

Christ Episcopal Church

M O U N T P L E A S A N T

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026
10:30 a.m.

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. This bulletin has been created from the prayers found in *The Book of Common Prayer*, and it contains most of the spoken parts of our worship. The Hymnal in your pew rack contains the hymns we will sing.

All are welcomed to our altar at Communion. Baptized Christians (in any Church) are invited to receive the Sacrament of bread and wine. If you would prefer instead to receive a blessing from the priest, you may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

We are glad you're here, and grateful for your contribution to our common prayer today!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2

Prelude

Prelude in D Major

Jean Francois Dandrieu (1682-1739)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: # 174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says, Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*The people respond, **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

The Collect for Purity

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.**

Songs of Praise

The people sit.

The Wise and Foolish Man

Cherub, St. Nicholas, and St. Cecilia Choirs

Batid las Manos! Clap Your Hands!

St. Nicholas and St. Cecilia Choirs

Co-directors: Jo Hethcox & Karen Powell

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Following the collect, the people respond, **Amen.***

The Lessons *The people sit for the lessons.*

1st Lesson – *The people sit. After the lesson is read, the lector says, The Word of the Lord.*

*The people respond, **Thanks be to God.***

Psalm – *The people recite the Psalm according to the direction of the lector.*

2nd Lesson – *After the lesson is read, the lector says, The Word of the Lord.*

*The people respond, **Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn: # 495 (v. 1-3) **Hail, thou once despised Jesus!** *In Babilone*

The Gospel

The priest reads the Gospel, first saying, The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to _____.

The people respond, **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the priest says, The Gospel of the Lord.

The people say, **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

The people stand.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

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 *The people remain standing for the prayers during the season of Easter.*

Form III, *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 387

Priest Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The clergy and people offer the names of those for whom we pray, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant then prays a concluding collect.

During the Great Fifty Days of Easter, the confession is omitted as we emphasize the joy of the forgiving work that God has done for us through Christ.

The Peace *The people remain standing.*

The celebrant says to the people, The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The people respond, **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem:

Sing Alleluia

Baldassare Donato (c. 1530-1603)

When the offerings are brought forward, the people sing the Doxology.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia
praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**



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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A

The people stand.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

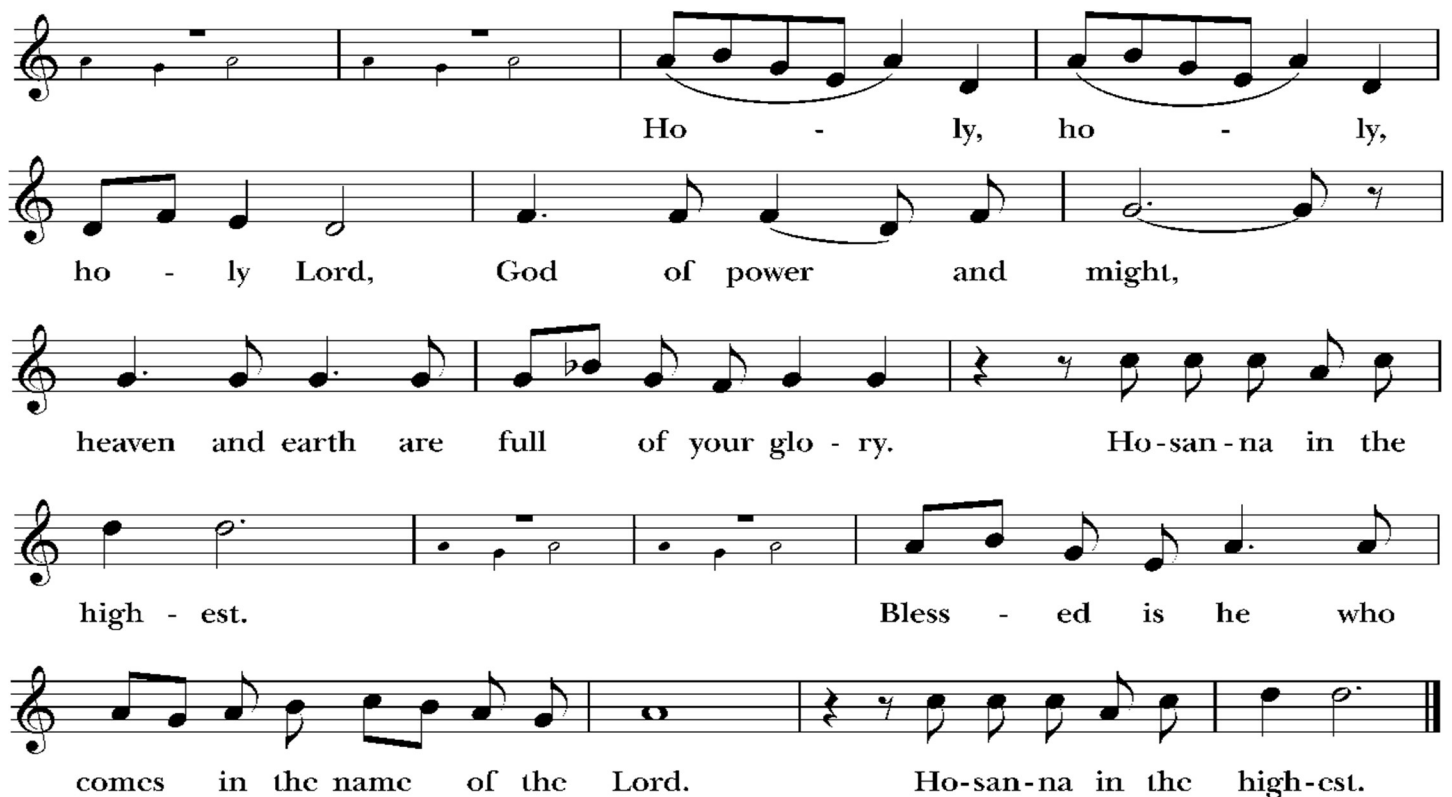
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The celebrant gives thanks for the gifts of God, and the people respond with the hymn,



