



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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The Sunday of the Resurrection Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector

Reader: Barb Horne

Lay Reader: John Howard/Francis Richardson

Cantor: Lynn McTaggart

Organist: Ashton Dunk

Greeter: Garry Minielly

Server: Sarah Howard



Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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Prelude Romantic Pieces for Organ: Moderato, Larghetto, Elizabeth Stirling
(Harbach Music Pub.)

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCE

The service begins at the font at the back of the building.

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Presider: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's
mercy and forgiveness.

.....
To him to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now
and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn

Of Praise: **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today #203** blue hymn book

The altar party processes to the altar, sprinkling the congregation with water.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

Children's Focus

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

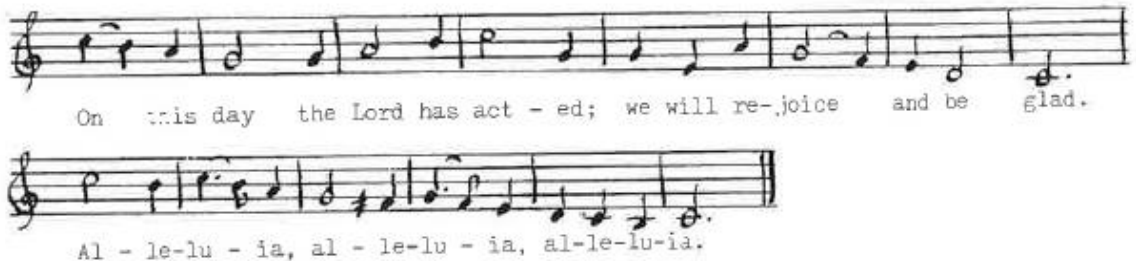
Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,

"His mercy endures for ever." **Refrain**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!

the right hand of the Lord is exalted!

the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" **Refrain**

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely,

but he did not hand me over to death. **Refrain**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord

"This is the gate of the Lord;

he who is righteous may enter." **Refrain**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **Refrain**

This is the Lord's doing.

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted;

we will rejoice and be glad in it. **Refrain**

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (from Sing a New Creation)

190 Alleluia

The musical score for '190 Alleluia' is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble clef staff with guitar chords written above the notes, a vocal line with lyrics, and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' repeated in both systems. The guitar chords for both systems are: D, A/C#, G2/B, D/A, G, D/F#, Em, A, D.

Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the reading:

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #190 Alleluia (from Sing a New Creation)

repeated by congregation.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Priest & Rector

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Lay Reader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the

third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped 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.

BLESSING OF FRIENDSHIP CROSSES

Please sit, kneel or stand, as you're able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

John Howard
Lay Reader

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

Remain standing, as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing #207
(blue hymn book)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 3– BAS page 198 with Preface for Easter

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Presider: (BAS, pg 222) Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,
..... Therefore joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (HOLY)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #735 (blue hymn book)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**

**heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

BAS pg 198

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
..... Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

**All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

.....
..... by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

#684 blue hymn book

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE) sung

Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar. If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.

Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN The Lamb's High Banquet Called to Share #214
(blue hymn book)

Choral Anthem: An Easter Carol (Timothy Dudley-Smith & Ephrem Feeley)
(GIA Publications, Inc.)

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY (Sung)

All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright #231
(blue hymn book)

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please be seated.

THE POSTLUDE

Romantic Pieces for Organ: Prelude in F Major - Fanny (Hensel) Mendelssohn

Psalm from The Gordon Johnston The Psalms 1999.

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CCLI Streaming Plus Licence™ A 22817038. Alleluiah! #190 Gospel Acclamation from "Sing a New Creation"

An Easter Carol, Words by Timothy Dudley-Smith, Music by Ephrem Feeley. GIA Publications, Inc. 2018.

This Week's Prayer List

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: Circle of Faith • Church of the Messiah, Kincardine • St. Matthew's, Kingarf • St. Luke's, Pine River • St. Thomas, Walkerton.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers; Abigail & Shaun Lewis, Gordon Light & Barbara Liotskos, Norma McCauley and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

The Wider Church: We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Episcopal Church of the USA; the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK as well as bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Ayako, Carol Ann, Heather & family, Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

Rest of the Soul: Tom Ingoldsby

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Muriel Armitage, with advance notice if possible, at 519-538-2852.



Memorial Flowers on the Altar

Flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of our parents, Bob and Jean Richardson and brother, Michael, a gift of Francis and Robert & family.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 12, 2026, Second Sunday of Easter

The readings are: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Free Community Breakfast will be paused on Easter Monday, April 6th resuming April 13th from 8:30 to 10AM as usual.

Midweek BCP (said) service is Wednesday, April 8 at 12noon. **The 1pm bible study is paused until May 6th.**

Repair Cafe is Saturday, April 11th from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Bring your small items that need repair and join us for a cup of coffee.

For Pastoral Care –please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford at 226-974-5060 or brendonbedford@diohuron.org.



*Easter Flowers in Memorial
To the glory of God for the life of, and:*

In loving memory of family and friends

Gift of Deanie & Garry Minielly

In loving memory of Paul and Win

Gift of Durene Butchart

In loving memory of family and friends

Gift of Linda & Frank Emptage

Wishing all a Happy Easter!

Gift of Dennis & Joanne Knight

In loving memory of Joyce & Jack Milner and Pat & Don Horne

Gift of Barb & Ron Horne

In loving memory of deceased members of the Corley, Richardson & Page families

Gift of Francis & Jean Richardson

In loving memory of Albert & Wilma Carefoot

and Ashley Clock

Gift of the family.

In loving memory of family loved ones.

Gift of Mary & Carl Adams

In loving memory of Andrew Mark Day

Gift of Auntie Victoria and Uncle Bill

In loving memory of loved ones

Gift of Gail & Gene Latour

In loving memory of John McTaggart

Gift of Lynn McTaggart

In loving memory of William McCauley gone but never forgotten

Gift of Norma McCauley



*Easter Flowers in Memorial
To the glory of God for the life of, and:*

*In loving memory of our parents Win and George Shaw
and my husband, Dennis Bell.*

Gift of Maureen Bell and Family

In memory of a loving husband and father, Ray Wheeler

Gift of Howie & Wanda Wheeler

In loving memory of our brothers, Malcolm and Alan

Gift of Barrie & Mary Lennox

In loving memory of family members

Gift of Carol Norton



**Easter Blessings to you
and your loved ones.**