



ENTER, REST, AND PRAY

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



CHRIST CHURCH
ON CAPITOL SQUARE

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

We're glad you're here. Please help us get to know you by filling out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate. At Christ Church, we are delighted to have visitors join us for worship, education and fellowship.

On Sundays, please visit the Welcome Center just inside the narthex (at the Wilmington Street entrance) before or after any service and look for a friendly greeter to answer any questions or point you in the right direction.

Interested in becoming involved or feeling connected? Please contact Cooper Bratton, our Parish Life Coordinator (cbratton@christchurchraleigh.org, 919.834.6259).

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PASTORAL CARE

During regular office hours, please contact Sarah Johnson (919.834.6259 x106) or one of the clergy about events needing pastoral response. During non-business hours, emergency contact numbers for clergy are available at the number above.

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness are offered each Tuesday during the 8:05 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist, and on the second Sunday of each month during the 5 p.m. Celtic Eucharist.

We also invite you to fill out a welcome card with your prayer request and place it in the offering plate.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The Bible is a foundational part of our church. Our outline of faith states, "We understand the meaning of the Bible by the help of the Holy Spirit, who guides the Church in the true interpretation of the Scriptures." The Bible is the epic, challenging, and life-changing story of God's relationship with humanity.

This service will include readings from Holy Scripture following the lectionary, a guide of biblical readings for Sundays and Holy Days. We take very seriously the role of Holy Scripture in our spiritual life and our worship.

The **Book of Common Prayer (or BCP, the red book found in your pew)** contains our prayers and services for our life as a church. We call these our liturgies. Our liturgies for Holy Eucharist, Baptism, marriages and burials, daily prayers, and for prayers and worship over almost any human experience live deep within the words of the BCP.

These liturgies span thousands of years of Christian faith and human experiences of celebration, sin, grief, and joy. What ties us together as Episcopalians is not a particular confession, a hierarchy of religious authority, or a particular dogma, but our common prayers. Our prayers shape our beliefs.

(Adapted from The Rev. Laurie Brock, used with permission.)

LITURGY GUIDE

8 A.M. (spoken) follows Rite I Order of Service on **page 12**.

9 A.M. Order of Service begins on **page 4**.

11 A.M. Order of Service begins on **page 12**.

Text - Spoken by congregation

Text - Spoken by leader

◆ Indicates when to stand as you are able.

“BCP” references are found in *The Book of Common Prayer* (red book) in the church pews.

Hymn references are found in *The Hymnal 1982* (blue book) in the church pews.

Service Music (S) references are found in the front of *The Hymnal 1982*.

Large print versions of *The Book of Common Prayer*
are available from any member of the usher team.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR in the Church are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Robert McCommon; and Anne Dixon and Jackson McKay; and in honor of Frances Callaway McCommon and the outreach efforts of Christ Church.

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST
AND FIRST GRADE COMMUNION CELEBRATION
RITE II (9 A.M.)

VOLUNTARY

◆ PROCESSION

At the lamb's high feast we sing

Hymn 174

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3-9 | *Printed on page 11*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

◆ GOSPEL HYMN

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

Hymn 204

GOSPEL READING

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 20:19-31 | *Printed on page 11*

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON *(Please be seated.)*

The Rev. Jennifer C. Brown

◆ NICENE CREED

BCP 360

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The prayers are written by members of the first grade class and can be found on page 8.

THE PEACE

Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

OFFERTORY HYMN

The day of resurrection

Hymn 210

◆ DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 372

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, facing the Holy Table, then says:

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

S 128

The Celebrant continues, recalling Christ's words in the blessing of the bread and wine, then says:

Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All: We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant: Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

Celebrant: 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT *(Please be seated.)*

*All baptized Christians, of all ages, are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
If you would like a blessing instead, place your hands on your heart.
For a gluten-free wafer, extend your hands, palms down.
Please notify an usher if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your seat.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord
This joyful Eastertide
Seek ye first

Hymn 178
Hymn 192
Hymn 711

SENDING OUT OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts
to _____ that *they* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body
and blood.

All: Because we who are many are one body in Christ, we share one bread, one
cup.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Please stand or kneel.*)

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

BLESSING

◆ PROCESSION

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

Hymn 195

DISMISSAL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE
APRIL 23, 2017 (9 A.M.)

