



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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 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

Prelude                      Chorale Prelude on “Come, o come, our voices raise (H 430)                      Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn                      Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!                      H 205

*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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.*

### The First Lesson

**Acts 5:27-32**

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 150** *Spoken in unison.*

***Laudate Dominum***

**BCP 807**

#### **1 Hallelujah!**

**Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.**

**2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.**

**3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.**

**4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.**

**5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.**

**6 Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

## **The Second Lesson**

**Revelation 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Sequence Hymn**

**We walk by faith**

**H 209**

## **The Holy Gospel** *Standing*

**John 20:19-31**

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Children's Homily**

**The Rev. H. Paul Canady III**

## **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.**

**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 Sean, 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. Mark's, Roxobel, and St. Stephen's, Goldsboro, in this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God; in loving memory of her mother, Dolly Vertel, by Joanie Bogle; in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Jackie Ward, the Rev. Suzanne Hood, and Kip Peregoy by Priscilla Miller; and in thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Mary Frances Curns on the occasion of her retirement by David and Priscilla Miller.

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.

*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

I know that my Redeemer liveth

G.F. Handel (from the Messiah)

*Erica Smith, Soloist*

Hymn at the Presentation

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

**H 174 v. 4**

**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.**

## 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

Sanctus

S 125

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.

*The Celebrant continues*

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

H 324

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**

**Hail the day that sees him rise**

**H 214**

### **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**

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**setting by Paul Manz**

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### **SERVING US TODAY**

**Video Coordinator:** Nykira Williams **Vergers:** Hal Stirling

**Altar Guild:** Barbara West, Bonnie Royer, Cindy Gleisberg, Tim Lamm, Susan Husson

**Lector:** Gretchen DuPeza **Lector/Eucharistic Minister:** Jane Merritt

**Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister:** Delle Curry **Eucharistic Minister:** Christie Wineholt

**Greeter:** Tony Embrey **Ushers:** Sam Curry, Gregory Albright

**Acolytes:** Carolina Carpenter, Julia Ballard, Wynn Buhrmaster

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Mark's, Roxobel, St. Stephen's, Goldsboro

### **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

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**Nursery Staff:** Heidi Powell, Alison Robinett **Custodial Services:** Terry Pitner

### **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, April 27**

- 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: Stephen Ministry Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

### **Monday, April 28**

- 9:30 am: Christ Church Cooks (Harrison Center)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

### **Tuesday, April 29**

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

### **Wednesday, April 30**

- 11 am: Rector's Bible Study RESUMES (Pelletier Room)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### **Thursday, May 1**

- 4 pm: Wedding Rehearsal (Nave)

### **Friday, May 2**

- 4 pm: Burgess / Hanson Wedding (Nave)

### **Saturday, May 3**

- 9 am: Spring Arts and Crafts Market (Churchyard)
- 10 am: Heritage Homes Tour

### **Sunday, May 4**

- Birthday and Anniversary Sunday*
- GIG Volunteer Recognition (8:30 am service)*
- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Writing letters for Camp Hope Campers (Parish House)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 4 pm: Racial Reconciliation Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 5 pm: Camp Hope Pre-Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 5 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room)
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)