



**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 SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY

March 31, 2024 - 8:30 AM, 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)*

The 11 a.m. service is livestreamed on our youtube channel: www.youtube.com/c/ChristChurchNewBern

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Voluntary

Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah (8:30 and 11 am, Craven Brass)
Jubilate Deo (Cherub Choir and Music for Kids, 8:30 am)

Traditional

Processional

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

H 207

Celebrant

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

BCP 355

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia, 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

This is the feast of victory for our God

H 417

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.

The First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Spoken in Unison.*

Confitemini Domino

BCP 760

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Easter Music

The Wise Man (8:30 am)
Cherub Choir and Music for Kids

Traditional

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Hail the day that sees him rise

H 214

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

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon

The Rev. H. Paul Canady III

The Sermon

The Rev. H. Paul Canady III

The Nicene Creed *All stand*

BCP 358

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.

Prayers of the People *Stand or sit*

Intercessions for the Christian People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ’s resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

On this feast day which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ’s body may be one, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

Honoring the gift of Christ’s risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today the Lord God will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised believe of Peter and John. May we long to be God’s sign of life in this world, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

The flowers in the church are given in thanksgiving and memory of many loved ones. We give thanks to God for all of them.

We give thanks for the Sunrise arrangements behind the altar, given by Christ Church Altar Guild in celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

God of all humanity, now more than ever we pray to you for peace and justice in the world you have created. For the people of Israel and Palestine, for the Sudanese people, for Ukraine, and all the places where war and conflict are present. We pray for peace in our land, too, that words and actions by those in authority will bring hope and healing to those who need it most, and that we may show your glory by loving our neighbors as you love us.

We remember blessings this Easter Sunday and for the Easter Season in this week's Cycle of Prayer.

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Announcements & Offertory Sentence

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Offertory

An Easter Greeting (*Joyful Voices, 8:30 am*)

Martin How

Alleluia, This is the Day (*Parish Choir, 11 am*)

Brad Croushorn

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. Use the small individual cups at the lower station if you wish to dip your wafer. • 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.

Hymn at the Presentation

At the Lamb's high feast we sing (v. 4 only)

H 174

**Easter triumph, Easter joy, these alone do not sin destroy
From sin's power do thou set free should newborn, O Lord in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise:
risen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spirit ever be.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The people now stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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, according to his command, O Father:

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant continues

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.

Celebrant and People **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior has 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remember of that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We welcome to communion all who have been baptized in any Christian tradition. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available at the lower station.

Communion Music

Come to Me (*Dan Palemetakis, soloist, 11 am only*)

Dan Forrest

That Easter day with joy was bright

H 193

Come ye faithful, raise the strain

H 200

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor (*Please stand*)

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.**

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

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 for ever. Amen.

Musical Offering

Hallelujah Chorus from Handel’s Messiah (11 am only, Parish Choir and Craven Brass)

The Easter Blessing *Standing*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Christ is alive!

H 182

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

Hail the Day that sees him rise (Craven Brass)

arr. David Lasky

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Karen O’Connell, Barbara Rice, Margi Thompson, Carolyn Stevens, Diane Sanwick

Lector/Reader (first reading): Geoff Wood (8:30am), Jane Merritt (11am)

Lector/Eucharistic Minister (second reading): Rodney Hayes (8:30am), Anthony Embrey (11am)

Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Meyer (8:30am), Kahni Miller (11am)

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Broaddus (8:30 am), Delle Curry (11am)

Prayer Minister: Jorin Hood (8:30 am)

Greeters: Martha and Rick Schulhaus (8:30am), Christie Wineholt and Peter Mnatzakanian (11am)

Ushers: Wright Shields (11am)

Acolytes: Ollie Canady, Brooke Buhmaster, Jackson Veit, Allie Maret (8:30am)
Caroline Carpenter, Celia Morini, Julia Ballard (11am)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Blessings this Easter Sunday and for the Easter Season
We’d like to thank Delle Curry for helping us carefully create the list of people to be remembered/honored with Easter flowers today.

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, March 31

Easter Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Easter Egg Hunt

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

12 pm: Coffee Hour

Monday, April 1

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 2

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

No GIG

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

No Handbell or Joyful Voices Rehearsals

Wednesday, April 3

No GIG

No Music for Kids

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

No Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

No GIG

Friday, April 4

3:30 pm: Discernment Committee Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

Sunday, April 7

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

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