

The Second Sunday of Easter
with
Episcopal Visitation



April 27, 2025

8:15 a.m.



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*The mission of Christ Church is to be a diverse, inclusive community,
which, through its lively worship of Jesus Christ and witness in His name,
serves the Christ in all persons and shines a beacon of hope throughout the heart of Detroit.*

Christ Church was founded on May 29, 1845 by members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (now Cathedral) who sought to build a second Episcopal congregation in Detroit. The following May, the cornerstone of the original building was laid, on the same site where the current one (constructed 1860-63) is now. Christ Church is the oldest Protestant church in the city of Detroit at its original location.

The church, however, is not only a location;
it is a people; it is a mission; it is a response to the Spirit.

And so, we look and listen for the Spirit moving among us. We trust that the Holy Spirit is as present today as it was 179 years ago, and every day before, between, and to come.

Christ Church strives, today and always, to be a beacon of hope through our outreach, worship, and hospitality. We are a contemporary, open and affirming, multi-racial, multi-ethnic congregation, enlivened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ in the world around us. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some were received into it as adults, and some of us are just discovering or exploring it now. We are straight and LGBTQIA+, single, married, divorced, and remarried, with and without children. We hail from all over Detroit and the metro area, and across the Canadian border. We cling to one another because prayer and worship strengthen us in our daily lives, and because together we find community, acceptance, mission, and love. We hope you, too, will find a home among us.

All blessings,
The People of Christ Church Detroit

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HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

As the Ministers enter, all stand.

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 413

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 219

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
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, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People sit.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

Lector A reading from Acts.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you have 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

read together

Psalm 150, *inclusive language*

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

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

Lector A reading from 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 for ever 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People sit.

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry
XI Bishop of Michigan

A period of silence is kept.

At the invitation of the Bishop, all stand in body or spirit.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 416

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ later this morning and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 392, adapted

Lector Let us pray for the church and the world to God who raised Jesus to new life.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister with the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God, especially, in the diocesan cycle of prayer, for the congregations of All Saints', Brooklyn; and St. Michael & All Angels, Cambridge Junction/Onsted.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie our Bishop; for Tim our Archdeacon; for Emily our Rector; for retired and assisting clergy; for lay leaders; and for all who minister in this congregation and diocese.

For all who love and serve the Lord.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Mimi's healing, for Ben & Kayla who were married yesterday, for Alex & Marisa who are preparing for marriage next month, for Mary's confirmation and Alice's reception, and for those who celebrate birthdays this week, including *Jon Miller, Liza Parkinson, David Jackson*, and those we now name. *(People may add names silently or aloud.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially *Larry Abdullah, Pat Ald, Amy, Chris Beck, Miriam Costandi, Fred DeHaven, Jane Dieter, Chuck Dyer, Guy Jackson, Nan Keils, Tom Nihem, Shabin, Sue Webb-Dickson, Sandy Zull*, and those we now name. *(People may add names silently or aloud.)*

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We pray for all who have died, that they may dwell in the wounded yet risen Body of Christ, in indescribable and glorious joy. We pray especially for Phil Brown, who died on Easter Sunday, April 20th; for Paul Dieter (father of David) who was buried yesterday in Maryland; and for those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Bishop Through the resurrection of your son, O God, you destroy the power of death and remove your people's shame. By the power of the Spirit, raise us from sin and seat us at the paschal feast, that we may rejoice in the gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us. **Amen.**

PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People share signs of Christ's peace, and then are seated.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The loose offering today is designated for The Bishop's Fund, which supports people in need.
Make a gift to The Bishop's Fund by placing cash into the offering plate,
placing a check made out to "The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan" with "Bishop's Fund" in the memo line
into the offering plate, or by visiting christcd.org/ online-giving or the following QR code
and including "Bishop's Fund" as a note.*

Thank you for your generosity!



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

All stand as able.

AT THE PRESENTATION

Bishop All things come of thee, O Lord;
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Bishop continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Bishop and People

**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.**

The Bishop 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 to 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:

Bishop and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Bishop 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.

All **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop 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

BCP 364

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Bishop Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

If you desire a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest.

To receive the wine, please either sip from the first cup or dip (intinct) your bread into the second, shallow cup.

The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP 366

Bishop Let us pray.
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 Bishop blesses the People.

DISMISSAL

Bishop Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for these persons:

Genet Barthwell, Stacey Becker, Ed Beverly, Dorothy Coleman, Margie Deeb, Susan K. Devereaux, Michelene Dib, Chris Ebling, Judy Fallon, Debbie Faust, Christine Franklin, Sally Granger, Ronald Griffin, Richard Householder, Patricia Jones, Lauren Keils, Kelly, Eve Laurer, Madelyn Lenhard Laurer, Ruth Leney-Midkiff, Julia Lenhard, Edna Lock, Arnold Matthews, Ruby Mays, Thelma McCrary, Jane McFeely, Becky Moses Normore, Linda Olivache, Pat, Randy, Lori Riggen, Parker Roberts, Irene Ryke, Mimi Van Scoter, Bob Vitolins, John & Donna Wetzel

ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS

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<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Jon Miller
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Alma Simmons, Letha Ann Steward
<i>Breakfast Team</i>	Betty & Patrick Warner, Letha Ann Steward, Gary MacDonald, and Beverly Brown making "Phil's Phabulous Hash Browns"

