



**CHRIST CHURCH  
EPISCOPAL PARISH**

*Lake Oswego, Oregon*

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# ***Second Sunday of Easter***

***April 27, 2025***

***10:00 am***

## **The Word of God**

### **Voluntary**

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

*Mary Beth Bennet*

### **Hymn in Procession**

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

**Hymn 182**

*Please Stand*

### **Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

**Presider** Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

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

### **Collect for Purity**

**BCP 355**

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**

**Hymn 192**

*This joyful Eastertide*

### **Collect of the Day**

**BCP 224**

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

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

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

**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.

## **Sequence Hymn**

*We walk by faith*

*The people stand.*

## **Hymn 209**

## **The Gospel**

## **John 20:19-31**

**Gospeler** The Holy Gospel of the 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 [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 to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Homily**

**The Rev'd Brad Toeppen.**

## 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.

*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. 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 Great Thanksgiving**

### **Offertory**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

arr. Timothy Shaw

### **Presentation Hymn**

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing*

**Hymn 174, vs. 1-2**

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

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

**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 right to give him 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.

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

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***

**Hymn S-125**

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.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Presider continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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**

**Presider** And now, as our Savior Christ has 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**

#### **Fraction Anthem**

**Hymn S-154**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**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.*

## **Communion Anthem**

Alleluia

Andrew Miller

## **Communion Hymn**

*Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord*

**Hymn 328**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP 366**

**All: 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 of the Linus Blankets**

## **The Dismissal**

*The Presider dismisses the congregation, and the People respond,*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn in Procession**

**Hymn 208**

*The strife is o'er, the battle done*

## **Voluntary**

*Easter Hymn*

*Phillip Moore*

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**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](mailto: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

**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.**

**5 pm Sunday Evening Eucharist Dates**

1. April 27

**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.

**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 "eggciting" 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.

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**Episcopal 101: Deepening our grounding in Anglican-Episcopal identity**  
*The Rev'd Marianne Allison, Facilitator*

This five-session class is intended to introduce or refresh those aspects that make our beloved church distinctive—not just what they are, but *why* they came to be that way, and *how* they reflect events in both church and world history. It is designed to bring things you know intuitively into sharper focus and give you a sense of greater appreciation. It will renew your spirit, inform your mind, and give you an even greater sense of belonging and citizenship in our church home.

**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.

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## **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](mailto: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://aclu.org/represent)

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

Ecumenical Ministries- [emo@emoregon.org](mailto: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](mailto: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*

Mike Stone, *Eucharist Minister*

Pam Fraser, *Lector*

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