



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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024 — 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

Prelude Prelude Op. 32 No. 5 S. Rachmaninoff

Welcome and Announcements

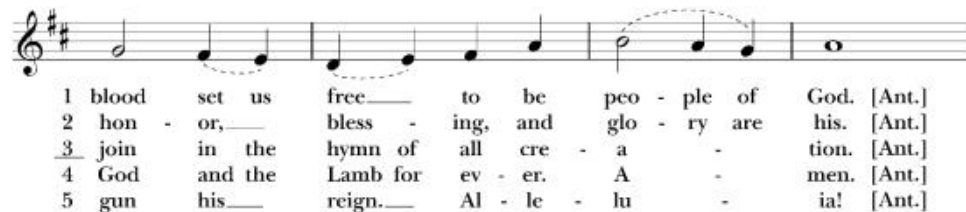
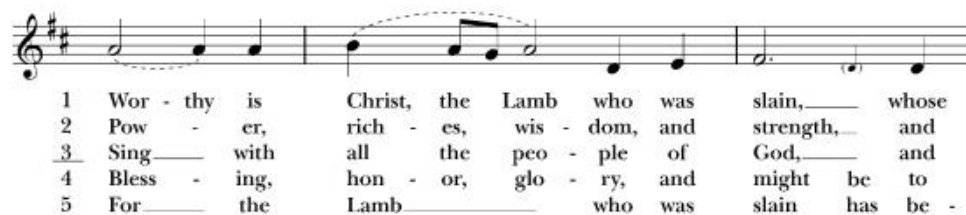
Processional Hymn Come, ye faithful, raise the strain H 199

*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 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

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.**

*Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.*

### 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 (*Spoken in unison*)

**Cominus regit me**

**BCP 612**

**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 Second Lesson

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.**

## Sequence Hymn

**My Shepherd will supply my need**

**H 664**

## The Holy Gospel *Standing*

**John 10:11-18**

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

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

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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Homily

**The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby**

## The Sermon

**The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby**

**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 Form VI** *Stand or kneel*

BCP 392

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Rob our own Bishop, and all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

Hear us Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We remember St. Francis, Goldsboro; and St. Augustine's, Kinston, in this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mom and dad, as they celebrate their heavenly 81st wedding anniversary, by Rodney Hayes.

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. **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**

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**Music at the Offertory**

**The 23rd Psalm**

**Music by Bobby McFerrin**

*Parish Choir*

### **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**

**H 174 v. 4**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy, these alone do sin destroy  
From sin's power do thou set free souls 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, Prayer C

BCP 369

Sanctus

S 129

*The Celebrant continues*

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is

H 645

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.**

Post Communion Prayer *Standing or kneeling*

BCP 366

*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 who reigns above

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

Invention No. 10, BWV 781

J.S. Bach

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### SERVING US TODAY

**Video Coordinator:** Nykira Williams **Verger:** Hal Stirling  
**Altar Guild:** Barbara West, Bonnie Royer, Cindy Gleisberg, Tim Lamm  
**Lector:** Andrew Garlick **Lector/Eucharistic Minister:** Delle Curry  
**Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister:** Jane Merritt  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Julia Sherman **Prayer Minister:** Jane Peele  
**Greeters:** Randy and Joanie Bogle **Usher:** Sam Curry  
**Acolyte:** Ollie Canady  
**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Francis, Goldsboro; St. Augustine's, Kinston

### CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF

**Rector:** The Rev. H. Paul Canady III **Associate Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby **Director of Music:** Jacqueline Nappi  
**Director of Church Life:** Jimi Paderick **Director of Growing in Grace:** Debbie Fodrie  
**Financial Coordinator:** Cindy Tripp **Communications Coordinator:** Betsy Downard  
**Volunteer Coordinator:** Sarah Risty-Davis  
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**Nursery Staff:** Heidi Powell, Alex Linton **Custodial Services:** Terry Pitner

### CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

**Term - 2024:** Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Senior Warden*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas  
**Term - 2025:** Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Holly Craighead, Kim Huddle (*Clerk*)  
**Term - 2026:** Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Wayne Rowe, Graham Underhill

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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, April 21**

*RCS InGathering Bag Collection*

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

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

12:30 pm: New and Current Acolyte Training (Nave)

### **Tuesday, April 23**

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

6 pm: Kay Tennant Recital (Nave)

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

### **Wednesday, April 24**

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### **Thursday, April 25**

*Offices Closed due to Staff Work Day*

### **Friday, April 26**

4:30 pm: Wendt/Steward Wedding (Nave)

### **Saturday, April 27**

10 am: Spring Clean-Up

### **Sunday, April 28**

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Ann Bustard Scholarship Committee Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

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

2:30 pm: Classical Sounds Evolved Concert (Nave)

6 pm: Camp Trinity / Camp Hope Pre-Camp Meeting and Dinner (Harrison Center)