

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ROSEVILLE, MN



Still Doubting – John Granville Gregory

EASTER
Year B
April 4, 2021
10:30 AM

Welcome to Worship with St. Christopher's!

Wednesday service at 12:15 p.m. in the Church (not chapel).

Next Sunday's readings: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48. (*Easter 3, Year B.*)

Audio podcasts of sermons and recorded Sunday services are available online at our website. Please click on Liturgy & Worship, and then Sermons.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

A bell sounds. All stand.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Said by all: **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. Amen.**

Gloria

Said by all:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The 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 people sit.

The Lessons

A Reading from the book of Acts [4:32-35]

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

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

A Reading from the First letter of John [1:1—2:2]

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

The Gospel—John 20:19-31

Clergy: 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.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marilyn Baldwin

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

**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 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 6, BCP p. 392

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

All: 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 to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Craig our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the victory over death of your Son Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this holy day, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession is omitted at Easter and through the Day of Pentecost.

The people stand

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people sit.

Greetings & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able as the gifts are brought forward.

Offertory Music

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367

The people 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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we 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:

Celebrant 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 Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

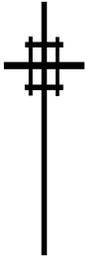
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, 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 Blessing and Dismissal

The Clergy says the blessing and dismissal.

The People respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

	THE <i>CHRISTOGRAM</i> News & Announcements for the Week of April 11, 2021
Meet Christ Be Christ	

Faith Formation

Adult Formation/Video Coffee Hour Via Zoom: NEW TIME! We'll start at **9:15 AM** beginning today.

In Person Worship

In order to follow all of our necessary safety protocols, please go to the front page of our website ([www. Stchristophers-mn.org](http://www.Stchristophers-mn.org)) to sign up each week. If signing up online is difficult, you may call the office to be registered.

Ushers Needed

Are you looking for a new way to serve on Sunday mornings? YOU could be the face of St. Christopher's - welcoming folks as they enter our worship space, encouraging them to sign in and find their nametag, and helping them find the appropriate seat with our current safety protocols. This is what our ushers do! If any of this sounds intriguing, please contact Marion Hunner marion@stchristophers-mn.org. We would especially appreciate help at the 10:30 service, but more folks are always welcome to assist at 8:00 service as well.

Parish Prayer List

Please pray for our Members and Friends who are in Acute need:

Dave Stewart

Please pray for our Shut Ins and Members with ongoing needs:

Mary Barkley	Harold Danley	Dave Stewart
Jean Brandt	Michael Elsen	Jean Swesey
Dan Brown	Williametta Hall	Evelynne Thompson
Dennis Buechler	Don Horton	Joe Westenfield
Ruth Buechler	Dave Ingram	Marliss Westenfield
Betty Carr	Ken Ives	Barb Wilkinson
Pamela Case	Marcia Rockwood	Roberta Williams

Please pray for our family and friends with ongoing needs:

Kris & Robin Werner, Anne, Mary Henne, Bonnie, Rev. Peter Brown, Barbara Brown, Brian Hogan, Carol Haskin, Allison & Beth, Dan B., Bonnie, Lois Purrington, Gretchen Glueck, Savannah Rausch, Jerry, Renee Forst, Jack Cork, Olivia McLoughlin, Elizabeth Bergum, Steve & Pam, Kirk Ingram, Amy, Marmie, Ann, Russ Amling, Jim VonDeLinde, Brenda Beard Conley, Conner Eischens, Jan Holte, Dave Waring, Sydney Eischens, Kit Corti, Nancy Kersten, Missy Peterson.

Pray for all who have died.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, please pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

In the Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of prayer, please pray for the work of the House of Prayer and all spiritual directors serving in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. Please pray also for St. Antipas faith community in Redby.

Please pray for children caught in crisis at our borders, and around the world. Please pray for our neighbors who are refugees and immigrants. Please pray for our President, Vice President, and the Congress of the United States. Please pray for the victims of the Coronavirus, and for the caregivers and first responders who care for them. Please pray for world peace, and justice for all people.

Please pray for our enemies and for those who wish us harm.

In Thanksgiving: we give thanks for the ministries of our members as they continue to live as the Church away from our building.

We remember those who celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

14 Elliann Wegwerth

16 Dave Ingram

17 Jean Crow, Debbie McLoughlin, Tyler Spiro

Parish Events This Week

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9 AM—4 PM

Sunday, April 11—Easter 2

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum—via Zoom
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, April 12

6:45 p.m. Finance Committee—via Zoom

Tuesday, April 13

ChristoGram Deadline

11:30 a.m. *Meals on Wheels—Offsite*
6:00 p.m. *Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band—Parking Lot*

Wednesday, April 14

10:00 a.m. *Private Spiritual Direction—Library—to 11 AM*
12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist—Church
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting—Office (Zoom)
6:30 p.m. *Roseville AA – Parish Hall*

Thursday, April 15

Friday, April 16

Saturday, April 17

Sunday, April 18 —Easter 3

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum via Zoom
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



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