With all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Hear our prayer”.

We pray for this day and that we have God in our heart.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for people who have died and who are poor and we give thanks
for our food, houses, beds and water.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for help with money and we pray for our earth.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for our families and the things around us.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for the Earth and all of the animals.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for the people who are poor.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the newborn babies, especially those who are homeless.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for people everywhere.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the animals.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for homeless people to have a good life.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for all of Christ Church families.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for our friends and family.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the animals.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for our aunts and uncles, grandfathers and grandmothers.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for all creatures great and small.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the people without homes that they find shelter and feel
God’s Love

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those people sick with cancer.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for our godparents.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for our grandparents who have died and everyone up in heaven.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray that we all stay happy and healthy.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the poor people and animals without homes.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for our families.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for the people who are weak.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for all our friends.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray that everyone has friends and is loved and treated equally.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for people who are hungry.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for a good life.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

The prayers are written by members of the first grade class, including:

Weller Acomb
Blick Alexander
Mary Wells Anderson
Jack Bacon
Eva Bahin
Spencer Barrow
Thomas Becker
Kevin Bowles
Ellerbe Brewer
Lily Brewer
Rory Bridger

Sam Corsmeier
George Cram
Arri Davila
Chandler Duncan
Sara Estrada
India Gaythwaite
Charlotte Goins
Jack Hogan
Cooper Holmes
Cameron Kaiser
Liza Koonce

Anna Prather Maddison
Sheppard McKenzie
Holland McTyeire
Wells Openshaw
Lucy Rand
Crawford Rollman
Ethan Warner
Henry Stowe
Emery Wolverton
Aramea Wildman

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

PSALM 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord,
my good above all other.”

² All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴ Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night

- ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

I PETER 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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.

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE I (11 A.M.)

VOLUNTARY

◆ PROCESSION

At the lamb's high feast we sing

Hymn 174

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 323

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY & SUMMARY OF THE LAW

CANTICLE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

S 202

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *(Please be seated.)*

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 | *Printed on page 10*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(Said in unison.)*

Psalm 16 | *Printed on page 10*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3-9 | *Printed on page 11*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

◆ GOSPEL HYMN

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

Hymn 204

GOSPEL READING

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John 20:19-31 | *Printed on page 11*

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON (*Please be seated.*)

The Rev. Jennifer C. Brown

◆ NICENE CREED

BCP 326

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | *Printed on page 16*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Please kneel.*)

BCP 331

◆ THE PEACE

Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Please be seated.*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

OFFERTORY HYMN

The day of resurrection

Hymn 210

◆ DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 340

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

The Celebrant continues, offering prayers recalling God's love for humanity, then says:

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

SANCTUS

S 114

(Please remain standing or kneel.)

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding by saying:

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.

All: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

Celebrant: 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION ANTHEM)

S 155

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT *(Please be seated.)*

All baptized Christians, of all ages, are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

If you would like a blessing instead, place your hands on your heart.

For a gluten-free wafer, extend your hands, palms down.

Please notify an usher if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your seat.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord
This joyful Eastertide
Seek ye first

Hymn 178
Hymn 192
Hymn 711

SENDING OUT OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to _____ that *they* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: Because we who are many are one body in Christ, we share one bread, one cup.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Please stand or kneel.*)

BCP 339

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

BLESSING

◆ PROCESSION

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

Hymn 195

DISMISSAL

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM I

APRIL 23, 2017

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, our Bishop-Elect, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the widowed and orphans; for the poor and oppressed, prisoners and captives; and for the sick and the suffering, especially **June Peacock, Robert McDowell, Tyler Jacoby, Barbara Chaffee, Al Moore, Peggy Mordecai, Jack Moore, Sam Frazier, Marianne Ford, Jan Hoomani, Richard Cansler, Jo Hughes, Katie Williams, Kristin Kash, Kathy & Larry Matthews, Thelma Jarvis, Terry Simpson, Jim Connell, Mary Chambers, Alice Choma, Susan Smith, Bette Cobb, Karen Gnesda, Margie Johnson, Vivian Burr, Peggy Crowder**; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of this life, especially for the birth of **Clara Boyce Odom**, granddaughter of Gail & Mac Barham; for the baptisms of **Frances Winborne Boyles, Holland Elizabeth Cutts, Charles Alexander Dembicks, Lucy Eliza Roche, Eliza Kathryn Scott, Elise Cora Stanley, Noah James White**; for the marriage of **Caroline Christine Rekuc & Anthony Zane Reynolds**; and for those in whose honor the altar flowers have been given: **Frances Callaway McCommon** and the outreach efforts of **Christ Church**; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially **William Sims Propst Sr.**, father of Buck Propst; and for those in whose memory the altar flowers have been given: **Robert McCommon**; and **Anne Dixon & Jackson McKay**; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the *Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Christ Church PARISH WEEKLY

