CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cashiers, North Carolina



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
18 MAY 2025 | 10:30 AM

Welcome

We welcome all who are worshiping with Christ Anglican Church today. We are thankful for God's Spirit joining us together in corporate worship.

Our Guests

We invite you to complete a Connect Card (located on the pew back) with your name and pertinent contact information and any needs you would like the CAC staff to address. Please tear the card in half and place the completed portion in the offering plate or give to the Rector as you leave today. You may wear a name tag so we can greet you by name. Please sign the guest book and take one of our welcome gifts in the narthex.

Name Badge

We invite everyone to wear your name badge located in the Narthex. If you do not have one and would like one, please contact the church office and one will be created for you. You do not have to be a member of the church to receive a nametag.

Prepare for Worship

It is essential for all in worship to enter the sanctuary in quiet reverence for the triune God and cultivate a posture and spirit of prayer. You are encouraged to take a few moments in silent meditation as you prepare for worship. You may read one of the prayers on page 676 of the Book of Common prayer, read one of the hymn texts, read one of the Scriptures appointed for today, or pray your own prayers of thanksgiving and petitions as you ask the Lord to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

The Service begins on page 123 of the **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP) or you may follow along in the service sheet. Our hymns are found in the **Worship and Rejoice Hymnal** (WRH) and the Scripture Texts are in the **Pew Bible**. If you are new to the Anglican way of worship, you will find assistance in the "Worship Overview and Preparation" handout in the narthex or under "Anglican Helps for Worship" on our website.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. Jason D. Payne

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People stand and sing

THE PROCESSION Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning WRH 336

The People remain standing.

THE ACCLAMATION BCP 123

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 124

The Celebrant and people say

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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP 124

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

THE KYRIE BCP 124

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.People Christ, have mercy upon us.Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 125

Celebrant The Lord be with You.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the reading of God's Word.

THE FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Bible 97

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

⁹ "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. ¹¹ "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³ "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵ "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷ "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER VERSES

Psalm 145:1-13

BCP 461

¹I will magnify you, O God my King, *

and I will praise your Name for ever and ever.

² Every day will I give thanks to you, *

and praise your Name for ever and ever.

³ Great is the LORD, and most worthy to be praised; * there is no end of his greatness.

⁴One generation shall praise your works to another, * and shall declare your power.

⁵ As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendor of your majesty, * and of all your wondrous works.

⁶They shall speak of the might of your marvelous acts, * and I also will tell of your greatness.

⁷The remembrance of your abundant goodness shall they proclaim, * and they shall sing of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful, *

long-suffering, and of great kindness.

⁹The LORD is loving to everyone, *

and his mercy is over all his works.

¹⁰ All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants give thanks to you.

¹¹ They speak of the glory of your kingdom *

and talk of your power,

¹² That your power may be known to the children of men, * even the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

 $^{\rm 13}\, Your$ kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, *

and your dominion endures throughout all ages.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 19:1-9

Bible 1039

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ² for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants." ³ Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever." ⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" ⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great." ⁶ Then I heard what

seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; ⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure" — for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. ⁹ And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The People stand to sing the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel Lesson.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!* (Stanzas 1&2) WRH 320

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:31-35

Bible 900

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus! (Stanza 3)

WRH 320

The People are seated.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr. Michael Matlock

"The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth"

SERMON NOTES

The message is focused on Rev 19:6. It is to a harassed and distressed little flock that John blasts the triumphant news of the victory of God: "Hallelujah, the Lord God omnipotent reigns!" High and above all plagues, beasts, evil angels, Christ is still king, and with his saints, and at last will overthrow them. (Luther) It is faith, mighty faith, that laughs at impossibility and seizes the gift of God, that knows he is on the throne when he is not visible. It is a battle of life.

- 1. The Battle of Life Outside (Rom 8:37; Eph 6:10-18; Heb 4:15-16)
- 2. The Battle of Life Inside (Matt 15:18-19; Heb 10:24-25; 1 John 2:15-17)

Jesus was tempted at all points as we are who yet came out of the trial victorious. Not even death with its power could move Jesus from the path of obedience and integrity. He overcame the power of death and has been opening the Kingdom of heaven ever since to all who believe. He has been making known to them, and by them, that the Lord God omnipotent reigns.

