

Welcome to Christ *Episcopal* Church  
Downtown Cape Girardeau

# Sunday Worship

with Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament



**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 19, 2026**



## **Welcome! Beinvenido! Karibu!**

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Scattered in the world we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

## **Communion from the Reserved Sacrament**

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Today we share in Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament or by "extension". This is not a new celebration of the Eucharist, but rather an extension of the Eucharistic feast once offered and consecrated at the altar. In this act of worship and celebration, we join with our siblings across the Church in gathering at Christ's to be nourished in following Jesus.

In this sacrament we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age. As we receive this holy food, we share in full communion with Christ and with all who gather at his table—across time and space, throughout the Church, and in the great company of the saints.

Here at Christ's table we find our life renewed, our hope strengthened, and our unity deepened, as we are sent forth to love and serve the Lord in the power of the Spirit.

# Welcome & Announcements

## The Prelude

Organist: Michelle Suhr

## Gathering Song

*We begin by praising God through song and prayer*

**#11** *Awake, my soul,  
and with the sun*

## An Exhortation

*Presider:* Friends in Christ, welcome to this holy gathering. Today we share in Communion from the reserved sacrament. While this is not a new celebration of the Eucharist, it is an extension of the Eucharistic table. The bread and wine we receive were consecrated in the offering of the Eucharist at Christ *Episcopal* Church by the Rev. Jay Kanzler, and they unite us fully with Christ and with the whole Church across time and place.

***People:* Here we are nourished by Christ's Body and Blood, strengthened in faith, and joined with all who gather at table. As we receive this gift of grace, we are sent out to love and serve in his name.**

*Presider:* In fellowship with the whole Church of God, with all who have been brought together by the Holy Spirit to worship on this day, and who have celebrated the Eucharist, let us rejoice that we are called to be part of the body of Christ.

***People:* Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one Bread.**

*Silence is kept*

## Greeting

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## Collect for Purity

*Presider:* 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.**

## Song of Praise

**S 280** *Gloria in excelsis*

*S 280 is found in the front section of the hymnal under Service Music.*

## Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## We Hear the Sacred Stories

*We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors*

*The congregation is then seated*

## The First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*A reading from the New Testament Writings*

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

<sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in

the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Lector:* Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God’s people.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

## **The Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 116:1-3,10-17

*The psalms are a part of the poetry of the Hebrew people*

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*

**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

<sup>2</sup> The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*

**I came to grief and sorrow.**

<sup>3</sup> Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*

**“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>10</sup> How shall I repay the Lord \*

**for all the good things he has done for me?**

<sup>11</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation \*

**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*

**in the presence of all his people.**

<sup>13</sup> Precious in the sight of the Lord \*

**is the death of his servants.**

14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*

**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*

**in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \*

**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!**

## **The Second Reading**

1 Peter 1:17-23

*A reading from the New Testament Writings*

17 If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. 18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. 22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. 23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Lector:* Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

# Preparing to Hear the Gospel

*We stand, as we are able, for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on Jesus' words and actions*

## Sequence Hymn

*Stay with us, till night has come*



1. Stay with us, till night has come: Our praise to
2. Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: Hear when our
3. Walk with us, the road will bend: Make all our
4. Talk with us, till we be - hold a joy - ful
5. Stay with us, till day is done: No tears nor



you this day be sung. Bless our bread, o - pen our  
wea - ry spir - its cry, feel a - gain our loss, our  
weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears, for - give our  
life you will un - fold: Heal our eyes to see the  
dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace im -



eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.  
pain: Je - sus, take us to your side.  
fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.  
prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.  
part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

WORDS: Herbert F. Brokering (Luke 24:13-35)  
MUSIC: Walter L. Pelz

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## The Reading of the Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk

along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,<sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions

companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

Pastor Carol Brazeale

*The congregation is then seated*

## **The Affirmation of Faith**

*We stand, as we are able, for the affirmation of faith*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Presider:* We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

*People:* **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**

*The concerns of the community and wider world, including those who are sick, in need, or in want, are named*

*Presider:* In the light of the Resurrection, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who are in need, saying:  
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

*Lector:* For your Church, O God, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all who minister in your name, that we may live as Easter people, trusting that even when hope feels distant, you are still at work bringing new life; that we may bear witness to your love not only in word, but in lives poured out for others.