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vestry Person of the Week

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Morning Prayer Leader

Steven Hill

SERVING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD

Group III - Margaret Martin & Meg Venters

VERGERS

Donnie Womble, John Gray

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Kinnan Schline, Adam Trunkey, Megan Adkins, Thomas Nisbet

USHERS

Michael Thomas Team

Doug Laird Team

Patt Kelly & Dottie Benz

LECTORS

Tacker LeCarpentier, Keith Donahue, Ellen Greaves, Ronald Wenda, Rollin Glaser

CHALICE BEARERS

Susie Small, Stannie Brewer, Gaye Hill, Hunter Wyche, Al Conyers, Martha Cole, Gail Pope, Charles Burton, Kelly Mitchell, Sandra Griffin

GREETERS

Eden & Clark Jenkins

Margaret & Ted Bratton

Ginny and Dick McKay

FLOWER GUILD

Linda Barrett & Susie Small

CANDLE GUILD

Lynn Bosier & Dottie Benz

Next Sunday: April 30

Third Sunday of Easter

Preacher: The Rev. Callie E. Swanlund

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist I - Chapel

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist II - Church

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist I - Church

5 p.m. Celtic Eucharist - Church

Grow

Adult Christian Formation - Offerings for This Morning (10:10 a.m.)

The Resurrection - The Rev. Mary Davila - Parish Hall

He is Risen! This much we proclaim but the Gospels are not of one voice in describing what unfolded on that first Easter morning. In adult forum, we will look at the various accounts of the Resurrection, and consider beliefs about resurrection from a Jewish and early Christian perspective. We will also talk about what Jesus' resurrection means for our lives.

Outreach Ministries - Ray Mains and Jack Ford - Room 128

Ray Mains and Jack Ford will lead a discussion on the Grants Committee process and procedure for outreach funding at Christ Church, beginning at 10:10 a.m.

Confirmation Service May 7, with Bishop Lee

This spring we have youth and adults who will be confirmed on Sunday, May 7. We will welcome 16 new members at the 9 a.m. service, and our youth class of 48 will be confirmed at the 11 a.m. service. Bishop Peter Lee will be visiting Christ Church, preaching at both services. and celebrating our confirmands. We encourage the parish to attend the services and to welcome our newest members. There will be a small reception at 10:15 a.m. for all confirmands and the parish in the Christ Church Commons.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Led by The Rev. Meg Buerkel Hunn

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. in Room 128

All are invited as we study the Bible and seek a deepening of the faith we share. Come as you are with your questions, doubts, hopes and dreams as we come together to talk about following Jesus. We will discuss two of the readings assigned for the following Sunday, given the context of our lives and our culture.

Bible Works: Tools for Living - The Gospel of John

The current Bible Works series is an in-depth exploration of the beautiful and poetic Gospel of John, which draws us into the mystery and love of the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Through Bible Works we learn what this Gospel meant to those who heard it in the 1st century and what it has to say to us today. Bible Works is offered each Tuesday from 7 a.m. until 8 a.m. and from noon until 1 p.m.; the same lecture is presented at these two different times for the convenience of participants. The lectures can also be found on our website.

Connect

Tonight, Daughters of Christ Church Presents Cokie Roberts

New Orleans native, author, columnist, political commentator, wife, mother, grandmother, and Emmy-winning broadcaster Cokie Roberts will be at Christ Church on April 23 to present "Inspiring our Future Through Glimpses of Our Past." There will be a reception at 5 p.m. in the Christ Church Commons, followed by Cokie's presentation at 6:15 p.m. and a book signing. This event is for all women and girls of Christ Church and beyond, ages middle school and older. You may purchase tickets at the door for \$15.

