

# HOLY COMMUNION

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER SUNDAY

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 31, 2024



*Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina. We are a Protestant church which originated in England in the 16th Century. We join as a family of friends receiving Holy Communion every Sunday to empower ministry to our community. We are an inclusive fellowship welcoming those who may not feel affirmed elsewhere regarding gender, orientation, or race. There is a place for you among us at Christ Church. Join with us.*

## WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

*Votive candles: Everyone is invited to light a candle on the votive stand at the front of the church as a way of making your invisible prayers visible.*

### Personal Prayers

**For Encouragement:** Holy One, please help me to not lose heart. When I look at the world around me, it is easy to get overwhelmed and discouraged. When that happens, I will take heart, because You are renewing me. Help me to remember all the ways You are present through Christ, my Lord. Amen.

**For Patience:** God, thank You for allowing me to experience trials and thank You for refining my faith through them. When I go through hard situations, please lead me away from temptation by giving me the strength to endure. Remind me of the joy set before me: the purification of my character and eternity spent with You. Through Christ, my Lord. Amen.

**For Renewal:** Lord Christ, may I give to you those things that distract, entertain, or subvert my commitment to love others as myself. May those things I surrender create room for habits of thought and actions that create more life in those I meet this day and ever after. In your Holy Name, I pray. Amen.

**Generosity:** God of All, from whom all things come, and all things will return: make me aware of the ways I value material things over right relationships with others. I want to see you at work in all things without desiring to possess them that I may live in you, O Christ, in perfect freedom. In your holy Name I pray. Amen.

**Growth:** O God, you know me better than I know myself: make me aware of the ways in which past abuse and neglect compels me to seek approbation from others rather than trust in the value of my own loveliness, that rather than distancing myself from others, I may live freely with those as we make the journey together. I ask this in the strong and gentle name of Christ, my Lord. Amen.

**Change:** God, you are the source from which all things come at all times and in all lives: Help me, I pray, to embrace change as it inevitably comes by trusting in you, that I may grow into the full stature and Image of your Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

**Healing:** Ever-present God of compassion: you know from afar my rising up and my lying down. Grant that I may accept what is past, leaving it with you, that I may live without fear or harsh self-judgment, to focus freely on your work of healing in the world. Amen.

**Humility:** Gracious God, whose will it is to bring all creation into unity in your Son, Jesus Christ: make me daily disown my overly competitive instincts, that I may “seek peace and pursue” it to welcome all into my life, to the honor and glory of your Name. Amen.

**For Forgiveness:** Dear God, it can be hard for me to forgive myself for things I have done, but because you have forgiven me, help me let go and leave behind all that cannot be undone for your mercy’s sake. As you draw closer to me, help me grow closer to you through Christ. Amen.

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***About Holy Communion:** We trust Christ to be truly present in the bread and wine. Through our praise and thanksgiving in the Holy Spirit we are united in His saving grace to the glory of God. Ours is an open table of Holy Communion. All persons, children and adults, are welcomed to receive. If you wish to learn more about being baptized, speak with Father Emanuel.*

***Receiving Holy Communion:** Come forward as directed by the ushers. Stand or kneel at the altar rail with palms extended to receive the bread. We offer the wine of Holy Communion by common cup or by dipping the wafer into the cup of wine (intinction.) If you would prefer a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to signal the Priest.*

(All stand.)

Opening Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

*Descant*



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Easter Acclamation

Priest: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**People:** *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

## Collect for Purity

Priest:

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.**



Gloria

S280

Glory to God in the highest



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



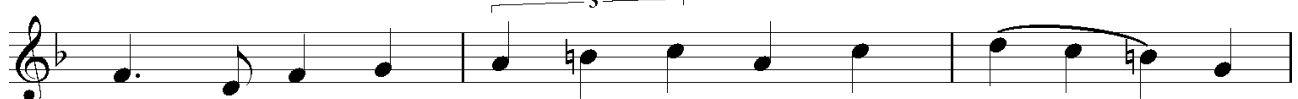
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

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

Priest: Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. . ***Amen.***

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### THE READINGS

#### A Reading from Acts 10:34–43

*(Lector)*

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."