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

During the Easter season, the people stand to embody the reality that we have been raised with Christ. If it is a physical hardship, please be seated.

In the midst of the Great Thanksgiving, after the Celebrant says, "Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:" the people join in declaring this mystery of faith:

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

At the conclusion of the prayer, the people respond, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

**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 Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread.*

A period of silence is kept. Then the celebrant and people proclaim,

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Distribution of Gifts

The celebrant then says the following invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people come forward to receive Holy Communion. Those on the right side fill in the rail from right to left (back to front). Those on the left side also fill in the rail from right to left (front to back).

Communion Hymn: # 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

Communion Hymn

Wade in the Water

Traditional Spiritual

(see next page)

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

Fine

1. See that host all dressed in white,
 2. See that band all dressed in red,
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see?
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the

wa - ter.
 1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

D.C.

Celebrant and People

**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

The celebrant blesses the people.

Closing Hymn: # 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Truro

The Dismissal with Easter Alleluias!

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 366

Priest: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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Our Prayers

Thanksgivings

Please share with Fr. Furman any graduations, marriages, births, adoptions, or other special life events if you would like us to include them verbally in our thanksgivings during The Holy Eucharist.

We give thanks for: The people and ministries of Christ Episcopal Church

Healing

Please share your name with Fr. Furman if you are preparing for, or recovering from, surgery or other therapies and would like to be remembered verbally during The Holy Eucharist.

We pray for all those who are sick or suffering, or in any need or trouble, including:

Cathy Boyd	Jeffrey Smith, cousin of Kaitlyn Murray
Capers Cross	Sharron Huza, friend of Kaitlyn Murray
Charles Farmer	Brenda Beaudry, aunt of Dylan Murray
Jack Jansta	Yvonne Dickson, mother of John Dickson
Carol McDonnell	Elee Bassett, friend of Jennie Scudder-Levin
Alex Mitchell	Molly Begle, granddaughter of Caroline Gendelman
Peggy Nesmith	Anna Clifford, friend of the Buchanan family
Margaret Passailaigue	Carol Stephens, sister-in-law of Taylor & Judy Stephens
Jeanne Robinson	Katy Jurkiw, daughter of Suzy & Allyn Jones
Ed Wyatt	Sarah Paxton, daughter of Ralph and Andrea Knupp
Keith Cox, relative of Anne Kilpatrick	Charlie & Malinda Tulloh, friends of Marianna MacIntyre
Ted Smith, brother of Claire Burt	Nicole Foster, cousin of Cheri McCusker
Sandy Hobbs, friend of Carolyn Moon	Olivia Nachman, cousin of Natalie Bily
Carrie Davis, friend of Cheri McCusker	Joe Padgam, son-in-law of Dan & Susan Sokoloski
Jon Andrew Allan, father of Julie Allan	Chuck Burks, friend of Carrie Dolin
Marty DeWitt, friend of Suzy Jones	Jay Lanz, brother of Graham Lanz
Sherry Blatt Hooper, friend of Lee Early	Libby Hood, friend of Jo Hethcox
Lola Jones, friend of Katye Daley	Reginald Foxx, brother of Ann Cheri Leach
	Rev. Paul St. Germain, friend of Robbie and Tom Hurley

Repose

Please share with Fr. Furman the names of any relatives or friends who have died, and we will include them in our verbal prayers for repose during The Holy Eucharist.

We pray for those who have died, including:



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