20s/30s Coffee Beans, Brews, Bible Study - Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Come enjoy coffee, tea, or a pint and explore how scripture talks to you. Lay-led Bible study each week at the Morning Times. The first Tuesday of each month is "What's the Faith" led by The Rev. Callie Swanlund. Other Tuesdays will be a non-teaching exploration of what the Bible is saying to us as individuals and as a group. No preparation is needed! Stop by, enjoy the company of others and help each other grow in the knowledge and love of God.

Connect

Environmental Stewardship Ministry Meeting - April 27

Please join us on Thursday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 128 for a meeting of the Environmental Stewardship Ministry at Christ Church. Bruce Hunn will provide information about the Diocesan Environmental Ministry and what they are doing at St. Michael's. Please contact Cindy with questions at cekh1@hotmail.com, or 919-274-0283.

Honoring This Year's College Graduates

We will honor college graduates by listing their name, school and parents in the bulletin on Sunday, June 4. If you have a child graduating this spring, please let Martha Cox know by May 8 - mcox@ccral.org.

Newcomers Reception - April 30

Please join us on Sunday, April 30, at 6 p.m. for a reception for Christ Church newcomers. Drinks and light hors d'oeuvres will be served and members of the clergy and staff will be in attendance. Please contact Cooper Bratton at cbratton@ccral.org if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Christ Church Men's Event - RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 11

Join the men of Christ Church on May 11, at 6 p.m. at the newly re-opened Boylan Bridge Brewpub - 201 South Boylan Ave. Tickets for the event are \$25, which covers a buffet dinner and two beers. You can buy tickets to the event here - <http://bit.ly/ccmensnight>. Contact Joe Hogan if you have any questions, joeh@atlanticpkg.com or 919-522-2261.

Caregiver Support Group - May 3

Join us Wednesday, May 3, from 1 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. in Room 128, for a session on "Life after Caregiving." All are welcome to join this conversation with our guest Nell Joslin, who is a Christ Church parishioner, vestry member and a devoted daughter who cared for her parents. For more information, please contact The Rev. Meg Hunn at mhunn@ccral.org.

Wine and the Word - May 3

Wine and the Word will meet on Wednesday, May 3. Our study is, "Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story," by Angie Smith. This all-women's Bible study meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Please contact Paola Learoyd at pmrunc@gmail.com with any questions, or if you're interested in joining this group.

Save the Date for a Fundraiser Supporting St. Augustine's University - May 18

Celebrate St. Augustine's University! Please mark your calendar for Thursday, May 18, when Jim and Allene Adams, the Christ Church Vestry, and the St. Augustine's Committee will host a fundraiser for our neighbor St. Augustine's University, with whom Christ Church has renewed a historic partnership. This evening will be an opportunity to gather with friends from Christ Church and St. Augustine's, hear remarks from University President Everett Ward, and enjoy good food, drink, and company. Tickets for the event are \$100 and will support the great work of St. Augustine's and the dreams of its students. Please look for your email invitation this week.

All-Parish Weekend at Kanuga - June 2-4

Plans are underway for a very special All-Parish Weekend at Kanuga, June 2-4. All are invited to join us in the beautiful N.C. mountains, where we will enjoy music, programs for adults and children and plenty of free time to enjoy the great outdoors.

The Rev. Jim Adams will lead our adult program, and The Rev. Mary Davila will help with worship services. We will have a children's program and activities for youth. Register by visiting <http://bit.ly/kanuga17>, or by picking up a registration form on the table in front of Lin's desk. If you have any questions or need a registration form, please contact Cooper Bratton at cbratton@christchurchraleigh.org.

Altar Flowers

Opening in Altar Flower Schedule

There is an opening in the altar flower calendar for Sunday, May 21. If you would like to give flowers for the church, please contact Belle Long, at edwardsthree@bellsouth.net.

Serve

Outreach Opportunity with Clark's Promise

Are you interested in volunteering to help those experiencing homelessness in Raleigh? We have the perfect opportunity through the Oak City Outreach Center. The center provides meals and fellowship in the downtown Raleigh area every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on some holidays. You can volunteer as an individual or with a group. A short training session is required and the next one will be held on May 17, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. If you'd like to learn more, please contact Tosharia Brown and oakcity.outreach@raldioc.org.

