



*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*April 7, 2024 — 9:00 am*

## *Christ Church*

*(Episcopal / Anglican)*

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite I**  
April 7, 2024 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude *“Easter Hymns for Organ and Chimes”*

Processional Hymn 210 *“The Day Of Resurrection”*

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

*Celebrant :* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

*Officiant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People:* ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

*Officiant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify  
thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the onlybegotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest  
away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;*

*thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,*

*art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**The Collect of the Day**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And with thy Spirit.***

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.*

### **A Reading (Lesson) from Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Duet** *"Alleluia W. A. Mozart"*

**Psalm 133** *Ecce, quam bonum!*

1. Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
2. ***It is like fine oil upon the head \****  
***that runs down upon the beard,***
3. Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
4. ***It is like the dew of Hermon \****  
***that falls upon the hills of Zion.***
5. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

### **A Reading (Lesson) from 1 John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at

and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gospel Hymn** “*Open Our Eyes Lord*”

*See insert*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**John 20:19-31**

*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.***

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie Mazzacano, *Deacon*

### **The Nicene Creed** (*All Standing Spoken*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for

us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand  
of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the  
Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who  
spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and  
Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.  
Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught  
us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all  
men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine  
Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal  
Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant  
that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the  
truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers  
especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our  
Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Donald our Priest, Leslie  
our Deacon. and all bishops, priests and deacons and those who  
serve the People of God, that they may, both by their life and  
doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and  
duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

*Hear our prayers, O God.*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to  
this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due  
reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly

-serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

*Hear our prayers, O God.*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph our President and Phil our Governor , that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

*Hear our prayers, O God.*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

*Hear our prayers, O God.*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially *Ruth, Sharon, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Jane, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Ted, Alice, .*

*Hear our prayers, O God.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially *Nancy Fair Peterson*, and those memorialized with our Easter flowers: beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

*Hear our prayers, O God.*

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*Amen.*

**The Peace** *(All stand.)*

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* ***And with thy spirit.***

**Offertory Hymn** 199 *“Come Ye Faithful. Raise The Strain”*

**The Doxology** (*Hymnal 380 Verse 3*)

*All: Praise God of whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above the heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen*

**The Holy Communion Rite I, Prayer I** *pg. 333 BCP*

*The people remain standing. The Officiant faces them and says*

*Officiant: The Lord be with you.*

*People: **And with thy spirit.***

*Officiant: Lift up your hearts.*

*People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.***

*Officiant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

*People: **It is meet and right so to do.***

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy Holy, Holy Lord**

*All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The people kneel or stand. Then the Officiant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you gave life when your Spirit hovered over the face of the waters. Yours was the gift of a Son, who was with you from before all worlds, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all which has been or shall be. By your grace, in and through him is wrought the wonder of our salvation. Forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you, bring us with all certainty to receive thy Son Jesus Christ as he is present in the mystery of the Sacrament now set before us, to our health and gladness. Prepare our hearts to embrace true life, which comes to all pilgrims that seek Him. For these priceless things which you have bestowed upon us in his Holy Name, we thank you.  
*All: Amen.*

*The Lord's Prayer is said, the deacon first saying,*

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ hath taught us.

***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.***

*All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

## **Officiant the Invitation**

*The Deacon then genuflects. Taking the Bread, the Deacon raises it slightly over the altar and, facing the people, says the following invitation,*

*Officiant:* 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 Duet** “*Come Unto Me*” G. F. Handel

### **Post Communion**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

*Amen.*

### **Birthday Blessings**

### **Anniversary Blessings**

### **Announcements**

### **Final Blessing**

### **Recessional** 209 “*We Walk By Faith*”

*The Deacon, or the Officiant, dismisses them with these words*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

*People: **Thanks be to God!***

**Organ Postlude** “*Hallelujah Chorus*” G. F. Handel

**THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT** is lit in memory of  
*Nancy Fair Peterson*, by her sister Eileen Fair Durgin

**Participating in the 9am. Service**

*Musicians include:* Susan Engel, Helen Mack,  
Handbell Ringers in the congregation

*Acolyte:* Jeff Mack. Sally Barnes

*Lector:* Joanne Grimes      *Ushers:* Larry Bradshaw, Bill Wilson

*Altar Guild:* Terri Bradshaw, Robin Vetter

*Counters:* Don Dietz, Bob Engel

**THURSDAY STUDY GROUP** will return on Thursday, April 18 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Parlor. Our study title is “FIRST LIGHT; JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD”. This is a study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg, two of the world’s leading Jesus scholars on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem. The title of the first session is “The Matrix of Jesus.”

**MID-WEEK SERVICE** A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God’s healing for the world. The Service lasts about 45 minutes, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day. Father Don is on vacation the week of April 10, so there will not be a service.

**MEN’S GROUP.** We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am, and we will talk about the things that are important for a man’s spiritual life. It’s an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.

**MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES** On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants.

**FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY** April 16th, Noon to 2pm Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship, all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend, Chair lift is available, No charge, but donations are welcome

**Easter Flower Memorials 2024**  
**The flowers in the church were given**  
**to the glory of God and in loving memory of:**

Cynthia Commaroto

Richard Ross

George Mack

Miriam Mack

Nancy Gorman

William Mack

Dorothy Mack

Lt. Col. Kevin

Hermann

Florence Gorman

Albert Gorman

Sam Wargny

Mary Jane Wargny

Jay Wargny

Elaine Jones

Charles Jones

Harold Bishop

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Milton Horner

John Thomas Wargny

Thomas Wargny

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Dorothy Scheetz

Bill & Marilgn Flanagan

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Jim Telford

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John & Jaclyn Bosak

Dr. Ronald J. Pollock

Marjorie Kathryn Shea

Howard L. Shea

John Y. Radcliff

Joyce Morozin

Richard M. Ackerman

Robert & Kathryn Messemger

In Thanksgiving for Our family,

Larry and Terri Bradshaw

**Fr. Don & Mel will be away this week,**  
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