

**Christ Episcopal Church  
Welcomes All  
The Second Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist Rite I  
April 7, 2024  
8:00 AM**



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## **WELCOME**

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome here at Christ Church, as you are, to receive the blessings of God so freely given, of new and unending life in Christ. We are thankful that you are here today and we invite you to return often.

Children of all ages are welcome at Christ Church.

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**Acclamation & Collect for Purity**

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**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.*

**First Reading**

**Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Psalm 133** (*read responsively*)

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head \***  
**that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## **Second Reading**

## **1 John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## **The Holy Gospel**

## **John 20:19-31**

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.

### **Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** Stand as able

**Prayers of the People, Form II**

**Prayer for the Parish**

**The Rev. Blake Wamester**

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**Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **Offertory**

**Eucharistic Prayer II**

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## **The Bread and Cup are given to the people.**

*\* As the Usher invites you, please move toward the center of the Communion Rail.*

*\* You may consume the bread and then drink from the cup, tipping the bottom slightly away from you to assist the chalice bearer; you may dip the bread into the wine, being careful to not place your fingers in the wine; or you may cross your arms in front of you to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.*

*\* If you prefer a blessing rather than the bread and wine, simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest approaches.*

*\* Once the chalice bearer has returned to the outside of the Communion Rail, that person may stand, and those at the rail follow back to their seats.*

*\* If you are unable to come to the Communion Rail, but would like to receive, please let an usher know; the ministers will gladly come to you.*

*\* Gluten Free is Available.*

**Post Communion Prayer**    *Please stand as able*

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**Dismissal – People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The Worship has ended. The Service begins.**

**Our thanks to The Rev. Blake Wamester  
for serving today**

**Please join the Spiritual Formation Group today  
after this service in the Parish Hall.**

**PREPARE YOUR HEART AND MIND  
BY READING AHEAD**

The readings for April 14 are Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7 and Luke 24: 36b-48.

## **Our Worship**

Sunday Services at 8 A.M. and 10 A.M. (Eucharist)  
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