



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 — 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

Prelude                      Chorale Prelude on “Come, o come, our voices raised (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

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

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.**

**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**

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**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 celebrate and proclaim the signs of Jesus, that all might believe that he is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing they may have life in his name. Therefore, that everyone may experience the new life in Christ in the midst of the old life of sin and doubt, let us pray for all God's people, and for all people everywhere according to their needs, saying: Lord, have mercy.

That amid all the doubts which threaten to destroy the community of faith, Christ's peace may be shared and experienced for the strengthening of belief, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That all who have come to new birth in holy baptism and all who have received the forgiveness of sins in absolution may live in peace with each other, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That the sick, the infirm, and the disturbed might experience the healing power of the Spirit of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That those who participate in the eucharistic meal may taste and see the feast to come in the presence of the one who died and is alive forevermore, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We remember St. Mark's, Roxobel, and St. Stephen's, Goldsboro in this week's 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.

That all who have died in the faith may serve as examples to us who continue in our pilgrimage on earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief, and hear us for the sake of the one who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, even Jesus Christ, the first and the last, the living one, in whose name we pray. **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

Music at the Offertory

I know that my Redeemer liveth

G.F. Handel (from the Messiah)

*Erica Smith, Soloist*

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 Hymn**

**Let us break bread together**

**H 325**



**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

**Verger:** Hal Stirling

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

**Lector:** Patricia Holmes

**Lector / Eucharistic Minister:** Julia Sherman

**Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister:** Randy Bogle

**Acolytes:** Baker Hudson, Wednesday Huff, Beckett Jennings

**Greeter:** Joanie Bogle

**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

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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

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## MISSION

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## **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)