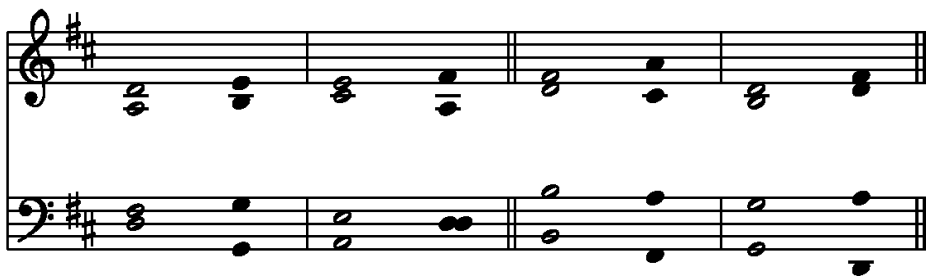
Reader:            Here ends the Reading.  
(*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*)

### **Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24**

*Confitemini Domino*

(*Congregation and Choir, seated*)

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.

*(Silence for reflection follows the Psalm.)*

### **A Reading from 1 Corinthians 15:1–11**

*(Lector)*

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-- unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: Here ends the Reading.

*(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)*

(Standing as able)

Sequence Hymn

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Come away to the skies

*Unison or harmony*

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -  
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our  
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the  
4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath  
\*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joice in the day thou wast born; on this fes - ti - val day,  
2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, while his grace we re - ceive  
3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! Now cre - a - ted a - gain  
4 joined us to Je - sus' Name; so u - ni - ted in heart,  
5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.  
2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.  
3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.  
4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.  
5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*(Seated)*

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## **The Sermon**

*(Several moments of silence for reflection follow the sermon.)*

*(Standing, as able.)*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Minister:* Let us rise to confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.***

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*(Silence)*

Minister: With all our heart, soul and mind, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, for peace among faith traditions, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Dorsey, Frank and Andrew, our bishops retired, and Phil, our priest; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for the work of honorable elected officials who oppose the schemes of those who demean our citizens, threaten our freedoms, and pervert justice by undercutting the rule of law and the rules of human decency. Save us, we pray, that our government uphold its sacred duty to benefit all your people. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for the leaders of the nations and for Joe, our President; Henry, our Governor, and for all in authority in our community, that peace through justice prevail, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for those who serve in public safety, social services, education, and for counselors and medical professionals. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for justice and relief for the poor, the oppressed, the addicted, and the homeless in our community and for those who minister to them. We pray for the starving, for those suffering from the trauma of terrorism in this and every land; for refugees and the embattled in Africa, Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine; for prisoners, those imprisoned unjustly and for those enduring social rejection in this and every country, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for Joe Galloway and all serving in the armed forces and for the contribution of our veterans. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the lonely, aged and infirm, for widows and orphans, and for the sick and suffering especially, **Diane McGuirt, Harry Serfs, Sara Phillips\*, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Buck Sistare, Lisa Stamper\*, Linda Tiffany, Tom Brown, Linda Brown, Mike Lamberton\*, Tony Higgins, Pam Giardiello\*, Earle Holmes\*, Sandra Caldwell, Joan Bixby\*, Aubrey Crawford\*, Father Bill Walters, Randall Robinson.** Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment, rehabilitation, and recovery. *(Silence)* Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for the lives of those who rest from their labors in your loving arms and those whom we name before you. *(silence)* Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for this parish and for the Church of the Resurrection, Greenwood and The Ministry of Altar and Flower Guilds of our Diocese. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For God's blessing on those celebrating birthdays especially, Jeff Thomas and Sue Campbell and those celebrating anniversaries especially, Robert and Susie Richards. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Just and Eternal God, Creator of All: may we be moved away from the use of toxic substances destroying a sustainable future. Convince us, together with government and industry, to work earnestly so the earth remains habitable for present and future generations—especially for the poorest of the poor who are now most afflicted. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Priest:*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may live in peace and love following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. ***Amen.***

## **Confession & Absolution**

Priest:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence for reflection.*

