

Confirmation and Holy Eucharist Rite One The 5th Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024 – 8:00 AM

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Notes referencing posture – stand, sit, kneel – should be assumed to be optional. Assistive hearing devices are available in Surface Hall, outside the double doors.

All loose plate offering collected today will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Tolling of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

The Congregation stands for the procession.

Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ is risen.	BCP 413
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.	
Celebrant	There is one Body and one Spirit;	
People	There is one hope in God's call to us;	
Celebrant	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;	
People	One God and Father of all.	

Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Sit for the reading of the scriptures.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Psalm 22:24-30 Said responsively by whole verse.

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- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 - and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Deacon	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Terry A. White

Confirmation

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BishopThe Candidates will now be presented.PresenterI present these persons for Confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates.

Bishop	Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates	I do.
Bishop	Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates	I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.
Bishop	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these
People	persons in their life in Christ? We will.

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

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Silence

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon and prays for each one.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand as able.

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of The Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd with thy Spirit.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Communion Instructions

The Holy Communion

The Great ThanksgivingEucharistic Prayer IIStanding

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Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.
Celebrant	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 <i>here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface</i> 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, Lord God of Hosts:
	Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
	Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
	Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
	Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did

institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, BCP 336

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

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

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.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion is available to all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination. We serve communion at two stations: up at the altar rail and in front of the lectern, and you may go to either station. We have gluten-free wafers available; one arm across your chest will indicate that need to the clergy. To receive the wine, you can dip into or drink from any of the large chalices, or if you would like to dip into a chalice that no one has drunk from, that will be available at the station in front of the lectern on the pedestal. You can request a blessing instead of communion, whether baptized or unbaptized, by crossing both arms across your chest.

Sending Forth the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer

Standing or kneeling

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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.

The Blessing

Bishop	Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People	The maker of heaven and earth.
Bishop	Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People	From this time forth forevermore.

The Bishop blesses the PeopleAll respondAmen.

The Recession

The Dismissal

All respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bob Adams by Karen Adams and family.

8 AM Ministers of the Service

Celebrant/Preacher The Right Reverend Terry Allen White The Reverend Canon Amy Real Coultas Bishop's Chaplain Deacon The Venerable Kellie Mysinger Associate Rector The Reverend Becca Kello Lector Jim Meyer Altar Party Shelley Carter, Julie Adams, Brenda Willoughby Kirk Patton Shepherd Altar Guild Sharon Valk

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, April 28 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I In-person and live-streamed
9:00 AM Senior Sunday Breakfast
9:00 AM Bread of Angels – Conference Room
9:00 AM Conversation with Scripture – All Saints' Room
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II In-person and live-streamed
12:00 PM Weekly submission deadline for *The Lancet*, and the Sunday bulletin

Monday, April 29

9:00 AM Education for Ministry – EfM Room **5:30 PM** Education for Ministry – EfM Room **7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous – Moore Hall

Tuesday, April 30

12:00 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel
4:00 PM Yoga – Moore Hall
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Sacred Ground – All Saints' Room

Wednesday, May 1

7:00 AM Morning Prayer – Conference Room
11:00 AM Wednesday Community Lunch
12:00 PM Healing Eucharist
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous – Moore Hall
5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Episcopal Campus Ministry
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2

Friday, May 3 Church office is closed

Saturday, May 4 8:00 AM Brotherhood of Saint Andrew – Conference Room 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous *Streamed services can be found at facebook.com/cecbg or https://www.youtube.com/c/CECBG

TO VIEW THE ENTIRE CHURCH CALENDAR, please access our website, cecbg.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

4/29 Mia Greenwell5/03 James Mault5/03 Jacob Stewart

Worship

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP will continue at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings on Facebook and YouTube.

Learn and Grow

CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURE meets at 9 AM in the All Saints' Room. After Thanksgiving we will begin studying and discussing "the most controversial, misunderstood, and abused book of the Bible" - Genesis. We will use "Genesis for Normal People" by Peter Enns & Jared Byas as our study guide. Facilitating discussion is David Kem. A great place to become involved in adult Sunday School at Christ Church, all are welcome to participate in this ongoing open discussion, or maybe just listen in.

BREAD OF ANGELS is a group of adults of all ages who gather to explore what it is to be a Christian in the world in which we find ourselves. We are just starting Verna Dozier's *The Dream of God, A Call to Return* making it a perfect time to join us. Copies of her book are available in the reception area of the church office.

CENTERING PRAYER is Tuesdays at 12:00 PM. We are meeting in the Chapel. Anyone who is interested is welcome. Any questions, please contact Kathy Wise-Leonard at 270-779-5595 or email <u>billkathyleonard@bellsouth.net</u> or Janice Erbach at 270-904-1164 or email <u>kassta@jadegrel.net</u>.

