

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EASTER DAY: THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II



April 5, 2026 11:15 am

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (*Confitemini Domino*)

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



© 1956, Jerome Webster Meachen.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is **good**; *
his mercy endures for **ever**.
- 2 Let Israel now **proclaim**, *
"His mercy endures for **ever**."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my **song**, *
and he has become my **salvation**.

- 15 There is a sound of exultation and **victory** *
in the tents of the **righteous**:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has **triumphed!** *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has **triumphed!**"
- 17 I shall not die, but **live**, *
and declare the works of the **Lord**.
- 18 The Lord has punished me **sorely**, *
but he did not hand me over to **death**.
- 19 Open for me the gates of **righteousness**; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the **Lord**.
- 20 "This is the gate of the **Lord**; *
he who is righteous may **enter**."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you **answered me** *
and have become my **salvation**.
- 22 The same stone which the builders **rejected** *
has become the chief **cornerstone**.
- 23 This is the Lord's **doing**, *
and it is marvelous in our **eyes**.
- 24 On this day the Lord has **acted**; *
we will rejoice and be glad **in it**.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 208 (*All singing*)

The strife is o'er (vv.1-4)

Victory

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Preacher: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn # 208 (*All singing*)

The strife is o'er (v.5)

Victory

The Sermon

The Rev. Webster Gibson

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: In the power of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created yet so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the holy church, whose life is hid with Christ in God, that in all its diversity witness may be made to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all in high places of authority, for whom Christ was put to death and was raised, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all gathered in this assembly, that we, like Mary and Peter and John, may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Choir Anthem	Christ Is Alive Brannon Wiltshire, trumpet	Arranged by Peter Cutts
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B) S-125*	Holy, holy, holy Lord	p. 367 Richard Proulx
The Lord's Prayer S-155*	Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover	p. 364 Gerald Near
The Invitation		p. 364
The Communion of the People		

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

To receive the wine:

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalicer. The chalicer will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Choir Anthem	Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem	C. V. Stanford
Hymn # 199 (<i>All Singing</i>)	Come, ye faithful, raise the strain	<i>St. Kevin</i>

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

People and Celebrant: 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 for ever. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

Celebrant: May 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

Hymn # 205 (*All singing*) Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! *Gelobt sei Gott*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

* *S-music is service music found in the front of the hymnal*

Thanks to Jean Lin, the Christ Church Choir, and our guest musicians:

Sha Wu, soprano

Osman Peralta, tenor

Philip Sargent, bass-baritone

Brannon Wiltshire, trumpet

Anneliese Walrath, timpani

Happy Easter!

Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA, and used by permission. The Collects, Psalms and Canticles are from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979. The service music for this morning's Eucharist is Copyrighted © by The Church Pension Fund and is reproduced with permission under OneLicense.net #A-701533.

Permission to reprint, podcast, and/or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-701533. All rights reserved.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher – The Rev. Webster Gibson

Lay Readers – Marjorie Prochaska, George White

Prayers of the People – Rod Grandon

Lay Eucharistic Ministers – Barbara Downs, Stacy Talbott

Ushers – Dan Gloster, Jazmine Pellot, Leslie Harper, Marty Tabaka, Doug Thomas

Acolytes – Madison Truong, Maria Nelson

Altar Guild – Leslie Harper, Ginny North

Leadership of Christ Church

Church Staff

The Rev. Webster S. Gibson, *Rector (Ext. 1)*

Jean Lin, *Music Director/Organist*

Garth Stevens-Jennings, *Family Ministries (Ext. 2)*

Noelle Creamer, *Communications (Ext. 4)*

Theresa Seitz, *Bookkeeper (Ext. 5)*

Susan Francis, Helen Zebarth, *Parish Nurses
(Ext.3)*

Steven “Tuffy” Whitacre, *Sexton*

DeLyn Celec, *Director of Alleluia Singers*

Marsha Baden, *Director, Cherub Choir*

Members of the Vestry

Senior Warden: Barbara Downs

Junior Warden: Martha Griffin

Treasurer: Bob Puttock

Register: Betsy Young

2027 – Ron Bellows, Barbara Downs,
Leslie Harper, Betsy Young

2028 – Martha Griffin, Eric Kalbaugh,
Robert Wilson, Mary Margaret Wise

2029 – Katie Harvard, Susan Lauer,
Neile Martin, Arthur Sperry

Trustees: Wilborn Roberson,
Robert Mitchell, Pem Hutchinson



CHRIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

Christ Episcopal Church • 140 West Boscawen Street

Church Office: 114 West Boscawen Street

Winchester, VA 22601

www.ChristChurchWinchester.org • 540-662-5843