

Before & After Services

You may join others in the Parish Hall for Coffee & Conversation before the service and after the service so we can maintain the distancing protocols from the CDC & the Diocese.

We would also ask to preserve the sanctity of the worship area before the service by keeping conversations to the Narthex and Parish Hall area.

We would like to maintain a quiet, contemplative space in the worship area before the service.

Upcoming Events!

Saturday, May 1st - Please join us for our Parish Workday. We will be cleaning out storage areas, fixing up the inside and outside, and purging items no longer needed! If you would like to help and be involved in what our parish is doing, come join us! There will be lunch provided! Masks and distancing will be adhered to.

Sunday, May 23rd - Pentecost Sunday! We will be opening our Time Capsule from 1996, having an outdoor worship, and some treats and eats along with some LIVE music from Richie West's band!

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEASON OF EASTER
9:30 a.m.



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Processional *“Christ Is Alive!” (vs. 1,2,5)*

Hymnal 182

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.

5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP 355

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

Celebrant: 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.***

The Gloria - sung

BCP 356/Hymnal S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

Postlude

Piano



The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

BCP 835

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn

“Alleluia, Alleluia” (vs 1-3)

Hymnal 178

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. *(Refrain)*
 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *(Refrain)*
 3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. *(Refrain)*
- Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *(Refrain)*

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People: *Have Mercy Upon Us*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 224

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

See insert

Reader: A Reading from Acts 4:32-35

After the reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

BCP 787-See insert

The Second Lesson

See insert

Reader: A Reading from 1 John 1:1-2:2

After the reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional

"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" (vs 1,2)

Hymnal 490

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. (*Refrain*)

The Gospel

See insert

At the Gospel reading:

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

After the Gospel is read:

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

Gospel Recessional

"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" (vs 3)

Hymnal 490

Refrain:
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

2. We see the Lord, we see the Lord,
And His face shines forth as a light in the Temple,
And His face shines forth as a light in the Temple,
The seraphs cry "Worthy." The seraphs cry "Worthy."
The seraphs cry "Worthy is the Lord!"
3. We hear the Lord, We hear the Lord,
and His word issues forth and resounds through the Temple.
and His word issues forth and resounds through the Temple.
The elders cry, "Amen", The elders cry, "Amen",
The elders cry, "Amen, it is so".
4. We bless the Lord, We bless the Lord,
and as incense goes up—so our prayers fill the Temple,
and as incense goes up—so our prayers fill the Temple,
The people cry, "Glory", The people cry, "Glory",
The people cry, "Glory to the Lord".

"Glorify Thy Name" (vs 1-3)

SOP 209

1. Father, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we adore Thee.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
2. Jesus, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we adore Thee.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
3. Spirit, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we adore Thee.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S-154

Celebrant: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People: Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please come to Jesus' table for Communion or a Blessing.

Communion Hymns

"We See The Lord" (vs 1-4)

SOP 78

1. We see the Lord, we see the Lord,
and He is high and lifted up, and His train fills the Temple.
He is high and lifted up, and His train fills The temple.
The angels cry, "Holy." the angels cry, "Holy."
the angels cry, "Holy is the Lord!"

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus (*Refrain*)

The Sermon

Fr. Steve Karcher

A moment of reflection follows

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries/Deployments

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand (as you are able) and say:

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 worshipped 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 - Form III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
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.

Silence

People may add their own petitions.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.***

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

People and Celebrant

**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 people stand or kneel (as you are able)

The Celebrant continues

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

BCP 395

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant: 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.***

The Peace *(shared by waving, smiling, peace signs, etc., from one's pew)*

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

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