Radiate

CHURCHES UNITED IN CHRIST HELP MINISTRY is one of the oldest outreach ministries of Christ Church. In partnership with two other downtown Christian churches, we attempt to assist families with their utility bill, emergency prescriptions, gasoline for an out of town doctor appointment, etc. For a long time, the NEED has far exceeded our resources to help. In order to effectively sustain this ministry, we need for members to step up with a pledge of \$10 or more per week. The Help Ministry at Christ Church currently distributes well over \$1,000 per month to those in need. We only help an individual once every 12 months. Please include a gift to the Help Ministry in your gifts to Christ Church! God Bless!

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH is now serving sack lunches. We are in need of monetary donations to further our program. Your donations are appreciated and can be put in the offering plate with a designation to WCL or may be made online at https://www.cecbg.com/secure-giving. We are also encouraging folks to join our team of volunteers to assemble and serve! Contact Mary Cash (marygcash@gmail.com), Janice Erbach (kassta@jadegrel.net), or Margie Dotson (madebg@bellsouth.net) for more information.

ONLINE GIVING Make a secure contribution online to the current year operating fund and/or other funds. You can make your donations through the church website.

General Announcements

ALL FOYER GROUPS will gather Thursday, May 30th, at 5:30 PM. Please bring an appetizer or a dish and a drink of choice to share.

ECM ON THE CAMINO The Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM) is making a pilgrimage to the Camino de Santiago de Compostela, led by Mother Becca from May 19-30. They will be walking the last 100 kilometers of the 790 kilometer route with the Rev. Anna Noon, beginning in Sarria, Spain on May 22nd. Please hold their travel, pilgrimage, and journey in your prayers.

FATHER STEVE'S SABBATICAL Father Steve will be on Sabbatical during April, May, and June. Please hold his travel, rest, and rejuvenation in your prayers.

Parish Prayer List *indicates new

Parishioners of Christ Church

Judy Adams	Paula Morgan
Annie Barry	George Niva
*Richard Barry	Gretchen Niva
Aldis Brunson	Leigh Constans Pierce
Janice Bunch	Maryanne Ringo
David Cole	Karen Robeson
Vickie Cole	Carroll Smith
The Most Reverend Michael Curry	Crystal Stiles
Dolores Dodd	Josh Stiles
Dean Gilbert	Teddi Taylor
Bob Harrison	Karen Towell
Nick Heil	Carroll Travelsted
Doug Lawhorn	

Parishioners of Christ Church teaching overseas

Boo Petersen, South Africa

Galen Olmsted, Venezuela

In Remembrance

John Hoyle Peg Coatney Doris Payton, *aunt of Leonard Edwards*

In Thanksgiving

For our Cloister Community

Military serving overseas known by Christ Church parishioners

Family of Christ Church parishioners

Jill Brown, cousin of V onda Garringer Martha Burch, mother of David Burch Nancy Cook, cousin of Sue Edwards Ronnie Corn, brother of V onda Garringer Bethaney Curry, daughter of Karen Adams Dixie Daniel, sister of Portia Wimp Walter Derryberry, father of Pitt Derryberry Jay Edwards, brother of Leonard Edwards Spencer & Abby Goidel, grandson & wife of Don & Lou Goidel Joan Harper, mother of Mike Harper Todd Horn, son of Dick & Jane Horn Jessie Hurst and family Sharon Johnson, aunt of V onda Garringer Joe Lawhorn, brother of Doug Lawhorn Jerry McKenzie, brother-in-law of George Anna McKenzie Todd Niva, son of George & Gretchen Niva Robert Paul, husband of Shanna Paul Joyce Pedigo, mother of Jenny Morehead Becky Scott, sister of Ken Stein Kathryn Smith, mother of Tony Smith Kenneth Smith, father of Tony Smith Mark Spraker, brother of John Spraker Debbie Stiles Wurth, aunt of Josh Stiles James Swick, son of Cathie Huston Kelly Taylor, daughter-in-law of Teddi Taylor Mary Lou Wells, mother of Paula Lyons David Witty, brother of Marcia Eastin

Others known by Christ Church parishioners

Mary Abel, requested by Father Steve James Adams, requested by Miliska and Terry Knauft Dick Anderson, requested by Father Steve Ben Akin, requested by George Anna McKenzie Ashley, requested by Vonda Garringer Donna Aspley, requested by Miliska Knauft Georgia Brenner, requested by Gary & Judy Reimer William Browning, requested by Vonda Garringer Milton Carter, requested by Vonda Garringer Christina, requested by George Anna McKenzie *Mason Davis, requested by Janet Grider Andrew Donelson, requested by Laura Cobron Teegan Harper, requested by Leigh Harper Gio, requested by Sue Edwards Ann Humphrey, requested by Patsy Sloan Ann Mensch, requested by Cathie Huston Jessica Morgan, requested by Kellie Mysinger Sandy Proffitt, requested by Nancy Minix Zachary Simpson, requested by Laurie Joyce Dianna Wheat, requested by Ann Puckett

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Monday - Wednesday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM | Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Closed Friday