



**CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL PARISH**
Lake Oswego, Oregon

Second Sunday of Easter

***April 27, 2025
8:00 am***

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP 319

Presider Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The people kneel

Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

BCP 324

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

BCP 224

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

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 Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 5:27-32

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When they had brought them, 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 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150

The people sit.

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath *
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

Lector A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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 [authorities], 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.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

Prayers of the People

Prayer II

BCP 385

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, +Sean our Presiding Bishop, +Diana our Bishop, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially (nn.)

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed, especially (nn.) Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

Birthday Prayer

BCP 830

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Anniversary Prayer

BCP 431

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Pray Live Love: Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Presider Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Presider continues

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or 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

Presider For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

All 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.*

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

S-165

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

Amen.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People

Communion will be received from the altar rail. Please stand or kneel as is your custom. The bread will be placed on your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest if you require this alternative. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Presider

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

Terry, Julie, Marty, George, Robin, David, Lynn, Brooke, Hope, Julie, Leon, Maria

For those who have died: His Holiness Pope Francis

To Request a Prayer:

Send an email to prayers@ccparish.org with your request.

Fr. Brad will be out of the office from Monday, April 28th through Friday, May 9th. For pastoral emergencies, please contact the parish office (503.636.5618)

Altar Flowers

Given today by Cynthia Stenger and David Macemon

In Loving Memory of our mothers, Janet Stenger and Shirley Macemon

Want to honor loved ones or celebrate special life events? Sponsor the flowers presented on the High Altar on Sunday mornings. Sign up on the Flower Calendar on the table in the Narthex.

Eucharist of Christian Resurrection & Committal for Dorothea T. Beckwith will be celebrated on Friday, May 9th at 1:00 pm at Christ Church Episcopal Parish. A Reception will follow in Cummins Hall.

Votive Prayer Candles Votive candles are a way for the faithful to remember a loved one or pray for a special intention. We ask for a donation of \$2 for each prayer candle to help with the cost of tending and maintaining the candles. Your gift is fully tax-deductible and is a true blessing.

Children and Teens

The Nursery is open this Sunday.

Sunday School for Preschool through grade 5 is in session this Sunday. Classes begin at 10 am and we'll join you in the pew for communion.

Blessing of the Blankets is this Sunday. We are excited to share with the parish our no-sew blankets made with love all through Lent. Thank you to everyone who made donations of fleece this year. The blankets will be delivered to the local chapter of Project Linus who will get them to children in local hospitals.

Thank you to Bunny Parents! The Easter Egg Hunt was "egg-citing" and we couldn't do it without your loving adoption of bunny bags. The filled eggs brought big smiles to all the finders!

Kid's Coloring Table is near the Guild Room in the Narthex. We'd like to maintain this table for supplies kids can take into the pews weekly. If you need a table for ministry purpose, we can help you find other tables in the parish hall storage room.

Each class is 75 minutes and will begin at 11:30 in the Guild Room on the following days: April 27; May 4, 18, 25; June 1

1. What makes us Episcopalian? An introduction to our ethos and distinctive
2. Where do we come from? Catholic foundation and English roots
3. A radical idea!! The Book of Common Prayer
4. Whose authority? The Bible, creeds, and Sacraments
5. Where are we today? The evolution of the American Episcopalian

Please sign up in the Narthex

Outreach Team: Compassion in Action

We have a new approved name!

Compassion and Action: not just that we feel empathy towards those who are struggling, but that we work to alleviate their suffering.

(Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40.)

We also considered how best to meet those challenges as we were joined by a few new members in the past year, but also lost a few key people who moved on to other ways to serve. Organizing and carrying out the traditional spring auction (our primary source of funding for ministries we support) was no longer feasible.

Instead, we want to welcome you to **join us next September 13th —the weekend of our traditional Homecoming—as we will offer a family-focused spaghetti supper that Saturday night.** The supper itself will be open to everyone, free of any charge (thanks, Father Brad!).

And after you dine, there will be an Outreach Compassion in Action fundraising event; childcare will be provided so you can relax in the moment. The catalog will be filled with delectable opportunities such as weekends at the beach or dinner for eight or . . . who knows?

Please keep your eyes on these pages for updates as our planning continues. Circle September 13th on your virtual calendars for a delicious opportunity for food, fun, and funds to support this your holy opportunity. And check out the bulletin board in the narthex for more on your Compassion in Action Team.

