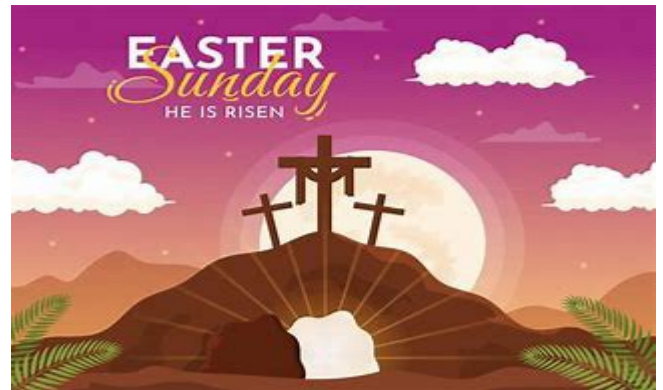


**Welcome to *Christ*
Church**
Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



BCP—The “Black” Book of Common Prayer
Hymnal—The “Red” Hymnal 1982

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

Here are some of the ways that we can engage with one another and sometimes the wider community.

April:

Weekly/Monthly Reoccurring Events:

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| • 1 st Mon. Building & Grounds Meeting | 6:00PM | Parish Hall |
| • 2 nd Tues. Vestry Meeting | 6:00PM | Parish Hall |
| • 2 nd Wed. Prayer Group | 7:00PM | Church |
| • 4 th Wed. Prayer Group | 11:30AM | Church |
| • 2 nd & 4 th Mon. of each month- Women’s Bible Study
(POC <i>Helen Wright</i>) | 6-7PM | Vestry Room |

Special Events:

- April 2nd- Maundy Thursday Service 6:30PM, stripping of the Altar immediately following and Stay Awake 7pm-Midnight
- April 5th- Easter Sunday Regular Service Times

Church Staff

Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Chaptico:

The Reverend Peter K. Ackerman

Parish Administrator:

Jennifer Groht

Choir Director:

Seth Thompson

Today’s Lay Ministers

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00am

David Simmons

10:00am

George Kennett

Lectors:

Anne Saunders

Karen Owens

Greeters:

Julie & Austin Burch

Dan & Diana Donahue

Acolyte:

Katie Shupe

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TOGETHER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hail thee, festival day vs. 1-4, 8

HYMNAL 175

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant + Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant and People say,

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.

THE GLORIA

HYMNAL S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, + with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

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

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *

"His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! * the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; * he who is righteous may enter." I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE EPISTLE**1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26**

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN*Welcome Happy Morning vs. 1,4,5***HYMNAL 179****GOSPEL****JOHN 20:1-18**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The people sit.

After the Sermon, those to be baptized will come forward with family members and sponsors.

Celebrant The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents I will with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents I will with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these person* in *their* life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with *those who are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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 the 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 the 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.

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth [and for those (this person) who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.]

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

LEM Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

LEM Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

LEM Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

LEM Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

LEM Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

LEM Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

LEM Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Isreal out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come with in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

As the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

No sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in al your works. *Amen.*

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to each one

*N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.
When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Dedication of Holy Gift, for use in God's Holy Church.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

OFFERTORY HYMN

He has risen

HYMNAL 180

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

The Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

PROPER PREFACE

Said by Priest, concluding with...

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

HYMNAL S 130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. + Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

HYMNAL S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world, Give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 Norms- *All are welcome to the altar rail for Holy Communion, when it is distributed to the gathered. If want a blessing instead of the communion wafer, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing instead of the bread/wafer and the wine person will pass you by. Unless it is difficult to your circumstances, we ask that everyone come down the Right aisle as you face the altar and exit by the Left. When you receive the wafer, you may either consume it, and then sip from the chalice; or after consuming the wafer, head to the left where there is a intinction cup for you to dip your wafer before consuming. If you are unable to approach the altar, let an usher or seatmate know so that they can inform the priest, who will come to you.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Anthem Risen on High

SUNG BY THE CHOIR

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING FOR EASTER SUNDAY

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today

HYMNAL 207

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

