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Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Christ Church: If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to a member of the clergy after the service. Books and resources for children are located on the table near the side left door. Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort. Children of all ages are welcome in our services today.

The Holy Eucharist

[10:00 a.m. service]

Prelude

Melodia, Op.59, No.11
Guest Organist, Richard Benefield

Max Reger

[10:00 a.m. service]

Processional Hymn 205

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Gelobt sei Gott

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

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.

[8:00 a.m. service]

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

[10:00 a.m. service]
S278 - Glory to God



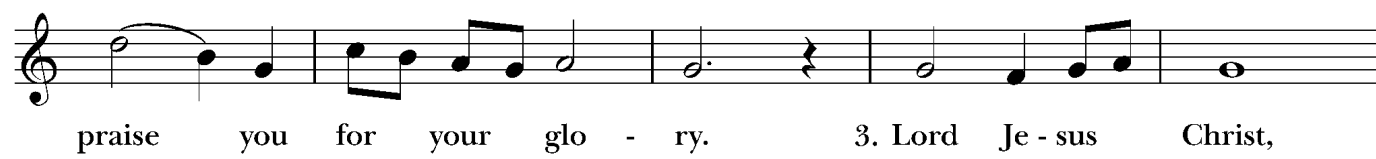
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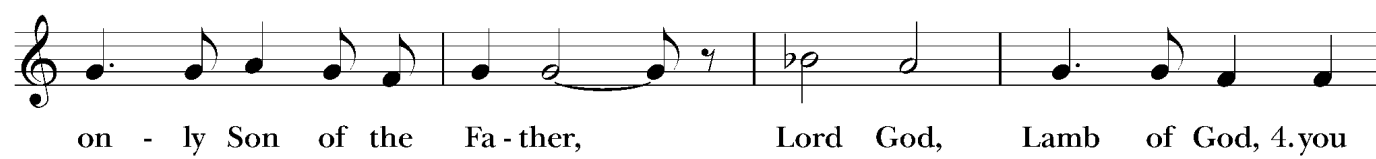
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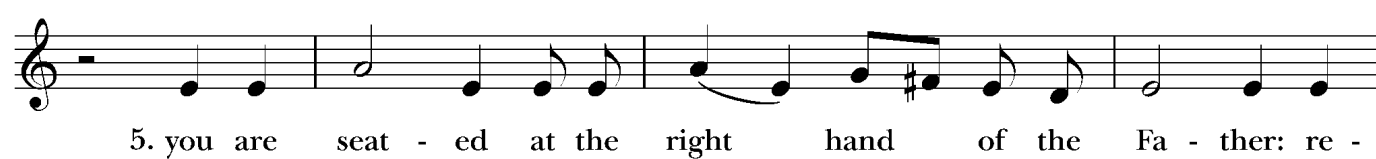
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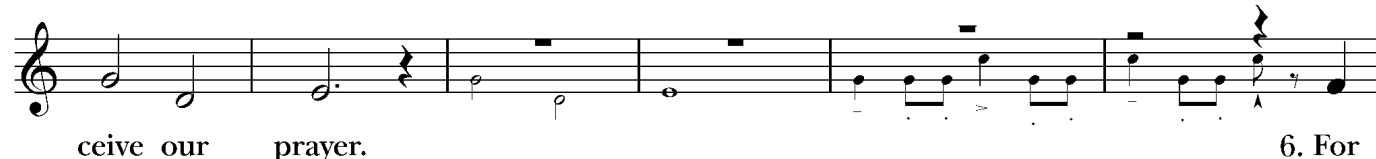
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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 sit.*

The First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Reader A Reading from the Book of Acts

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 (*read responsively by verse*)

1 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."

