

# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**EASTER DAY:  
THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION  
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II AND HOLY BAPTISM**



April 5, 2026 9:00 am



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)



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- 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.

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*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



*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** (*All Singing*) Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

*St. Kevin*

#### **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

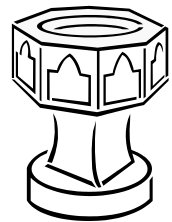
Osman Peralta, tenor

Philip Sargent, bass-baritone

Brannon Wiltshire, trumpet

Anneliese Walrath, timpani

***We welcome Isabela Ann Pellet  
into the fellowship of the body of Christ through  
Holy Baptism this morning.***



*Bondone, Giotto di, 1266?-1337. The Risen Christ and Noli Me Tangere, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=46250> [retrieved March 26, 2026]. Original source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Giotto\\_di\\_Bondone\\_038.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Giotto_di_Bondone_038.jpg).*

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## SERVING TODAY

***Celebrant & Preacher*** – The Rev. Webster Gibson

***Assisting Clergy*** – The Rev. David Bicking

***Lay Readers*** – Arthur Sperry, Mary Margaret Applin

***Prayers of the People*** – John Applin

***Lay Eucharistic Ministers*** – Mary Margaret Applin, John Applin

***Ushers*** – David Wingenbach, Clair Ridings, Greg Stotler, Chris Francis

***Acolytes*** – Lelia Wingenbach, Jackson Stock

***Altar Guild*** – Susan Duhring, Maria Tedesco

### 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)*

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**DeLyn Celec**, *Director of Alleluia Singers*

**Marsha Baden**, *Director, Cherub Choir*

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***Senior Warden:*** Barbara Downs

***Junior Warden:*** Martha Griffin

***Treasurer:*** Bob Puttock

***Register:*** Betsy Young

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

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Neile Martin, Arthur Sperry

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