

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON
The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

**omitted at 8:00 am*

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversations to a minimal.

*Prelude Easter Alleluia Henry Kihlken

*Hymn in Procession #174 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Salzburg

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant 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.**

Gloria *8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S-278*

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Clergy
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter, Rector



Take, Bless, Break, Give

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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

Please stand or kneel

Rejoicing in the Resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

O God, we give you thanks for raising Jesus Christ from the tomb, showing us that death is not the end. Help us to accept with joy the new life you give us.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the splendor of this earth, the warmth of the sun and beauty which surrounds us on every side. We pray that you will give us wisdom and reverence so to enjoy and use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer our abuse of them. Help us to be good stewards of your creation.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for this community of faith in which questions, doubts, and differences of opinion are respected. So draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so direct our wills, that we may be dedicated to you and strive for your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we pray for the Church, this nation, the many places of political conflict and economic suffering in the world, and all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. We remember our troops stationed around the world and the inhabitants of all war-torn countries.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, including those on our prayer list and all those whose struggles are known to you alone. We pray for nurses, physicians, therapists, caregivers and all who help provide healing and wholeness to others. May they find joy in their labors, that through their ministries your people might be strengthened and your creation glorified.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those whom we love, but see no longer. Let light perpetual shine upon them, O God. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant may add a concluding collect.

The Peace

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



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***Offertory Anthem**

Sanctus

Douglas Wagner

Translation: 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.

*Doxology

Lasst uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



Celebrant 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:

Sanctus

8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S-128

Celebrant & People **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.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

People **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

***Communion** Bread of the World Curt Oliver
***Communion Anthem** Lamb of God Decius/arr. Pooler
Junior Choir

*Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer. Patient still and lowly Thyself to scorn didst offer.
Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken; Have mercy on us, O Jesu! Amen, amen, amen.*

***Communion Hymn #305** Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest Rosedale

Thanksgiving after Communion Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

***Closing Hymn #492** Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness Finnian

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

***The Voluntary** Engelberg arr. Charles Callahan

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Walter Thies

L.E.M.: Mitch Hillard

Usher: Bill Habermann

10:00 am

Lectors: Patricia Taggart, Lori Parks,

Eric Dietz

L.E.M.: Geri Livengood

Ushers: John Jaqueth, Diana Riker

Christ Church Prayer List

We offer our prayers for those who are ill, including:

Aiden, Aiden, Alex, Ann, Arya, Brad, The Cano Family, Carl, Carlyne, Chandler, Chelsea, Chuck, Craig, Daryl, Diana, Ed, Ed, Ed, Georgeann, Gizelle, Inga, Irene, Ishi, Jason, Jason, Jaysen, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Jim, Jim D., Jim W., Joey, Joyce, Laura, Lorraine, Lorraine, Lorraine, Lou, Lynn, Lynn, Madeline, Marie, Marsha, Mary, Mary, Mary, Mary Ellen, Mary K., Nadine, Ruth, Sharon S., Steve, Tricia, Val.

We offer our prayers for those serving in the armed forces, including:

Angel, Dean, Jonathan, Michael, Nicholas, Parker, Robert.

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including:

Muriel Kelsey, Florian Wehrli, David Aroune, Sarah Hackelberg,
Madeline Hodgins, Brush Kirby, Mark David

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week, including:

Richard & Barbara Rowe

We want to be praying with you!

*Please contact the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list,
or to add a birthday or anniversary to our list.*

Please note: names will be retained for three months, unless otherwise requested.



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