Priest and ***People:***

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father: in your compassion; forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***



Priest:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

*(All stand.)*

## **The Peace**

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

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

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Sentence:**

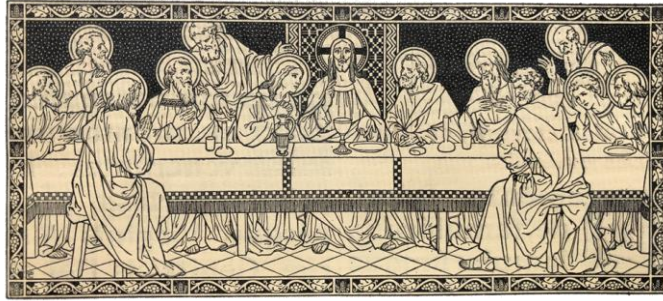
*(Seated)*

Priest: I ask you brothers and sisters, to offer your selves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your true and proper worship. *Romans 12:1*

**Anthem at the Offertory:** Easter Victory The Rev. Tom Belt

*(We stand as the offering is presented.)*

### **The Presentation of the Offering**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing.*

#### Sursum Corda S-120

*Celebrant*                                      *People*  
The Lord be with you.      And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts.      We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you. O Lord, Holy Father through Christ our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has

taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

**Sanctus & Benedictus**      S129      Robert Powell      (*Sung by all.*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly      Lord, God      of pow - er and  
might,      hea - ven and earth are      full of your glo - ry.      Ho -  
san - na in the      high - est.      Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the      high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Three triplet markings are present, each consisting of a bracket over three notes with a '3' above it. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

Celebrant:

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.

Celebrant and ***People***:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

Celebrant:

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. **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Priest and *People*:

*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** *The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.*

The Fraction Anthem :

WLP 876

(Cantor and Congregation sing together.)

*Antiphon*  
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

*Fine Verses*

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

*All repeat Antiphon*


ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come, for all is prepared.


Hymn During Communion

C-126


Alleluia, He is Coming



1. I looked up and I saw my Lord a - com - ing;  
2. I looked up and I saw my Lord a - weep - ing;  
3. I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing;  
4. I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing;




I looked up and I saw my Lord a -  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a -  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a -  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a -




com - ing down the road.  
weep - ing for my sins.  
dy - ing on the cross.  
ris - ing from the grave.


Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, he is com - ing.



Al - le - lu - ia, he is here.



Al - le - lu - ia, he is com - ing.



Al - le - lu - ia, he is here.

This song is useful during Easter. Simple hand actions can be devised to portray the text.

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*(Standing or kneeling, as able.)*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Priest and **People**:*

*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.*





1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
 \*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
 ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

## **The Blessing**

Priest: May the Light of Christ fill your heart, soul, and mind that we, and all the world, be one in Him; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. ***Amen.***

## **The Dismissal**

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

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

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Fellowship time is in the hospitality room following the service.

Congregation is also welcomed to remain in prayer following the dismissal.

**Some of the recent guests and/or new members of our congregation:** Missy & Barry Norman, Chuck & Cheryl Maguire, Tom & Karen Quinn, Ava Jopson, Linda Miller, Mary Lynn Ford, Tom Ennis, Mildred Wilmot – Nicki Robertson’s aunt, Missy McPherson – Nicki Robertson’s cousin, Henry Serfes and Cynthia Weston, his daughter

**Welcome them as you would family!**

## **TODAY**

**The Flowers today** are provided by Mike and Kathy Sistare in thanksgiving for their Christ Church family.

**Holy Communion** on YouTube: Christ Episcopal Church Lancaster SC

All services can be found at the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/@christepiscopalchurchSC>

Look for Christ Episcopal Church Lancaster SC on YouTube and subscribe.

