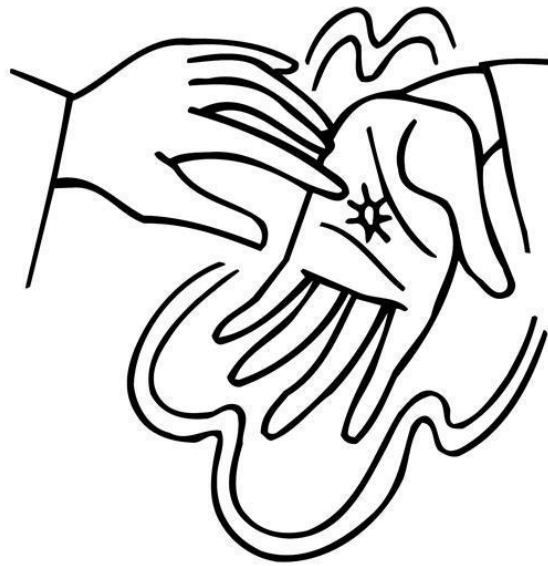


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

8:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I: Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026



WELCOME

Christ Church is an Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of Massachusetts. We welcome and honor the God-given gifts that make us unique as individuals and strong as community. You and your family are welcome regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or prior religious affiliation.

Hearing assistance devices are available in labeled baskets by the sanctuary entrances.

The Word of God

The service begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). All stand as the ministers enter.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity.

All remain standing and pray the Gloria together:

THE GLORIA

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day. The people respond: Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After each reading, the reader says "The Word of the Lord," and the people respond: Thanks be to God.

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SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

All stand. Before the Gospel is proclaimed, the Deacon or Celebrant says:

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

The people respond: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel is proclaimed, the Deacon or Celebrant says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Melissa Howell

The people sit. Silence may follow.

THE CREED	<i>All stand.</i>	BCP p. 326
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV		BCP p. 388
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THE PEACE		BCP p. 332
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The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

If you wish to make a gift to support the ministries of Christ Church Parish, you may place your offering in the plate, or scan the QR code to the right to donate online. Thank you!



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II		BCP p. 340
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THE LORD'S PRAYER		BCP p. 336
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A moment of silence is held.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		BCP p. 337
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INVITATION

Celebrant: Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table. The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP p. 339
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BLESSING

DISMISSAL

The people respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Announcements

**Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week.
Any names added this week are in bold.**

Anita Chase; Barbara Hulme; Carol MacPhee; David Flynn; David Mann; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Dorothy Smith; Elizabeth Liuzzi; Ellen Nordquist; Evelyn Ferioli; Francis Ferioli; Forrest Berardi; Greta Couter; James Elksnin; Jim Kelly; John Powderly; John Steele; Karen Guerra; Katharine LiBretto; Kathy Rust; Kenny Blackwell; Kesha Nielsen; Kim Stevenson; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Quigley; Mark Poster; Nancy Dixon; Peter Trenouth; Polly Chadwick; Raymond Reid; Sandy Underhill; Skip Nielsen; Stephanie "Petie" Blanchard; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Sylvia Wade; Theodora DeGaut; Mark Ouellette; Valerie B. Pflock

We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families:

Aidan McKinney, Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Harry Morini, Joel Carveiro, Josh Zabin, Peter Leone

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for:

Churches of the Charles River Deanery
All Saints Parish, Brookline
Church of Our Saviour, Brookline
St. Paul's Church, Brookline
Boston University Chaplain, Boston
The Church Home Society

A Note on Our Sunday 10a Worship

"Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him." — Luke 24:35

The Easter season reminds us that the risen Christ keeps showing up — on the road to Emmaus, behind locked doors, in the breaking of bread — and that the church's calling has always been to be a place where people can encounter Jesus, again and for the first time.

In this moment, that calling feels especially urgent. The Episcopal Church, like many mainline traditions, is navigating a real decline in the people finding their way through our doors. We don't say that with alarm — we say it with conviction that this is exactly the moment to ask how we make room for people, perhaps unfamiliar with our particular traditions, to meet Jesus through Christ Church Parish. With that vision in mind, we're making a few intentional changes to our Sunday 10am service, effective this Easter season:

Scripture in plain language. We'll use the Common English Bible for our readings — a lively, scholarly translation approved by the Episcopal Church for use in worship and written to be understood by the widest possible range of readers.

Three Scripture readings instead of four. This allows more space for each reading to land, and a little more breathing room in the liturgy overall.

A changed ending. We'll sing a Postcommunion hymn as the table is cleared, then move directly to the Postcommunion prayer, blessing, and dismissal from the altar. The postlude will follow, and clergy will come forward to greet the congregation — giving us a much richer opportunity to welcome people as they leave, and to make sure no one slips out without being seen. You're warmly invited to stay, listen, and linger — or to depart when you need to. Both are a blessing.

