





THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:00 AM, APRIL 7, 2024

Today is the Second Sunday of Eastertide. The Church celebrates the resurrection with a feast of fifty days. On Fridays in Eastertide special acts of discipline and self-denial commemorating the crucifixion of the Lord are not practiced. "Alleluia" is said or sung repeatedly during our liturgy. The Paschal Candle burns throughout Eastertide. The central Christian belief is that Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead. In our worship this is not a past or an abstract reality. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is remembered and made present in our worship and in our common life. "Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the Beginning and End, Alpha and Omega. His are all times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all eternity." "Easter" is the English language name for the Sunday of the Resurrection. In most languages, the given name is some form of the word "Passover." Easter celebrates the "Passover" of Jesus from death to life.

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (known as Christ Church) is the Episcopal Church in Pelham, New York. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion which is made up of 85 million people in over 165 countries and is the third largest Christian denomination in the world.

Christ Church was founded in 1843 and is the first house of worship in Pelham. This building was consecrated on September 15, 1843, the original church building was expanded in 1910, and the sanctuary was reconstructed in 1968 to allow for the current, more intimate worship space. Our congregation draws primarily from Pelham, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and the Bronx, and includes people from diverse denominational and cultural backgrounds. Whether you are new to Christ Church or a long-time member, you are invited to pray in our sacred spaces, join in our services of worship, and take an active role in the life and leadership of the parish. We give thanks and praise to God for your presence with us this morning!

Children of all ages are always welcome in church. A great place for children to see, hear and participate is in the front pews of the church. Also, childcare is available in the Nursery every Sunday during the 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist. Sunday School is offered during the academic year from September until June. Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM each Sunday. After the children's service and Sunday School activities, the children join the rest of the congregation for the Holy Communion.

If you believe God may be calling you to a new relationship with him through Jesus Christ we want to be of help. Whether you want to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, receive the laying on of hands by the bishop in the sacramental rite of Confirmation, or transfer your membership from another church or denomination, joining Christ Church is easy, just speak to Father Matthew Mead, Deacon Chisara Alimole, or our Administrator, Ms. Marie Main.

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God



ORGAN PRELUDE

Chorale-Prelude (Theme and Variations) on "Christ ist erstanden" ("Christ is arisen"), BWV 627 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ENTRANCE HYMN (#191)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.





Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.

Music: Lux eoi, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

EASTER ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

All remain standing. (All respond loudly!!!)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant

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

All Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE (#S-278)

All remain standing and sing the Song of Praise.





Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

All remain standing.

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.

All Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 4:32-35

All are seated. The First Lesson is now read.

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each

as any had need.

The Lord of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133

The Psalm is said responsively by whole verse beginning with the Reader.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

All are seated. The Epistle is now read.

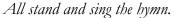
Reader A Reading from the First Letter of John.

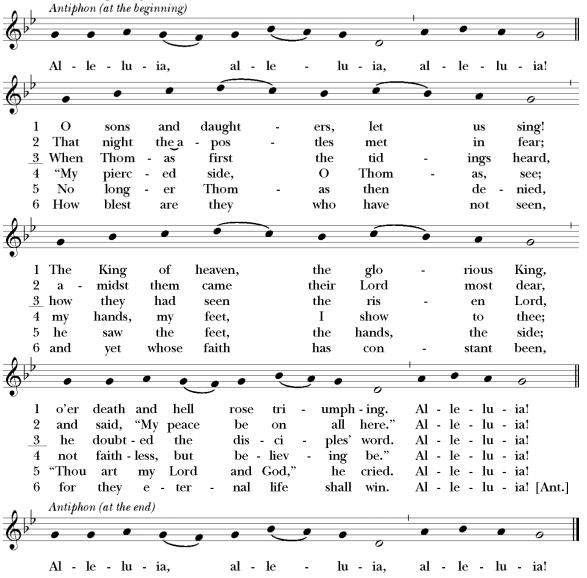
We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (#206)





Words: att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

Music: O filii et filiae, melody from Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls, 1623; acc. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

All remain standing for the Gospel.

Deacon

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

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 SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rector, Father Matthew Hoxsie Mead

NICENE CREED

All stand and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant We believe in one God,

All the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

All remain standing as the Deacon bids the prayers.

Deacon For all people in their daily life and work;

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

alone.

Deacon For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

Deacon For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Deacon For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

Deacon For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Matt, Allen, and Mary our

Bishops. For Matt our Rector and Chisara our Deacon, and for all

bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Deacon For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence is observed and the People may add their own petitions.

Deacon Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Deacon We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life

Silence is observed and the People may add their own thanksgivings

Deacon We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Deacon We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your

eternal kingdom.

Silence is observed and the People may add their own petitions for departed loved ones.

Deacon Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer after which the people say **Amen**.