We also invite you to join us as a member and/or let us know how you can help with the cooking, the set-up, the take-down, and of course—any terrific possibilities you may be able to offer as one of the prized items for the Compassion in Action fundraiser.

Compassion in Action Team

CCEP Food Pantry

Spring Food Drive Updates - Help Us Combat Hunger!

The recent 17% Federal funding cut-back to the Oregon Food Bank and food banks around the country, is impacting both these organizations and the people who are struggling to find their next meal.

William Temple House

This week, our CCEP Food pantry transferred 391 pounds of food and including 165 pounds of infant formula to the William Temple House Emergency Food Pantry.

Due to the ever-increasing need from local households who depend on assistance, your donations created a very positive infusion to their supplies allowing them to serve others. The William Temple House Food Pantry serves 1500 families a month that include about 2500 members of those households.

Our CCEP Compassion in Action Food Pantry serves three emergency Food Pantries connected with the Oregon Food Bank. As soon as our shelves are filled, we contact one of these food banks for a food transfer. In this case, the William Temple House Food Pantry, like so many other emergency food pantries are constantly resupplying.

Your food donations play a role in helping people to deal with hunger and we thank you for caring!

How You Can Help:

When you are grocery shopping, please pick up some additional items to help continue our support to the emergency food pantries in our area.

We are requesting a variety of canned food products, including canned fruit, soups, beans along with dried goods such as cereal, flour, rice, beans and pasta. Infant formula and products are just as important, serving a critical part of our mission.

Please place your donated canned and dried food items along with infant food products in the Food Pantry basket in the narthex.

Please drop off your bags of food donations in the lobby before each Sunday service or during the week on Mondays - Thursdays between 9-1PM.

Important: Please check the expiration dates before you donate. The Food Pantries that we support may reject expired food products. If have food that is expired, please dispose of it in a way that is environmentally responsible.

If you have any questions, please contact: Steve Whittaker steve@whittpho.com

From On Common Ground, Christ Church

"I was a stranger and you took me in...", Matthew 25: 35-41 is a quote oft repeated by active Christians. How can we heed Jesus' call to assist the persecuted stranger in the form of today's refugees currently threatened with exile? Do we act or merely wring our hands?

Below we have listed organizations that are actively working for refugees. Please pick one to help you form your response of turning compassion into action. Thank you from OCG.

Chop wood. Carry water- <https://newfacesofdemocracy.org>

Indivisible- <https://indivisible.org>

ACLU- [ACLU.ORG/REPRESENT](https://www.aclu.org/represent)

Episcopal Ministries- [https://episcopal](https://episcopalministries.org) migration [ministries.org](https://episcopalministries.org)

Ecumenical Ministries- emo@emoregon.org

Poor Peoples Campaign- [https://www.poor](https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org) [peoplescampaign.org](https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org)

The CCP Men's Fellowship Group meets for breakfast at 8 am every Wednesday at the Lake Oswego Biscuits Café (near Kruse Way and Boones Ferry). All male parishioners, and others who may be interested, are cordially invited (and encouraged) to attend. If you have questions please feel free to contact chuckschrader@gmail.com or Fr. Brad.

Our immigrant community is under attack. We must stand up a fight for what is right. We must stand up for our community.

On Thursday, May 1st, 2025, we gather in Salem at the Capitol Steps to stand in solidarity for worker's rights and demand an end to mass deportations.

Find out more at <https://mayday.pcun.org/en>

IF IMMIGRANTS WERE TO DISAPPEAR FROM THE US WORK FORCE,
WE WOULD BE MISSING:

1 IN 3 DOCTORS

1 IN 5 PATENTS

1 IN 2 STEM WORKERS WITH PhDs

7 IN 10 AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

Throughout history, immigrant scientists and engineers have made outsized contributions – from developing new technologies to winning Nobel Prizes.

Today, immigrants hold a disproportionate share of patents and intellectual property. One comprehensive study found immigrant inventors produced about 23% of all patents from 1990–2016, far above their 16% share of inventors.

The pipeline of STEM talent would shrink (immigrants make up nearly half of all Ph.D.-level STEM workers), reducing breakthroughs in medicine, tech, and science. The long-term effect could be a decline in U.S. global competitiveness in high-tech industries.

And yet, immigrants represent 1 in 6 people in the US.

Participants in Worship

The Reverend Brad Toeppen, *Presiding & Preaching*

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