



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

May 11, 2025 — 8:30 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 Improvisation on “Shepherd me O God” Jacqueline Nappi

Processional Hymn At the Lamb’s high feast we sing H 174

*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

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.*

### The First Lesson

**Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**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**

### **Revelation 7:9-17**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever!

Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

## Shepherd me, O God

Marty Haugen

(Congregation sings refrain, Choir sings verses)

Refrain



Verses (Sung by Choir)

1. God is my shepherd so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Refrain

2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Refrain

3. Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, you rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Refrain

4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Refrain

5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life. I will dwell in the house of my God forever more.

Refrain

## The Holy Gospel *Standing*

John 10:22-30

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

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 kneel*

## Intercessions for the Christian People

In this Eastertide we rejoice together at the resurrection of Christ. That the world may be commended to the care of the Good Shepherd, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For preachers of the word, that they may follow in the tradition of Paul and Barnabus, speaking out boldly to the edification of all people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Christian churches throughout the world, that they may experience unity and may follow Christ their Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world, that they may turn from oppression, imperialism, and warfare, and seek only the welfare of their peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the homeless, the hungry, and the sick, that they may find comfort in the one who shelters them with holy presence, guides them to springs of living water, and wipes away every tear from their eyes, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all mothers and those who give motherly care, that they may follow the example of the Good Shepherd who leads his children to good pasture, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop and Primate Staff of the Episcopal Church Center in this week's Cycle of Prayer.

The flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the wedding of Catherine Burgess and Christian Hansen.

On this Mothers' Day we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hopes to have children have been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way – those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides for us with our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother.

God our Creator: We ask for your loving presence and for your peace to be with refugees in our local community and around the world. Be with all who are in fear. Be with us as we strive to enact your will in our welcome and support of refugees. Be with those in positions of leadership, that their decisions may bend toward peace. Give us all strength and courage. Equip and empower us to be witnesses to your love – especially for those seeking refuge.

In thanksgiving for the holy apostles Barnabas and Paul, all the saints and martyrs, let us give praise to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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 B**

**BCP 367**

*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.**

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 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:



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

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,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

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. **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 Music**

**Somewhere over the rainbow (*Traditional*)**

*Ada Ruth Canady, Advanced Ukulele Club*

### **Communion Hymn**

**What wondrous love is this**

**H 439**

### **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**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****Praise my soul the King of heaven****H 410****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 C major****Dietrich Buxtehude**

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## **SERVING US TODAY**

**Verger:** Hal Stirling

**Altar Guild:** Sims Wayt, Lee Ann Fordyce, Margaret Shields, Mary Lynn Guidage, Gretchen DuPeza

**Lector:** Mariann Cuellar Lugo

**Lector / Eucharistic Minister:** Amanda Norwood

**Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister:** Randy Bogle

**Acolytes:** Ada Ruth Canady, Ella Corson, Anna Corson

**Greeters:** Martha Schulhaus and Phyllis Fox **Ushers:** Stephen and Boland Clayton

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop and Primate Staff of the Episcopal Church Center

## **CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF**

**Rector:** The Rev. H. Paul Canady III **Associate Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood

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## **CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY**

**Term - 2025:** Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Kim Huddle (*Senior Warden*), Holly Lippitt

**Term - 2026:** Patty Conard, Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Graham Underhill

**Term - 2027:** Vins Bowers, Liz Coble, Susan Husson (*Clerk*), Ernie Williams

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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 11**

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

#### **Monday, May 12**

- 11 am: ECW Picnic (Offsite)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)
- 1 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Bride's Room)

#### **Tuesday, May 13**

- 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 14**

- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

#### **Saturday, May 17**

- 7 pm: DAR Concert and Reception

#### **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)