THE PEACE

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & OFFERTORY SENTENCE



All are seated for a brief welcome and announcements from Father Matthew Mead. The announcements conclude with the following or some other offertory sentence. I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.



ARIA AT THE OFFERTORY

All remain seated while the soloist sings 39. Aria "Then shall the righteous shine forth" from Elijah, Op. 70 by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847) as an offering is taken and the altar is prepared for Holy Communion. John Burke is the tenor soloist.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm.

Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away for ever.

– Matthew 13: 43; Isaiah 51: 11, adapt. from *Luther Bibel (1545)* by Julius Schubring (1839-1914);

English translation adapted from the *Authorized (King James) Version* (1611) by William Bartholomew (1793–1867)

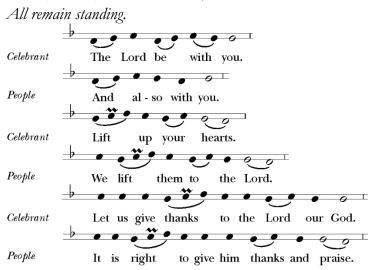
OFFERTORY HYMN

All stand and sing the Festal Doxology.



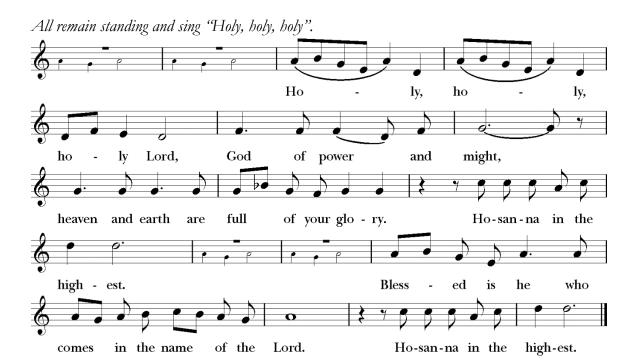
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing



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The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and,

rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. 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. CelebrantWe praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, • • • • • • and we pray to you, Lord our God. Celebrant

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Michael our presiding bishop, Andrew and Allen our bishops and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 ev - er and ev - er.

Celebrant

People

Celebrant

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

A11

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri-ficed for us;

People

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - 12.



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Invitation to Holy Communion

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Give us your

peace.

All baptized persons, including children, are full members of the Body of Christ and are invited to participate in every aspect of the service and receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are also invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing and not Holy Communion).

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

During the ministration of Holy Communion, the soloist sings III. Come Love, come Lord from Four Hymns (1920) by Ralph V aughan Williams (1872-1958). The soloist is John Burke, tenor.

Come Love, come Lord, and that long day For which I languish, come away. When this dry soul those eyes shall see And drink the unseal'd souce of Thee, When glory's sun faith's shades shall chase, Then for Thy veil give my Thy face.

- Richard Crashaw (c. 1612-2649)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people kneel (as you are able).

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.

EASTERTIDE BLESSING

The people remain kneeling.

Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty 4 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (#193)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers process to the back of the church.



words: Laun, 5th cent.; ver. riymnai 1940

Music: Puer nobis, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

If you are staying in your pew for the Voluntary, please be courteous to those who are listening to the music by remaining quiet.

Offertoire sur "O filii et filiæ," Op. 49, No. 2 by Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911).



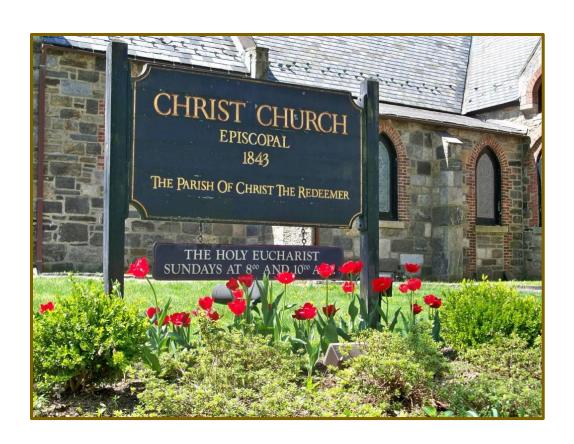
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PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT THE BOLTON ALTAR

Following the Eucharist every Sunday prayers for healing with the anointing of Holy Oil are offered by Deacon Chisara or Father Matt. Come to the altar and tell the priest or deacon what you want to pray for.



CHRIST CHURCH

Episcopal/Anglican

Clergy & Staff

The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, Rector
The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole
Mr. Jeffrey Hoffman, Organist and Choirmaster
Ms. Marie Main, Parish Administrator
Mr. Evan Felicetti, Director of Children's Ministries
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The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8 and 10 a.m. Morning Prayer is read on, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

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Christ Church Pelham is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition.

As members of the Body of Christ, we are dedicated to spiritual growth

and committed to serving God through worship and

service to our community and the world.