altar – Rob Miller
OT, Psalm – Sandy McKeown
PP – Geoff Kitson
NT/CB – Kate Zurick

10AM

1st Server – Ivy Comerford
2nd Server – Maya Scranton
Crucifer – Robert Miller
Gospeler – Frank Mathews
OT – Carol Smith
NT – Connie Davies
PP – David Klassen
CB1 – Mary Ann Klassen
CB2 – Kurt Brunner

Ushers

8AM – Sandy & Jim McKeown
10AM – Jim Mayer, Don Glackin

Weekly Calendar

4 Easter, April 21

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery Care

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30am Church School & Youth Group

Monday, April 22

9am Soccer Shots

Tuesday, April 23

Wednesday, April 24

10am Intercessory Prayer

11am Bible Study

12:15pm Midday Service

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

8pm AA Meeting, SJH

Thursday, April 25

10am Finance Meeting

10am Lima Estates Holy Communion

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

9am Altar Guild

5 Easter, April 28

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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