Hope of Jesus Children's Home Mission Trip 2017 Information Session - May 7

Christ Church has been a long-standing support of Kim and Mike Miller's ministry to the children of Honduras, the Hope of Jesus Children's Home. Each year, the church sends a mission team to the home where they build a lasting and supportive relationship with the children, the Millers and the community where they live. A team is being formed for the 2017 trip, which is scheduled for Aug. 5-12. An information session will be held on Sunday, May 7, at 10 a.m., in Room 126, for all who are interested. Contact Marshall Lamb - 919-414-8079 or mlamb@us.ibm.com - or Suzy Lamb - 919-414-8018 or suzyslamb@gmail.com - if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Bach Festival Concert

The Raleigh Bach Soloists & The N.C. Baroque Orchestra - April 28 - 7 p.m.

Praised for their seamless sound, strength and contextual accuracy, The Raleigh Bach Soloists & The North Carolina Baroque Orchestra, directed by David Jernigan, will give their final performance of the 2016-2017 season in grand baroque style with three of Bach's most celebratory works, with period trumpets, timpani, oboes, strings and organ. The concert will take place at Christ Church.

Bach's first-ever Easter Cantata, Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4, opens the evening with its subdued and mysterious Sinfonia evoking the scene at Christ's empty tomb early in the darkened hours of Easter morning. From there we erupt into full-blown celebration with cantata 137, "Praise the Lord, the Mighty King," and motet 230, "Praise the Lord, all ye nations," famous for its "Hallelujah" fugue. The evening ends with the brilliant, joyful cantata, "We thank you God," BWV 29 with its fast and intricate obligato organ writing and large-scale orchestration.

About The Bach Soloists

The Raleigh Bach Soloists is a fully professional vocal ensemble whose members have completed multiple degrees in music and specialize in singing music of the oratorio repertoire. Their members have performed with notable baroque and choral ensembles around the country including the Chicago Bach Ensemble, Boston Baroque, Apollo's Fire, Tenet, the Finzi and the choir of Trinity Wall Street. Founded in the spring of 2016, The Raleigh Bach Soloists have already performed nine of Bach's many cantatas and three of the six motets and next year will give a complete performance of The Christmas Oratorio in period.

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry wants YOU...

To be part of the Baker WInng team. We are recruiting for next year. No experience is needed and all ages are welcome. We are looking for teachers for ages 2 through 5th grade and the curriculum is provided. We also need volunteers for substitute teachers, snack subs and a craft team. Contact Sloane Brooks at sbrooks@christchurchraleigh.org if you are interested.

Vacation Bible School 2017 begins June 19

Vacation Bible School 2017—Holy Moses! will be a week not to miss. Rising 4-year-olds through 5th graders are invited to be part of this fun-filled, educational week.

VBS will take place this year from **June 19-23**, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The children will present what they learned about Moses in church on Sunday, June 25. Online registration is now open at <http://bit.ly/CCVBS17>. Also, please note, rising 6th graders and older are invited to volunteer. Sign up on the Youth Ministry page on the Christ Church website.

Youth Ministry

Youth News

- **EYC this Sunday, April 23.**
- Our final Youth Confirmation Class is today, April 23, from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. with The Rev. Jenny Brown
- We still have spaces available for the Glory Ridge Mission this summer to Madison County, N.C. The trip is May 12-14, for current 8th-12th grade students. For information and registration go to <http://bit.ly/ridge17>
- Sunday, April 30, during the Sunday School hour there will be a meeting for parents and youth regarding confirmation for 2017-2018 school year (current 7th grade). If you are interested in being confirmed please make plans to join us to hear about registration and the confirmation process
- On Wednesday, May 3, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. in the church there will be a youth confirmation rehearsal. It is important that confirmands attend this practice to understand the movements and responses of the confirmation service. Youth confirmands will be confirmed by Bishop Lee on Sunday, May 7, at the 11 a.m. service

Jr. EYC (Grds. 6 - 8) – 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Dinner (All Grades) – 6:30 - 7 p.m.
Sr. EYC (Grds. 9 - 12) – 7 - 8 p.m.