***People:* Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For this community of Christ Episcopal Church, for our shared life, our ministry, and our care for one another, that we may grow in unity, compassion, and in courage, and be a place where all who enter encounter your presence and your peace.

***People:* Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For those who are in need of healing, in body, in mind, or in spirit, and for those whose burdens are known only to you, that even in the midst of pain or uncertainty, your light may meet them and gently lead them toward wholeness. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_.

***People:* Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For those who feel lost, discouraged, or alone, for those walking through seasons that feel heavy or uncertain, that they may know they are not forgotten, and that you are drawing them toward hope, toward healing, and toward life renewed.

***People:* Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For our neighbors, especially those we serve through our food pantry and community meals, that all may know dignity, nourishment, and belonging, and that we may serve not only with compassion, but with humility and joy.

***People:* Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For the world, for places of violence and division, and for all who long for justice and peace, that your wisdom may guide those in authority, and that your truth may bring light where there is confusion and fear.

***People:* Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For those who have entered into eternal life, especially those we now name \_\_\_\_, and for those who grieve, that even in the face of death, your promise of life is their comfort and hope, and that light perpetual may shine upon them.

***People:* Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Presider:* God of new life, you meet us in every season, in joy and in sorrow, in hope and in uncertainty. Receive these prayers and continue your work in us, that we may live as people of the Resurrection, trusting that your love will have the final word; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Confession & Absolution**

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*Silence is kept*

*Presider:* 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.

***People:* 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.**

*Presider:* For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

***People:* That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## The Exchange of the Peace

*Presider:* The Peace of Christ be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

*We are a community of reconciliation and peace; therefore, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for peace*

## The Offertory

*Presider:* We prepare the Table and offer ourselves to God in thanksgiving.

## The Offertory Hymn

**#636** *How firm a foundation,  
ye saints of the Lord*

*The ushers will receive the people's offerings*

## Holy Communion by Extension

*We stand, as we are able*

*Presider:* Beloveds, this is Christ's table. Not because we have earned it, but because love has made a way. Today, we receive the holy gifts already consecrated, a living reminder that Christ is not confined to a moment but is present with us always. Risen. Alive. Among us.

*The Presider then leads the Assembly in the Lord's Prayer*

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider:* So, with all who labor for your kingdom, with angels and archangels, and with the saints in every age, we pray to you, as our Savior has taught us:

***People:* 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 Invitation to Communion

*Presider:* 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.

*The congregation is then seated*

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the Celebrant.*

*If you wish to receive the bread only, know that you receive the Sacrament fully.*

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

## The Communion Hymn

**#417** *This is the feast of  
victory for our God*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*We stand, as we are able, for the Post-Communion Prayer*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

***People:* Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, and renewed, to love and serve you in the power of the Resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Easter Blessing

*Presider:* May the God of resurrection bring you from death to life, from fear to courage, from sorrow to joy; and may Christ, risen and present, walk beside you and dwell within you, now and always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

**#450** *All hail the power of Jesus' Name!*

## The Sending

*Presider:* Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Postlude

Organist: Michelle Suhr

**Thank you for worshiping with us today.**

**We hope to see you again soon  
as we offer Christ's unfenced love to the world.**

## Today's Servers:

Presider.....	Pastor Carol Brazeale
Eucharistic Minister.....	Chris Masters
Lector.....	Brooke Clubbs
Host.....	Donna Richardet
Altar Guild.....	Mary Mims, Barbara Giddens
St. Isidore's Guild.....	Joey West
Vestry Counter.....	John McGowan
Organist.....	Michelle Suhr

## Next Week's Servers:

*If a spot is marked "Open," it still needs to be filled, please reach out if you can serve!*

Presider.....	Pastor Carol Brazeale
Eucharistic Minister.....	Brooke Clubbs
Lector.....	Tabitha Snowden
Host.....	<i>Open</i>
Altar Guild.....	Barbara Giddens
St. Isidore's Guild.....	Lily Clubbs
Vestry Counter.....	John McGowan
Organist.....	Michelle Suhr

## Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God by Laurie Ray,  
in loving memory of her grandmother, Gladys Gaunce,  
on the occasion of her heavenly birthday.



*Please recycle this bulletin*