## THIS WEEK

**Cub Scouts** meet Mondays 5:30 pm

**Support Group** meets Mondays 5:30 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am

**Choir Practice** meets each Wednesday at 7:00 pm

**Community Playhouse** meets Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 6:00 pm

**Church/Nave is Reserved for Rehearsals** every Saturday from 10:00 am–1:00 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** – Office will be closed.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sue Campbell

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Robert and Susie Richards

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Jeff Thomas

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

(\* Denotes member) (**Please contact office to add/remove names**)

**Diane McGirt, Harry Serfs, Sara Phillips\*, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Buck Sistare, Lisa Stamper\*, Linda Tiffany, Tom Brown, Linda Brown, Mike Lamberton\*, Tony Higgins, Pam Giardiello\*, Earle Holmes\*, Sandra Caldwell, Joan Bixby\*, Aubrey Crawford\*, Father Bill Walters, Randall Robinson**

**There are forms for Parishioner information at each entrance. Please complete one and place in the offering plate so your information can be put in the Parish Directory.**

**If you wish to join our fellowship of love and service, please contact Father Emanuel at 843–325–3362 or [orionrigelstar@gmail.com](mailto:orionrigelstar@gmail.com) to arrange a visit**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

### *Mission Statement –*

*At Christ Episcopal Church we gather to worship, pray, sing, and share so together  
we may serve our community and the world.*

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**HOPE:** We are collecting peanut butter (28 oz preferred) and jelly/jam each week going forward as we have received word from HOPE that they are always in need of these items. Please remember HOPE prefers plastic containers. Place your donated items in the shopping cart. Grocery bags are also needed. As always, other items are welcomed including: grits, oatmeal, jelly, rice, pasta (any type), spaghetti sauce, boxed instant potatoes, 64 oz. juice (any type.)

**Ray's Backdoor Ministry:** Christ Church will continue to support the ongoing needs of this ministry. Please put Ray's Backdoor on the memo line of your check. God bless you richly for your ongoing contributions.

**Cans for Kitties Project:** Please remove labels and separate aluminum from steel cans, bag them and place them in the labeled green trash bin located beside the storage building behind the church. This ministry benefits our feline friends by providing spay/neuter services for cats.

**Sheltered of Lancaster:** Sheltered's mission is to offer hope, create opportunity, and transform the lives of men, women, and children who are trying to break free from the cycle of homelessness and dependency through the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The mission of this ministry is to provide physical, spiritual, social, financial, and mental health care. Prayerfully, participants will be equipped with skills that will allow them to live safe, independent lives while learning about a Savior who loves them – the One who died for them to alleviate their eternal suffering.

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

DATE	GATHERING PLACE CLEAN-UP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT/ CHALICE	ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR	VIDEO OPERATOR
Sunday, March 31, 2024	Joan Crawford	Ernest Jenkins	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Robert Horton & Ernest Jenkins	Bart & Caroline Oliver	Ernest Jenkins	Bill Bixby

**All worship participants please make presence known before service to  
Father Emanuel.**

Priest: Phil Emanuel  
Parish Musician: Dana Lee Walters  
Security: Ernest Jenkins

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31, Psalm 133

## PARTICIPANTS NEXT SUNDAY

DATE	GATHERING PLACE CLEAN-UP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT/ CHALICE	ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR	VIDEO OPERATOR
Sunday, April 7, 2024	Lynn Blackmon	Ernest Jenkins	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Philip McGuirt & Mike Sistare	Mike & Kathy Sistare	Caroline Oliver	Linda Baker

**Father Emanuel** is available for conversation regarding matters of faith and life at a place of your choosing and at times by appointment. He may be reached via the following: [orionrigelstar@gmail.com](mailto:orionrigelstar@gmail.com) or 843-325-3362.

**SERMON:** The sermon is available upon request. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy.



## **Bishop of the Diocese of Upper S. C.**

The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards

### **Priest**

The Reverend Philip G. Emanuel

### **Parish Musician**

Dana Lee Walters

### **Digital Ministry**

Jeff Bixby, Bill Bixby, Linda Baker, Wayne Johnson

### **Vestry Members**

Lynn Blackmon ('25), Joan Crawford ('26), Sally Higgins ('24),  
Robert Horton ('24), Ernest Jenkins–Senior Warden ('26), Philip McGuirt ('24),  
Mike Sistare–Junior Warden ('25)

### **Treasurer**

Linda Baker

### **Clerk**

Pam Giardiello

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