Reflection: What part of the message do I most need to integrate into my relationship with Christ and His Church? How can my participation through the ministries of Christ Anglican assist me in my obedience to the Lord's calling upon life?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we pray for your strength, your presence, and your guidance. Help us to remain steadfast in our faith, even when the battles seem overwhelming. Lead us to victory, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. **Amen**.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 127

All Standing, Celebrant and People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

BCP 110

All Kneeling

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and ever living God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your Holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Donald, our President, and Josh, our Governor, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servants, Steve, our Archbishop, to Foley and Frank, our Bishops, to Michael, our Rector, and to Christine, our Deacon, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation and to Apostles Anglican Church in Knoxville, Tennessee that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom, throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially persecuted Christians in Myanmar, Mali, China, Maldives, and all those on our parish prayer list. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all your servants, who have departed this life in your faith and fear, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant Concludes with this Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. Silence

All remain kneeling and say

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant Says

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

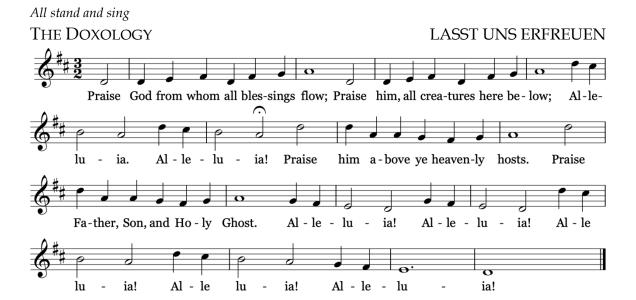
THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Anthem



Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People And of your own have we given you.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE SURSUM CORDA BCP 132

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with your spirit.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

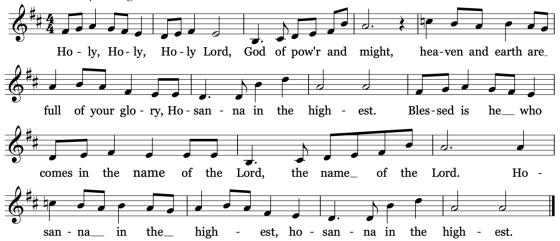
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People Sing



THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet.

As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 134

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together pray

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 FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 135

Celebrant and People together say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through this most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI BCP 136

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People grant us your peace.

THE MINSTRATION OF COMMUNION

All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to come forward for communion. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. You may stand or kneel at the altar. To receive communion in the traditional manner you may consume the bread and drink from the chalice or you may dip the bread in the wine. If you desire gluten free bread, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you. If you wish for additional prayer, please ask the priest as they serve you at the rail.

All are encouraged to sing the hymn.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

We Will Glorify

WRH 337

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 137

Celebrant and People together say

Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE RETIRING PROCESSION

Jesus Shall Reign

WRH 341

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Albin Whitworth

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Bill Kamerer Lisa Fore & Roger McKee

Acolyte and Old Testament Lector Greeters

Larry Wallin Dcn Christine Maddux
New Testament Lector Gospel Lector & Prayers of the People

Lisa Fore & Deneece Harrell
Children's Chapel

Beth Acker & Deneece Harrell
Altar Guild & Flowers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VESTRY CLOSER FOR TODAY: *Larry Wallin*

WORLDS LARGEST BABY SHOWER: Christ Anglican Church is once again joining with churches across the country for the 3rd Annual World's Largest Baby Shower, organized by Anglicans for Life. Donations will be collected between Mother's Day and Father's Day and will go to the Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center in Sylva. This year we will collect monetary donations. You may use one of the envelopes located in the Narthex or designate your gift SMPCC. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Christine. Thank you for supporting life!

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Could you be one of these people? For more information, please contact Betty Morris, blmorris1201@gmail.com or 828-508-9384.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Starting Tuesday June 3 (Time TBA). Debbie Hammack will facilitate the six-week study, *The Epic of Eden: Ruth* by Sondra Richter. If you are interested in serving as a co-facilitator, contact Debbie at dadamson8@comcast.net. Debbie has a limited number of hardcopies that you can purchase directly from her or you can purchase a copy from the website: https://my.seedbed.com/product/the-epic-of-eden-ruth/

VESTRY MEETING: The next Vestry meeting will be held this Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Members of CAC are invited to attend.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays 9:00 AM – Coffee and Donuts and Fellowship! Enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ before Christian Formation time.

Sundays 9:15 AM - Choir Rehearsal

Sundays 9:15 AM – Adult Christian Formation. Our study and formation will center upon on one of the Sunday Lectionary texts. Join us for this time of teaching and discipleship!

Sundays 10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays 5:00 PM - "*Leaning on Jesus*" is a spiritual formation course offered from May to September. We will engage in *Lectio Divina* in the Gospel of John with reflections from Fr. Michael and contemplative prayer focused on a sacred theological word from Scripture. Come cultivate communion with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

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