We know that change in worship is never neutral. These liturgies are where many of us have encountered God, buried loved ones, baptized children. If something about these changes gives you pause, or if you find yourself with questions or concerns — that matters, and we want to hear from you.

Please share your thoughts using the short form accessible by scanning the QR code. Your responses go directly to Rev. Melissa, Deacons Natalie and James, and Lea, so that we can listen and respond as a team. We'll also be hosting a conversation after the 10am service on June 7th — all are welcome to come.



Envelopes – Due to the high increase of the cost of parish envelopes we have decided to eliminate them. When putting your gift in the offering plate, please write in the memo line where it is to go (pledge, flowers, etc).

Also, you can send your check through your bank to be mailed to the church. Please put your name and envelope # as your account #.

You can also pay through Realm: use the QR code in this worship bulletin at the offertory, or go to our website, click on Donate, and then click Give Now Online.

If you have questions, please contact Donna Lawrence at 508-243-2293 or donnaml21@comcast.net

Thank you for your continuous support to Christ Church.

Evening Women - Our next gathering will be May 6 at 72° for dinner. The cost is \$35 \$30 + 5 dollars for a tip please RSVP. I cannot have any walk-ins. Contact me at 508-243-2293 or let me know at church. Thank you, Donna Lawrence.

Good Food. Great Fellowship. Second Saturday Supper! - Kick off our first-ever Second Saturday Supper April 11th @ 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall! Whether you're a familiar face or a first-time guest, pull up a chair for great food and even better company. All food provided.

RSVP: Online via link in KC or call Melissa Peachy (508-565-9495).

Please help us with SUNDAY PARKING - On Sunday mornings, please be mindful of one another and leave the main church lot for those who need it most, as accessible parking spots for people with disabilities and families with infants are limited.

Additional parking is always available on Lothrop Street. The Cartmell-Davis lot across from the church on Grant Street is also available to Christ Church worshippers on Sundays. Thank you!

Celebrate Veterans Free Breakfast - Saturday, April 18, 2026 @ 9:30am
White Pine Village Clubhouse 6 Della Way East Bridgewater, MA 02333 Sponsored by: VFW Post 6258 Halifax. Enjoy a free hot breakfast with other Veterans. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, French toast w/syrup, fresh fruit salad, assorted juices, coffee, & tea.
Limited to 50 attendees. Please call or text 774-222-3070 Bill Finn, Quartermaster VFW Post 6258 before April 10, 2026.

Sharing Our Grief Journey - Meets the 3rd Friday of every month from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM. Join us Friday, April 17. Meeting in the Hospitality Suite.

Christ Church is offering a series of get togethers designed for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, whether the death is recent or in the past. Participants will have the opportunity to share where they are on their grief journey, receive mutual support, share ways to cope, and may, through prayer and meditation, find new strength and hope to continue on their healing journey. Please join us.

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - If you haven't visited the Thrift Shoppe recently, you should definitely swing by and take a look at our fresh new look. Spring fashions brighten every corner, and new household items come in every week, generously donated by our kind supporters.

Thrift Shoppe Hours - Thursday and Friday 10-4, Saturday 10-1

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance) Service - Tuesday, April 14th, 7 PM
Plymouth Public Library - Otto Fehlow Room

Be Informed - See how disaster relief at home and abroad is impacting our world.

Date: April 22, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Christ Church Episcopal Parish Hall

Admission: FREE

Featured Speakers

- Bill Schmid — Federal Disaster Recovery Officer (Retired), Department of Homeland Security / FEMA
- Paul Bolton — Senior Scientist, Center for Global Mental Health, Department of Mental Health, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Paul also worked extensively with USAID.

Week At - A - Glance * April 12, 2026 – April 19, 2026

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Second Sunday of Easter
	9:00 AM	Church School, Grades PreK-5
	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Youth Formation
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Second Sunday of Easter
	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour
MONDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	5:30 PM	Finance Committee
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
THURSDAY	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Food Pantry
	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Office Closed
	1:00 PM	Faith Based Book Study
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Food Pantry
	6:30 PM	Vestry Meeting
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	1:00 PM	Grief Group
	7:00 PM	Congregation Beth Jacob
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Food Pantry
	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	1:00 PM	Eucharistic Visitors Meeting
	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Third Saturday of Easter
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Third Sunday of Easter
	9:00 AM	Church School, Grades PreK-5
	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Youth Formation
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Third Sunday of Easter
	11:30 AM	Men's Group Brunch

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All the people of Christ Church Parish

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Robb Pflock, Senior Warden
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