

The Collect

*Our collective prayer for the day.*

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

*Acts 4:32-35*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Psalm

Psalm 133

*Ecce, quam bonum!*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

*Said together:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

*I John 1:1-2:-2*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly

our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

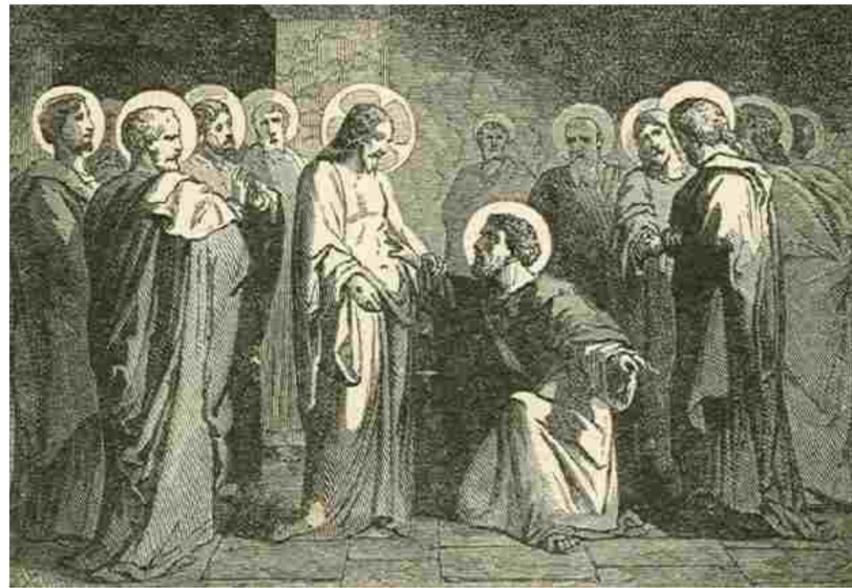
This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hymn

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

**H 490**



Gospel Lesson

*John 20:19-31*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they

are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

Prayers of the People V

BCP 389

*We pray together as the people of God*

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Offertory

*Christ the Lord is risen again*

Schalk

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*All praise, O risen Lord,  
we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
to God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.*

*from H 193, v. 5*

<u>Eucharistic Prayer "B"</u>	BCP 361
<i>Sanctus</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S129
<i>Memorial Acclamation</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S138
<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	Traditional version, found on BCP 364
<i>Fraction Anthem</i>	H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them



Communion Hymns

<i>Bread of heaven, on thee we feed</i>	H 323
<i>O sons and daughters, let us sing</i>	H 203
<i>Christ the Lord is risen again</i>	H 184

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Jesus lives! Thy terrors now* H 195

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

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Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by the Slater Family. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us.

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Birthdays This Week: Buck Sowers, Adam Lowe, and Linda Thomas

Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Acolyte</u>	Becky Beckett	Rob Merritt
<u>Lectors</u>	Bernadette Dragotto	Becky Beckett
<u>Chalicists</u>	Rob Merritt	Becky Beckett
<u>Altar Guild:</u>	Kay Sudduth Elizabeth Sudduth Betty Nash Kathy Burge	

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders--Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Ragen—Jared Cregger—Kerrigan Farmer—Mike—Daisy Bowman—Sue Godwin—Gary Slater—Stanton Boggess—Kennedy Quillen—Don Williams

Calendar of Events

Wednesday - April 11	Men's Dinner 6pm Vestry 7pm
Saturday – April 14	Godly Play Training
Sunday – April 15	Food Pantry bagging of food after church
Thursday - April 19	Food Pantry 9-11am
Wednesday - April 25	Union Mission 4:30pm ECW Dinner 5:30pm
Sunday – May 6	Derby Party at home of Fr. Chad and Jennifer Slater 6:00pm
Sunday – May 13	Mother's Day
Sunday – May 20	Pentecost Sunday
Sunday – May 27	Trinity Sunday with Baptisms

Attendance Last Sunday 78

Announcements:

Godly Play: Through the generosity of the Diocese, Christ Church will host training for the Montessori based Sunday School curriculum Godly Play. This training will be on Saturday, April 14th. If you are interested in attending training, please see Fr. Chad. You must register online by tomorrow, April 9th, to attend!

Lenten Dinner Make-up: After having to cancel 2 of our Lenten Programs on Christian Mindfulness, we are working to reschedule another evening with Dr. Assaad Mounzer so we can complete his presentation to us. A date for this event will be forthcoming.

Coffee Hour: We are in need of volunteers for Coffee Hour!

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of these Parishes

the Rev. Chad Slater	Rector of Christ Church
the Rev. Dr. Tom Day	Tazewell Cluster Interim Missioner
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Dr. Rob Merritt	CEC Senior Warden
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**April 8, 2018**

**The Second Sunday of Easter**



Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *Good Christian all, rejoice and sing!* H 205

The Service Begins BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*