

Christ Episcopal Church

Sparta, NC

*A Home to All
Sharing God's Unconditional Love*



Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018 - 10:30 AM

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker
Rector

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

We are delighted God has brought you to this special place. Our tradition is to invite newcomers to introduce themselves during the announcements, if they would like. Following the service, the ushers have guest cards which we hope you will fill out, so we can personally welcome you to the church community. Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall afterwards.

What do you need to know about worship? Everything you need for your worship today is in the booklet you are holding. Our service is based on the Book of Common Prayer, using music from sources including the Hymnal 1982 and Taizé.

Are you worshipping with us for the first time? We would love to get to know you! Please fill out one of the pew cards tucked into the pew in front of you. Let us know if we can call you, answer questions, or pray for you. And know that wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Church.

Home communion visits: Do you know someone who isn't able to get to church, but would like a home communion visit? Please call the church office at 336.372.7983 to arrange a visit.

Please wear a name tag. No permanent one? Please use the temporary adhesive name tags found in the church entryway. We're happy to make you a new nametag, a replacement, or simply a spare. For permanent name tags, sign up on the clipboard in the entryway.

Newsletter: Sign up today to receive our electronic newsletter, the weekly Good News & Notes. Email the church office at ccepiscopal@skybest.com.

Sermons Available Recent sermons available at www.christchurchallegghany.com.

Adult Formation at Christ Church includes an Adult Forum series Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall downstairs.

We extend special thanks today to the following people:

Jonathan Halsey & Mike Weddington, for serving as musicians and for being so generous with their talents,

Jann Boggs, for sharing her beautiful voice as soloist, and

The Food & Fellowship Committee, for providing refreshments for our fellowship after the service.

The Gathering

Prelude

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Robert Powell, Composer

Jonathan Halsey

All stand, as able

Processional Hymn #207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Opening Acclamation

All remain standing, as able

Presider

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Bishop

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People

One God and Father of all.

Gloria: S280 (*sung by all*)

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.*

Remain standing, as able.

The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy day to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All are seated.

The Response

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

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 Second Reading

Colossians 3: 1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

Gospel Hymn #179

Welcome happy morning!

Stand, as you are able, for the Gospel.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The Gospel

Mark 16: 1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie E Parker

A time of silence following the sermon.

Holy Baptism

Presider The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Sponsor I present Flora Anne Handy to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents We will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents We will, with God's help.

Presider then asks the parents who speak on behalf of the infant.

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Parent We renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the Creatures of God?
Parents We renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Parents We renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Parents We do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents We do.

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Parents We do.

Then the Presider will address the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Flora Anne in her life in Christ?

People We will.

Presider Let us join with Flora Anne who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

- Presider Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Presider 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 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.**
- Presider 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.**
- Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Presider 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.**
- Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Presider 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.**

Prayers for the People

BCP 305 (Adapted)

Presider Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us now pray for all who claim a resurrected life as we renew the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

A person appointed reads the following petitions.

Leader Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Help us live a resurrected life.

Leader Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

People Help us live a resurrected life.

Leader Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Help us live a resurrected life.

Leader Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Help us live a resurrected life.

Leader Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Help us live a resurrected life.

Leader Send us into the world in witness to your love.

People Help us live a resurrected life.

Leader Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Help us live a resurrected life.

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection by being an Easter people; people who claim new life out of every death and new hope out of every defeat. We pray as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand, as able, and face the font as the altar party processes to the font. After the family has gathered, you are invited to join us at the font.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the 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 for 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 to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water

Now 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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate for baptism is presented by name to the Presider, who then pours water upon Flora Anne, saying:
Flora Anne Handy, 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 this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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 all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on Flora Anne's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying,

Flora Anne, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

ALL **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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in a way that is comfortable as a sign of our participation in Christ's reconciling work in the world.

Offertory *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*
John Ylvisaker, Composer (1937-2017)

Jann Boggs, soloist

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Standing, as able.

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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: S129 (*sung by all*)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Remain standing or kneel here for prayer of consecration.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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.

Fraction: S154 (*sung by all*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God...

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

If you are gluten allergic, please ask for a rice wafer at the distribution.

Communion Music (sung by all)

Jonathan Halsey

Hymn #178

Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;

He is the king of creation.

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

3. We have been crucified with Christ;

Now we shall live forever.

4. Come, let us praise the living God;

Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Taizé 13

Let us praise your name

Let us praise your name,

God our Savior,

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise and bless your name,

God our Savior,

Praise and bless your name,

Alleluia!

