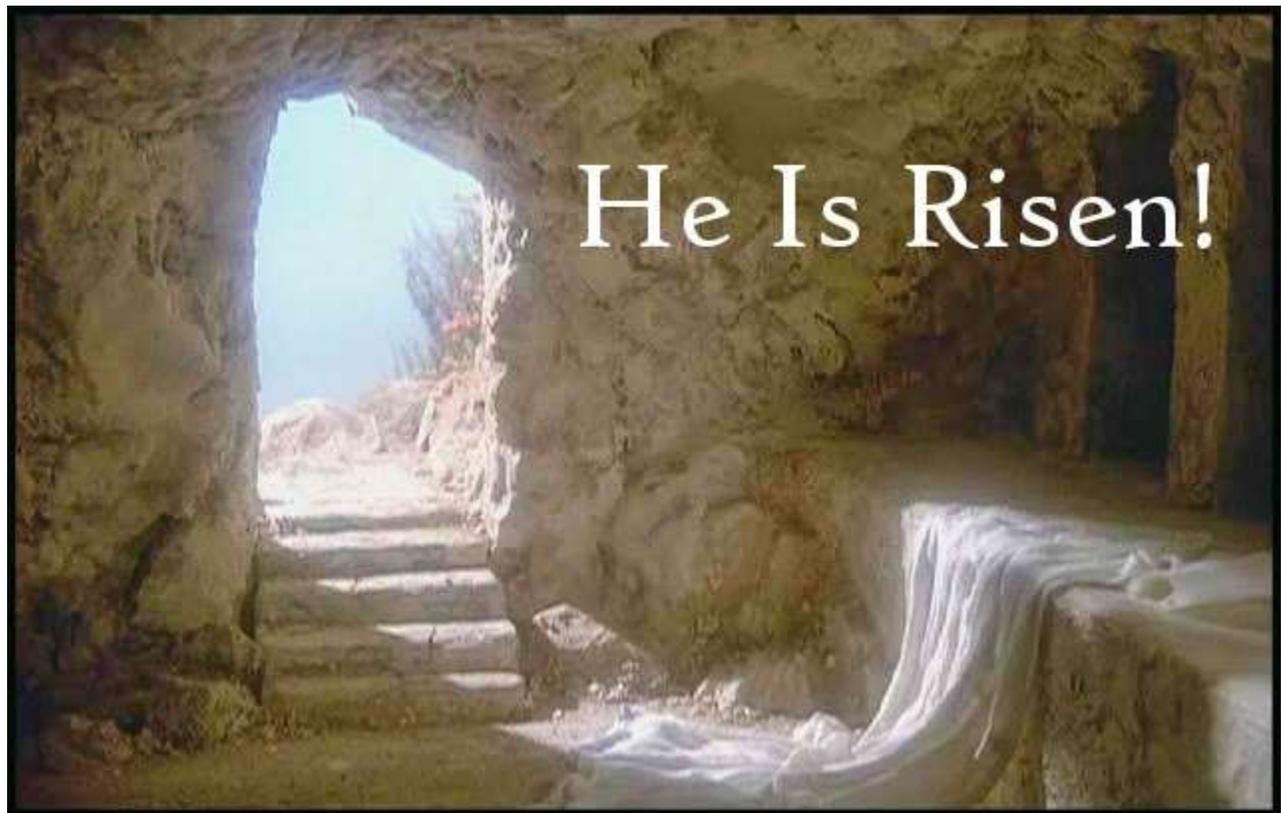


# Christ Episcopal Church

Sparta, NC

*Christ Church is an active, joyful, transforming, faith community that practices radical welcome.  
Together we feed our minds, souls, and bodies with study, worship, and hospitality.  
We are a growing fellowship of people who seek to love like Jesus.*



**Easter Sunday**  
**April 12, 2020 – 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 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 335.372.7983 to arrange a visit.

**Please wear a name tag.** No permanent one? Please use the blank name tags found in the church entryway at the bottom of the blue board. We're happy to make you a new nametag, a replacement, or simply a spare. For permanent name tags, email the church office at [ccepisopal@skybest.com](mailto:ccepisopal@skybest.com).

**Newsletter:** Sign-up today to receive our electronic newsletter, the weekly *Good News & Notes*. Email the church office at [ccepisopal@skybest.com](mailto:ccepisopal@skybest.com).

**Sermons available.** Recent sermons are available on our website: [www.christchurchallegghany.com](http://www.christchurchallegghany.com).

**Social media:** Please check out our website at [www.christchurchallegghany.com](http://www.christchurchallegghany.com), and "like" us on Facebook at Church Episcopal Church - Sparta, North Carolina.

**Adult Formation:** We have an Adult Forum series on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall downstairs.

We extend special thanks today to:

**Betty Upchurch**, for serving as musician and for being so generous with her talents.

# The Gathering

All stand, as able.

Processional Hymn #207  
today

Jesus Christ is risen

*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 hea - ven - 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 hea - ven - 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!

## Opening Acclamation

*All remain standing, as able.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**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,

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

## Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,  
the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## 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**

### **Acts 10:34-43**

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** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as able.*

**Gospel Hymn #179, vss 1-3**

*Welcome, happy morning!*

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say:  
 \*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,  
 \*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,  
 4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
 5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!  
 2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King;  
 3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.  
 4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,  
 5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!  
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,  
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,  
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,  
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!  
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.  
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.  
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.  
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

*Refrain*

"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

Remain standing, as able.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.  
 People Glory to you, Lord Christ

## The Gospel

### John 20:1-18

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.

Presider     The Gospel of the Lord.  
People       **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All are seated.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie E Parker

Presider     Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Please stand, as able.*

## 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.

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

People **May we live a resurrected life.**

Leader Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

People **May we live a resurrected life.**

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

People **May we live a resurrected life.**

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

People **May we live a resurrected life.**

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

People **May we live a resurrected life.**

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

People **May we live a resurrected life.**

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

People **May we 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; let us 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.

## The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory

*Jesus Paid it All*

Betty Upchurch

*Please stand, as able.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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. 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 pray,

**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...

**Communion Music** (*sung by all*)

Betty Upchurch

Surely the Presence of the Lord

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel God's mighty power and God's 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**

BCP 365

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. 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!**

**Recessional Hymn #180**

*He is risen, he is risen!*

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 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

### Lilies on the altar today are given by:

Mary Lee Joines, in memory of her grandmothers, Mary Burton and Margaret Lee and her mother, Ethel Marie Burton Lee.

Sheila Pfaender, in memory of her grandmother, Grace Hart Albrant and her mother, Ruth Albrant Schwartz.

## Coming Lessons

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

## Prayer List

**Intercessions:** Ben & Laura Davis, Brenda Weems, Carolyn Duranko, Chuck & Sally Besaw, Danielle Parker, Father Stan McGraw & Jean McGraw, Fred Pfaender, George Dexter, Jean Callison, Jonathan, Julie Ottesen, Lorene Ramsey (John Blackwell's mother), Maddie & Wes. Also, pray for all those affected by the COVID-19 epidemic.

**Departed:**

**Birthdays:**

**Wedding Anniversaries & other Thanksgivings:** Allan Joyce & Gary Medley (April 13)

## Schedule

**Monday, April 13 – Tuesday, April 14**

The Church Office will be closed.

**Wednesday, April 15**

NO service today

**Thursday, April 16**

11:00 am – Bible Study & check-in via ZOOM

**Sunday, April 19 – The Second Sunday of Easter**

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist via YouTube link

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