



CHRIST CHURCH

ON CAPITOL SQUARE

CELTIC HOLY EUCHARIST

APRIL 23, 2017

5 P.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH. TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP AND TO ALLOW
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER, PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE UPON ENTERING
AND TURN OFF ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

VOLUNTARY

POEM: **Doubting Thomas**

Malcolm Guite

“We do not know... how can we know the way?”
Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
You put your finger on the nub of things
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.
Because He loved your awkward counter-point
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

HYMN: We walk by faith, and not by sight

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant: “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (*Matthew 11:28-30*)

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.**

THE READING: JOHN 20:19-31

Reader: A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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

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

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

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

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Reading is followed by a brief period of silent reflection.

HOMILY

The Rev. Jennifer C. Brown

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

During the instrumental music and hymn, and at any time hereafter, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayers. Tapers and votives are on the stands by the chancel steps. Please feel free to go to any of these places to light a candle.

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Please Stand

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Leader: God of love and mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Leader: God of love and mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader: God of love and mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

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Silence

Leader: God of love and mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Leader: God of love and mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader: God of love and mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

HYMN: Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

GRACE & PEACE

Celebrant: Now my friends, all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable; with these let us fill our hearts, and the God of heaven will be with us.

My sisters and brothers, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

All now exchange a sign of peace, then please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please Stand

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus *sung by all*

St. Anne Mass, Macmillan

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly_ Lord, God of_ pow-er and_ might._
_ Heav'n and earth are_ full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in_ the_
high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is_ he who comes in the
name_ of the Lord._____ Ho - san - na in the_
high - est, ho - san - na_ in_____ the high - est.

Celebrant: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

***All:* Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon these gifts of bread and wine
 that they may be to us
 the Body and Blood of your Christ.
 Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
 may be a people of hope, justice and love.
 Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
 and in the fullness of time gather us
 with all your people
 into the joy of our true eternal home.
 Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 we worship you our God and Creator
 in voices of unending praise.

All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.
 As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God *sung by all*

St. Anne Mass, Macmillan

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins_ of the_ world, have mer-cy_ on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins_ of the_ world, have mer-cy_ on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins_ of the world, grant_ us peace.

Celebrant: God's holy gifts for you, God's holy people. Come to this table to be strengthened to follow Jesus out into the world. Come full of faith, come full of doubt, come to be revived and renewed. It is Christ himself who bids you to come.

All: Thanks be to God!

You are welcome to be seated until you come forward to receive Communion.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

AFTER COMMUNION

Please Stand or Kneel

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN: O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

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DISMISSAL

Priest: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: 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

ACOLYTE LEADERS

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 Toshieria 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 WIng 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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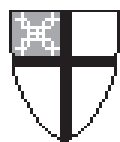
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