



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

Second Sunday of Easter

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Prelude

The Processional Hymn

Welcome, happy morning!

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Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

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.*

Hymn of Praise

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

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The Collect 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 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

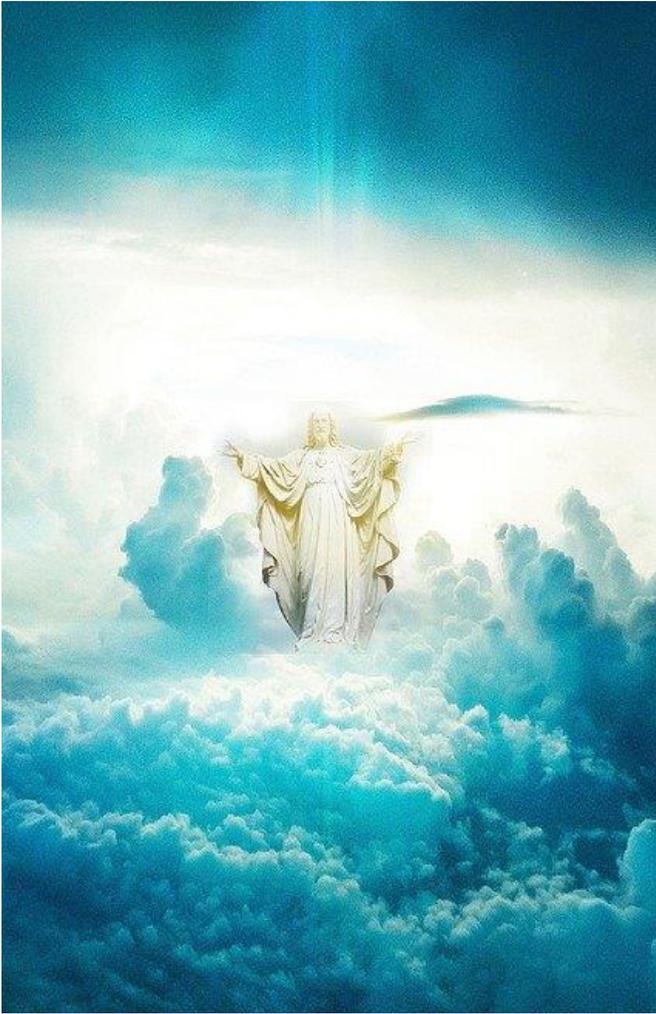
People Thank be to God!

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse

14. The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
15. There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:
16. "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
17. I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
18. The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.
19. Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
20. "This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."
21. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
22. The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
23. This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24. On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25. Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.
26. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from
the house of the Lord.
27. God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with
branches up to the horns of the altar.
28. "You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will
exalt you."
29. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8



John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and

who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thank be to God!

Sequence Hymn

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

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The Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lou Hays

The Nicene Creed

All stand as they are able

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

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 Mike and Matthew, our Bishops, for Lou our priest, and 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.

In our Diocesan Cycle of prayer, we pray for Diocesan Officers and Trustees

In our Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua
New Guinea

We pray for all who are on our parish prayer list, and for any others that we
might now name, either silently or aloud

Pause

We pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones who have gone before
us, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud

Pause

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, for our family, friends and
loved ones, and for any other thanksgivings we might now name, either silently
or aloud.

Pause

Let us join together in the Prayer for the Transition

Dear God, we ask for mercy and grace in this journey. We commit to the
process of finding a new rector for our parish, and that it will be in your name
and to your glory. We ask for insight and self-reflection, that we may know our
needs and properly envision a future together, uplifting all and seeing the

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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, 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:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people remain standing as able in solidarity with the risen Christ

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

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.



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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant then breaks the Consecrated Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Celebrant then presents the Sacrament to the People

The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing— simply cross your arms in front of you approach the priest. Each row, beginning in the front, should come up to the chancel step to receive the Blessed Bread. The Chalice cannot be offered at this time by direction of the Bishop of West Virginia. Once the priest has dropped the Blessed Bread in your hand you should return by the side aisle to your pew. Once a row has been Communed, the next is free to come to the chancel steps. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

I come with joy to meet my Lord

H304

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

H324

Our Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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 Easter Season Blessing

The Celebrant then pronounces the following blessing over the people

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

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into
newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.
Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting
freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

People Amen!

Recessional Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

H435

The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers:

Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Bea Paine, Bob and Peggy Walk, John Kersey, Martha Linkous, Jay Kephart, Buck and Louisa Sowers, Donna Fortune, Ed and Gladys Fortune, Ivy and the Gaines Family, Brian, Lane, Loraine, and Sherry.

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Birthdays This Week: Staci Thomas, Clay Sudduth, Dorene Dimes, John Moir, Zachery Toohey, Paul Broyles, Jr.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Celebrant</u>	The Rev. Lou Hays
<u>Organist & Choirmaster</u>	Terry E. Whittington, Jr.
<u>Acolytes</u>	Rob Merritt
<u>Lectors</u>	Katherine Lewis
<u>Intercessor</u>	Teresa Paine
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Members of the Altar Guild


 The Altar Flowers are given today for the greater Glory of God
 by Frank and Bernadette Dragotto


Calendar of Events

Wednesday – April 27	Serving Dinner at the Union Mission 3:00pm
Sunday – May 15	Special Service in Rowley Hall 9:30am
Wednesday – May 11	Serving Dinner at the Union Mission 4:00pm
Wednesday – May 18	Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
Thursday – May 19	Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00 am

Announcements:

The Rev. Paul Barker returns to Christ Church! Our Interim Rector will be away for two weeks, and we are fortunate that Paul will be filling in for Lou

on Sunday, May 1 and the Rev. Russ Hatfield will be with us on Sunday, May 8. To celebrate Paul's return (he was with us during Fr. Chad's sabbatical), we will have a carry in lunch in Rowley Hall. So, bring your favorite dish and enjoy the fellowship. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided by Parish Life.

COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!!! If you haven't signed up for coffee hour, consider doing so. It has been over two years since we have been able to do this ministry. The sign-up board is outside the library. The church provides coffee, cups, and plates.

Special Meeting May 15th: Please join us on Sunday, May 15 at 9:30 am in Rowley Hall for a critical event in our Rector search process, capped off by a delicious lunch catered by David Hardin. In the context of Holy Eucharist we will have a series of Spirit-led conversations about our core values, our hopes and dreams for the future, and the characteristics of the person we believe God is calling to serve as the next Rector. Your investment of time and thoughts will pay dividends for years to come! Please mark your calendar and use the sign-up sheet at church to assist us in planning for food and refreshments.

Birthday Boxes: There are two boxes in the narthex for two of our parishioners having birthdays in the next few weeks. Dorene Dimes' is on April 27 and Muriel Mead will be celebrating her 100th birthday the first week of May. The boxes will be available for their birthday cards until May 4. Please contact Mary Catherine Williams if you have any questions.

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Lou Hays
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.
Ms. Emma Bennett
Mrs. Vanessa Hall
Mr. David Kersey
Mr. Peter Richardson

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Organist & Choirmaster
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Sexton
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