2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 **Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 **I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 **For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to

suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

[10:00 a.m. service]

Sequence Hymn #208 vv. 1 & 5

The Strife is O'er

Victory

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the

nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

✠ *The people sit.*

Sermon

The Rev. Mark Pendleton

✠ *A brief period of silence follows the sermon.*

The Nicene Creed *(said 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 man.
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

Let us pray to our merciful Lord, saying, "Our Lord and our God, have mercy on us."
Lord Jesus Christ, you have given your Church the gift of your Holy Spirit. May that same Spirit
comfort and strengthen us as we proclaim your resurrection to the world.

Silence

Let us pray for the process to elect our next bishop: Almighty and ever-loving God, be constantly with us during this period of discernment. Guide us as we collectively identify the spiritual gifts and devotion to the church that we seek in the person who will become our next bishop.

Hold open our hearts and minds, help us to see and to listen, and look with favor upon all who engage in this holy work.

Silence

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

God of wisdom, teach and counsel the leaders of the nations. May this world be filled with justice and peace. We pray for the safety of members of our Armed Forces.

Silence

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

God our provider, you have given us this earth as your creation. May we use its resources wisely and always according to your purpose.

Silence

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

All-knowing God, raise up for this community and nation people who will stand and voice your truth.

Silence

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

Merciful God, you are a strong refuge for those in trouble. Protect all those who suffer various trials. Reveal yourself to those who struggle to believe in you.

Silence

Let us continue to pray for David, Maddie, Giti, Sue, and Steve.

Please name those, either silently or aloud, for those for whom you are praying.

Silence

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

God of Life, may the dying and the dead rest in hope. Give us faith that you do not abandon anyone—even to the grave. And preserve us for the great inheritance you give us through the resurrection of your Son from the dead.

We remember Flossie Neil, the mother of Jeff Neil, who died during Holy Week.

Silence

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

Presider Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ *The confession is omitted during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

✠ *The people greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Peace may be expressed by shaking hands, bowing, “fist or elbow bumps”, namaste greeting, putting hand over heart, waving, making the peace sign, and by offering a smile.*

April Birthday 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 heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

[8:00 a.m. service at the Presentation of the Gifts]

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

✠ *The people stand for the hymn as they are able. The offering is brought forward.*

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Hymn 455

O Love of God, How Strong and True

Dunedin

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP pg. 361

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

[8:00 a.m. service]

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

[10:00 a.m. service]

S-125 - Holy, holy, holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

The Presider 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:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider 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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Presider then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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

✠ *A period of silence is kept.*

[8:00 a.m. service]

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Fraction Anthem - Christ Our Passover

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Instructions Concerning Communion

You are invited to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's instructions, we begin with those seated in the side sections, starting with the front pews. Please go to the back of the church and proceed down the center aisle. Return to your seat using the outside aisles of those sections. Those seated in the center sections, please come forward beginning with the front pews using the center aisle and return using the diagonal aisles.

Communion may be received kneeling or standing at the altar rails. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available). You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base as a sign of devotion. Intinction, dipping the wafer into the wine, is also acceptable.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy.

[10:00 a.m. service]

Communion Hymn 304

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Land of Rest

✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

Presider 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 people stand as they are able.*

[10:00 service]

Recessional Hymn #209

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

St. Botolph

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

[10:00 a.m. service]

Postlude

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671
(from *Klavierübung III*)

J.S. Bach

*The worship is over * The service begins*

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Presider: The Rev. Nicole Benevenia (at 10:00 a.m.)

Preacher: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

Guest Organist: Richard Benefield

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Cary Einhaus

Intercessor at 8:00 a.m.:

Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Dale Cavanaugh

Lector at 10:00 a.m.: Nancy Fleming

Intercessor at 10:00 a.m.: John Kunowski

Eucharistic Ministers at 10:00 a.m.: Carol Allard, Robin Yergeau

Welcome Team/Ushers: Jack Cofer, Wendy MacArthur-Keith

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**This week at Christ Church
April 12-18**

Sunday	Vestry 11:30 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study 11:00 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	PSP Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men's Group 8:00 a.m.

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