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The Second Sunday of Easter April 12, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector
Lay Reader: Francis Richardson
Organist: Ashton Dunk
Server: Sarah Howard

Reader: Linda Emptage
Cantor: Francis Richardson
Greeter: Garry Minielly



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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Welcome and Announcements

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

Prelude Christ Is Arisen; Christ the Lord Is Risen Again – The Parish Organist.

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.**

Processional

Hymn: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing #211 blue hymn book

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

Children’s Focus

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

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

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 16. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line on a single staff and piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clef). The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Keep me safe, O God, you are my hope." The piano accompaniment is in 4/4 time and features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The second system continues the piano accompaniment, with the vocal line ending on a long note.

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"
All my delight is upon the godly that are in ' the land,
upon those who are noble among the people. **Refrain**

But those who run after other gods / shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **Ref**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; / it is you who uphold my lot
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; / indeed, I have a ' goodly heritage. **Refrain**

I will bless the Lord who gives ' me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night
I have set the Lord always before-me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. **Ref**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit' rejoices; my body also shall rest' in hope.
For you will not abandon me to ' the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter

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 image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: D, A/C#, G2/B, D/A, G, D/F#, Em, A, D. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and bass line.

Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynn McTaggart

Intercessor

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: Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters vs. 1, 4-9 #228
(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.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All 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 All Shall Be Well #222

(blue hymn book)

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 Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son #210
(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

C Major: The Parish Organist - Girolamo

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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: Trinity, Durham; St. James, Fairmount; Christ Church, Markdale; Church of the Ascension, Kinlough.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers; Jane McRae, Lynn McTaggart, Terry Melnychuk 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, Susan, Ted and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

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.

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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 my parents, George and Win Shaw and my husband, Dennis Bell, a gift of Maureen Bell and family.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 19, 2026, Third Sunday of Easter

The readings are: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Free Community Breakfast is tomorrow, April 13th from 8:30 to 10AM as usual.

Midweek BCP (said) service is paused this week and forward until May 6th.

Wednesday's 1pm Bible Study is paused until May 6th.

Parish Council will meet Wednesday, April 15th at 7pm here at Christ Church.

The Spring Joint Meeting of Markdale, Durham and Fairmount Anglican invite Christ Church for a short meeting, lunch and social at 11:00am on Thursday, May 7th. Call or text 1-705-446-4694 or em: valerieshaw5@outlook.com, if you are interested in going. RSVP by April 30th. See posters on bulletin boards.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Is a fundraiser for Christ Church on Saturday, May 23rd. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. You may consider being a host or a guest. Hosts will provide the dinner (suggested at least 3 course meal), their home and # guests they can seat at their table. Guests will have a fabulous evening full of wonderful friendship, fun and food! Guests are asked to make a freewill donation with all proceeds gratefully accepted by Christ Church Anglican, Meaford.

Sign-up sheets for host or guest will be made available next week – please fill them out or call the office to have one sent to you, 519-538-1330.

Info: Victoria Alcock, Carol Norton or Chris Clark or 519-538-1330 or office@christchurchanglican.ca For details, see eblast or bulletin boards.

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