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,

I can feel His mighty power and His grace,

I can hear the brush of angels' wings,

I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Stand or kneel, as able.

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching our Worship I, pg. 56

Presider 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.

Stand, as able.

The Blessing

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children of Light through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the graces of God's blessing.

All **AMEN!**

Stand, as able

Recessional Hymn #180

He is risen, he is risen!

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth rejoicing in the name of the risen Christ!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary
Jeremiah Clark, Composer

Mike Weddington, Trumpet

Lilies on the altar today are given by:

Barbara & Jim Halsey, in memory of Barbara's brother, Stanley Ray "Clive" Gentry and in thanksgiving for their newest granddaughter, Flora Anne Handy.

Rod Pace & Louise Law, in memory of Helen & Howard Schwessler and Liscoe & Matty Jo Pace.

Jeanne Green, in memory of Walton C. Green.

Bob & Fonda Hale, in memory of their parents.

Sheila Pfaender, in memory of Ruth Albrant Schwartz and Grace Hart Albrant

Judy & Joe Ritchie, in memory of their son, Dr. William F. Ritchie, Judy's parents, Jerry & Addie Lea, and Joe's parents, Banks & Mary Ritchie

Coming Lessons

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

Prayer List

Intercessions: Ben, Ed & Jean, Ellen, Felbert T., Gina Davis, Jon, Julia, Julie O., Lance & Suzanne W., Laura D., Laura M., Leia B., Sue, the Besaw family, Gary K. in the unexpected death of his son

Departed: Scott Koch (pronounced "Cook")

Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries: Daniel & Frances Buckle (April 7)

The Following People are Assisting with the Services

Role	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	Sheila Pfaender	Sheila Pfaender
Chalistic I	Sheila Pfaender	Chance Wyatt
Chalistic II	Ann Hazard	Frances Buckle
Crucifer	Brenda Weems	Gary Medley
Lector I	Barbara Halsey	Phil Donaldson
Lector II	Jim Halsey	Frances Buckle
Prayers of the People	Frank Hazard	Chance Wyatt
Oblations Bearers	Barbara & Jim Halsey	Larry & Denise Seckel
Greeters/Ushers	Frank Hazard & Cynthia Grant	Frank & Ann Hazard
Book Bearer	Ann Hazard	Frances Buckle
Sanctus Bell	Sheila Pfaender	Gary Medley
Banner	Travis Campbell	

Schedule

Sunday, April 1 - Easter

NO Adult Forum today

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Easter egg hunt following Easter service

Monday, April 2 - The Church Office will be closed today.

Wednesday, April 4

NO service today

Thursday, April 5

1:00 pm - Finance Committee meeting

6:00 pm - Bible Study of the Gospel of John at the Seckel Barn (*see details below*)

Announcements

Adult Forum: Theology Stew – Sundays @ 9:15 am.

Easter egg hunt TODAY!

There will be an Easter egg hunt today following the Easter service. Moms and Dads are invited to enjoy coffee and fellowship while their children are lead on the hunt for eggs.

Ladies' Lunch Out

Ladies' Lunch Out will be Thursday, April 19th at noon at Kanpai. The sign-up sheet is on the Information table. Jann Boggs is hosting. Please contact her if you have any questions. She can be reached at jaspalding@juno.com or 727.641.4925.

Bible Study of the Gospel of John

A study of the Gospel of John began Thursday, March 22 and will continue every other week at 6:00 pm at the Seckel Barn, 404 Vestal Road, Sparta. The study will be led by the Rev. Martha Honaker. Our next gathering will be **this Thursday, April 5th**. Please join us!

Food & Fellowship Person of the Month Announcement

Beginning this month, the Food & Fellowship Ministry will have one of our team members available each Sunday of the month to assist anyone who signs up to host coffee hour refreshments. Our team member will be available to answer any questions prior to your selected Sunday as well as be present in the kitchen on the day to assist you with setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Our team does a great job throughout the year providing opportunities for fellowship so that we all have some quality time to spend together in a loving atmosphere. However, we need help from each one of you to keep these opportunities going. Please remember that the refreshments for our coffee hour are usually simple and purchased from the store. Occasionally we have a host who just loves to entertain and provides a wonderful spread of goodies, and that is okay too. Either way, you will now have a friend who knows their way around our kitchen to help you carry out this very important service. Please select a Sunday and sign your name to the sheet on the information table downstairs.

The *Food & Fellowship Person of the Month for April is Marybeth Lentz*. She can be reached at mlentz@skybest.com or 336-657-7088.

Vestry Person of the month for April is: Sheila Pfaender, sspfaender@gmail.com

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