

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 12, 2026 (8 am & 10 am)

The Rt. Reverend. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio

The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

James W. Shiell, Director of Music

Paul W. Keriotis, Director of Spiritual Formation

Prelude

AT THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

The People stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day

Processional Hymn no. 494 Crown him with many crowns – *Diademata*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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 No. S 280

Glory to God

setting: Robert Powell

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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 WORD OF GOD

The People sit

The First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 16 (Said)

Remain seated.

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

**I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord,
my good above all other.”**

²All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me; *

because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *

my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, *

nor let your holy one see the Pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life; *

**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A Reading from the First letter of Peter

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn No. 209 We Walk by faith, and not by sight— *St. Botolph*

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

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

¹⁹When 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.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.”

²⁶A 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.” ²⁷Then 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.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry

The Nicene Creed

All stand

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.**

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world and all people in any need.

A brief silence

You give life to your church by joining the baptized of all generations to the body of Christ. Bless all here today as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. We pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. We pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. We pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life in places of chaos. Bring an end to the wars in Ukraine, Israel, Iran, and Palestine. Heal the sick, soothe the suffering and bless the dying. Restore peace and rebuild this land, O God. We Pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. Especially... We pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. We pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. We pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

Celebrant: Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. *Amen*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem: Now the Green Blade Rises – Hal Hopson

Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow – *Lasst uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Great Thanksgiving: Enriching Our Worship – Prayer 3

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus S-125 – Holy, holy, holy

setting: Richard Proulx

**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 people stand or kneel.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

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,

forever and ever. *AMEN.*

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-152

Alleluia! Christ our Passover

Alleluia,

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. *Amen.*

The Distribution

All are welcome and invited to the altar rail for communion. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher. You may eat the bread and take a sip from the common cup, or you can dip the bread into the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn no. 193 That Easter day with joy was bright – *Puer nobis*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Crown Him With Many Crowns – arr. Wilbur Held

Assisting with our Worship at 10 am:

The Parish Choir

Anne Martin – Lector & Jan Henrey – Chalice/Lector 8:00 am

Sandee Skovran – Lector & Steve Watts – Chalice Bearer/Lector 10:00 am

Jan Henrey 8:00 am & Steve Watts 10:00 am –Prayers of the People

Carson Buydos & Nancy Forrester – Greeters

Beth Landers 8:00 am & Kevin Knowlton, Becky Watts 10:00 am – Altar Guild

Nancy Forrester & Peter Day – Ushers

Deb Murphy & Aaron Woodberry– Audio/Visual

ALL are invited! ALL are welcome! ALL the time!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH! We are happy to have you worship with us today! If you are a visitor or would like to know more about the life, work, and ministry of Christ Church, please fill out a “Connect

Card” in the pew rack. You can drop the completed card in the offering plate or give it to a member of our staff, an usher, or a Vestry member following the service. We are glad you are here!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION is **TODAY** immediately following both services. Light refreshments are served. The topic: The New Testament Church (Acts and Epistles). Please consider staying after worship for this opportunity of fellowship!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR CHILDREN is held each week during 10 am worship service. We use the Montessori-based curriculum, Godly Play. Interested children (K-5) are welcomed to join in the procession. Children return to the Sanctuary during The Peace so they may join their families for Holy Eucharist. Adults are needed to assist. If interested, please see Paul Keriotis.

THE PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS are on Thursdays at 7pm in the choir room. New members are always welcome!

HELP NEEDED FOR RED DOOR CAFÉ We are preparing for the next Red Door Café community meal on **Saturday, April 19 at 12:00 noon** at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Youngstown—and we need your help!

The Red Door Café is a monthly ministry that provides a warm meal and hospitality to members of the community. There are several ways you can support this important outreach:

- **Donate small sheet cakes** for dessert
- **Volunteer to help serve** the meal

If you are able to contribute or would like more information, please contact **Liz Clark at 330-856-1371**.

Thank you for helping us share God’s love through hospitality and service.

Pentecost Sunday – Call for Language Speakers!

On **Pentecost Sunday, May 24th**, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church, when people from every nation heard the Gospel in their own language (Acts 2:1–21). To mark this special day, we invite all who speak a language other than English to participate in the service. You may be asked to:

- Read a verse from Scripture in your language
- Join in a multilingual reading of the Pentecost story
- Offer a prayer or greeting in your native tongue

If you would like to participate, please contact the Church Office at 330-372-4998 or rector@chirstchurchwarren.org by May 16th.

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April 25 _____ April 28 _____

May 1 _____ Available time: _____

April 26 _____ April 29 _____

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April 27 _____ April 30 _____

April Birthdays

1 Amy Panagis

9 Lee Snelson

4 Seth & Noah Durig

13 Kevin Knowlton

8 Joe Gladd

21 Sandra Skovran

8 Tess Crofford

21 Alyssa Cleland



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