



CHRIST CHURCH  
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA  
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025 — 11:00 am

*Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right. BCP: Book of Common Prayer (black),  
S or H: Hymnal 1982 (blue), WLP: Wonder, Love, and Praise (green), L: Lift Every Voice (red)*

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### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

Prelude in A minor, BWV 543

J.S. Bach

#### Processional Hymn

Christ is alive

H 182

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

BCP 355

*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.**

#### Song of Praise

Glory to God (Canticle 20)

S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Everliving God, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now, as we celebrate the dedication of this place to which we come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illuminate and to bless your people.

Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for making this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service.

Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in marriage, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands. In the name of God we pray. **Amen.**

*Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 148** *Chanted by the choir*

***Laudate Dominum***

**BCP 805**

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

We know that Christ is raised

H 296

## The Holy Gospel *Standing*

John 13:31-35

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Homily

Hannah Hutchens

## The Sermon

The Rev. H. Paul Canady III

**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.**



**A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church** *Stand or kneel*

BCP 578

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.  
Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands.  
Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.  
For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.  
**We thank you, Lord.**



For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the fellowship of all your Saints,

**We thank you, Lord.**

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Jerry Pelletier.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We especially remember those experiencing homelessness, job insecurity, and life transitions.

We give thanks for the Episcopal Farm Worker Ministry and the varied ways they contribute to our community and to our dinner tables. Empower us to support the workers and those who minister to this vital community of people at the heart of our nation's agricultural system.

We remember St. Timothy's Greenville, and St. John's, Grifton in this week's Cycle of Prayer.

The flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our dear David Watrous by his wife, Mimi; in loving memory of Stephen Ward and Cy Mabley by their sisters, Jackie Ward and Lisa Kirby; and in loving memory of Jerry Pelletier by his family.

We pray for those in our world who are suffering through war and political conflicts. We especially remember those in Sudan, Ukraine, Pakistan, India, and the Holy Land, and those seeking refuge and a new start in new lands. May God comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable to make a world of peace, justice, and prosperity for all of God's creation.

*The Celebrant continues.*

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshipped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*We omit the confession during the season of Easter as a reminder of Jesus' triumph over the grave and the unmerited grace given to us by God through Jesus.*



## The Peace *All stand.*

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

## Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Ad majorem Dei gloriam  
*Parish Choir and Celebration Brass*

William Mathias

Hymn at the Presentation

The Doxology

H 380 (v.3 only)

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

### Receiving Communion and One-On-One Prayer

Christ welcomes all to communion. Those Baptized in any Christian tradition are encouraged to receive communion.

- Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips.
- If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. If you wish to intinct, or dip the wafer in the wine, please hold the wafer in such a way that the Eucharistic Minister can intinct it and hand it back to you. Please do not intinct the wafer yourself.
- Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available at the lower station.
- Respond to communion by saying "Amen."
- If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.
- Baptism is offered several times yearly; speak to a priest to learn more.
- If you wish to pray one-on-one with a Prayer Minister, go to the Chapel after receiving communion or a blessing.
- Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer C

BCP 369

*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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements, you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, reconciled us.**

**By his wounds we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn.

## Sanctus

S 125



And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now the work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,**

**As we await the day of his coming.**



Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Debroah, Ruth and Ester; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one in body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** 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,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**Invitation to Communion**

*Celebrant* 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.

**Communion Hymn**

**God is love**

**H 379**

**Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor** *Standing*

*Celebrant* We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

*People* **Take these holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood and go forth in the name of Christ Church. May those to whom you go experience with us the majesty and mystery of His presence through the sharing of the bread and wine.**

*All* **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**  
**of the most precious Body and Blood**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**  
**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**  
**that we are living members of the Body of your Son,**  
**and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**  
**And now, Father, send us out**  
**to do the work you have given us to do,**  
**to love and serve you**  
**as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**  
**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Blessing** *Standing*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

**Sing praise to God**

**H 408**

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Postlude**

**Fugue in A minor, BWV 543**

**J.S. Bach**

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**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Timothy's, Greenville, and St. John's, Grifton

**Celebration Brass:** Patrick and Katie Dougherty

### **CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF**

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### **MISSION**

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

Please Note: You will notice that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar> and in the Sunday morning email. Signs with the complete calendar are posted on the kiosk in the Reception Area and the bulletin board across from the Library. Daily calendar signs are posted on the church's exterior doors.

## **CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH**

### **Sunday, May 18**

*Class of 2025 Senior Recognition (8:30 am service)*

*150th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Nave (11 am service)*

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

### **Monday, May 19**

1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

5 pm: LEM Meeting (Pelletier Room)

6:30 pm: Vestry Meeting (Parish House)

### **Tuesday, May 20**

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

### **Wednesday, May 21**

12:15 pm: Rector's Bible Study (Pelletier Room)

5 pm: Christ Church Trust Meeting (Offsite)

5 pm: Worship Commission Meeting (Library)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### **Thursday, May 22**

5:30 pm: Outreach and Evangelism Committee Meeting (Library)

### **Sunday, May 25**

*Switch to Summer Sunday Schedule*

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn

11 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

*Please note that the church offices will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.*