Spring EYC Sundays at Church

April 23, 30

Applications for YLC Now Available

Applications to serve on next year's Youth Leadership Committee (YLC) are available in the youth ministry office. YLC helps plan, organize and run youth events and programs and serves on committees within the parish, including vestry. Students should be current 8th-11th graders and will need to attend a planning retreat Aug. 7-9, in addition to attending Wednesday meetings twice each month. If you're interested, please contact Liz Stroff at lstroff@ccral.org.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

EYC supplements the Sunday School program by providing fellowship and outreach activities to create a peer-based community, featuring open dialogue about faith and spirituality and opportunities for ministry in the church, as well as the broader Raleigh community. EYC takes place on Sunday nights and allows different grades to join together.

Youth Ministry

High School Bible Study

HS Bible Study, grades 9-12, views movie segments each week followed by discussion using a verse or quote to learn about the Word by discovering the depth of how God is revealed to us through daily life. We rotate from students' houses to church basement every Wed., 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Very casual - all you need to bring is yourself! Movie information as well as locations is sent weekly through our youth emails. Contact Liz Stroff, lstroff@ccral.org.

Is your child graduating from high school this year?

We will honor graduates on Sunday, June 4, at the 10 a.m. service. We will list all graduates' names (high school and college) in the bulletin. We'll also honor the high school graduates by serving breakfast that day. The graduates are encouraged to wear their cap and gown for the service. If you have a child graduating from high school this spring, please contact Martha Cox at mcox@ccral.org, with the following information by May 8 - High school graduates full name; parents name(s); school name; and please let us know if your high school graduate will attend the service. We also need a photo (digital copy preferred) of your high school graduate. RSVP for the number attending breakfast on June 4 (graduates and family members).

Diaper Train Youth Summer Service (rising 7th grade and older)

Sign up here - <http://bit.ly/diaper17>

The Diaper Train provides diapers to low-income families in Wake County, improving the lives of babies and toddlers. The program is run by volunteers and serves 1,000 children each month. Duties may include wrapping, stocking and carrying diapers for clients. This takes place at Saint Saviour's Center - 616 Tucker Street.

HUGS Camp

Registration - <http://bit.ly/hugscamp17>

HUGS is a unique camp for unique people that brings together young people of diverse abilities. It is run by The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina at The Summit in Haw River State Park. Each camper with special needs has a helper camper who makes sure they have a safe, fun, God-filled week of summer camp. Helper campers (age 14+) take part in a day of training with counselors and nurses to learn how to care for the campers. Staff positions are available for those 18 and older. Our very own The Rev. Meg Buerkel Hunn is the camp chaplain and will be there all week! If you have any questions feel free to reach out to her - mhunn@ccral.org.

Vacation Bible School Youth Volunteers (current grades 6-12) | Registration - <http://bit.ly/vbsvol17>

During the week of Vacation Bible School we encourage youth (grades 6-12) to sign up to serve as volunteers with this important ministry. Students will work in classrooms with children or at particular stations helping with the daily activities. You may sign up to volunteer from 8:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. for the entire week or any combination of days. VBS 2017 will be held the week of June 19-23. All student volunteers must have a 2016-2017 youth medical release form on file prior to the beginning of VBS.

Wake Relief Youth Summer Service | Registration - <http://bit.ly/wakerelief17>

Wake Relief is a food pantry that provides a week's worth of groceries to families in need. Some of the volunteer help that's needed includes stocking shelves with canned food items, carrying groceries to client's cars, unloading deliveries from the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, taking out trash and recycling, and light cleaning. A waiver will be on site for each participant to sign. Two youths can sign up for each date. Work will take place at Saint Saviour's Center - 616 Tucker Street.

"Episcopally Speaking"

A closer look at the language and movements of the Episcopal Liturgy.

Fifty Days - The feast of Easter is a season of 50 days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. From early times in the Greek word pentecost (fiftieth day) was used also for the whole Paschal season. During this season there is no fasting. The Council of Nicaea (325) directed that Christians are to pray standing. The word "alleluia" (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia is omitted. The color of liturgical vestments and hangings is either white or gold. The BCP notes that it is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services of the Easter season. The "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the dismissals and their responses during the Great Fifty Days.

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