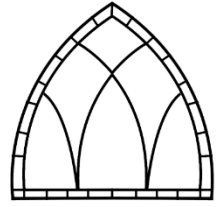


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE REDEEMER
Shelby, NC



Easter 2025



Sunday, April 20, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Prelude: Come We That Love the Lord

Processional Hymn: H 207 “Jesus Christ is risen today”

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Presider may 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.*

Opening Anthem: S 280 “Glory to God (Canticle 20)”

The following is sung, all standing

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD — and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent — its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Italics: Repeat last two measures



- ¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is | **good**; * |
his mercy endures for | **ever**. |
- ²Let Israel now pro- | **claim**, * |
“His mercy endures for | **ever**.” ||
- ¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my | **song**, * |
and he has become my sal- | **vation**. |
- ¹⁵There is a sound of exultation and | **victory** * |
in the tents of the | **righteous**: ||
- ¹⁶“The right hand of the Lord has | **triumphed!** * |
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has | **triumphed!**” |
- ¹⁷I shall not die, but | **live**, * |
and declare the works of the | **Lord**. ||
- ¹⁸The Lord has punished me | **sorely**, * |
but he did not hand me over to | **death**. |
- ¹⁹Open for me the gates of | **righteousness**; * |
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the | **Lord**. ||
- ²⁰“This is the gate of the | **Lord**; * |
he who is righteous may | **enter**.” |
- ²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered | **me** * |
and have become my sal- | **vation**. ||
- ²²The same stone which the builders | **rejected** * |
has become the chief | **cornerstone**. |
- ²³This is the Lord’s | **doing**, * |
and it is marvelous in our | **eyes**.||
- ²⁴*On this day the Lord has | **acted**; * |
we will rejoice and be | **glad in it**.||*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: H 376 “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Gospel: John 20:1-18

All stand.

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

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

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Anita Ware

The 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.**

The Prayers of the People

All kneel as able.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

All stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: H 214 “Hail the day that sees him rise”

Presentation Hymn: H 380 v 3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Presider 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:

Sanctus: S 130 “Holy, holy, holy”
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.

The Presider 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Presider 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*.

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

People and Presider

**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.**

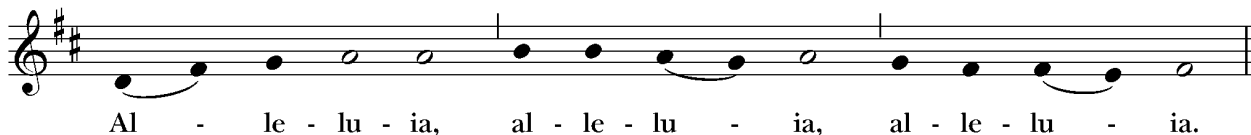
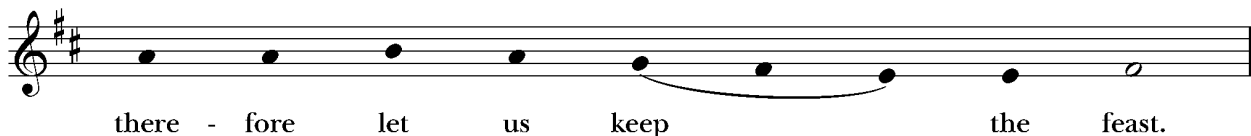
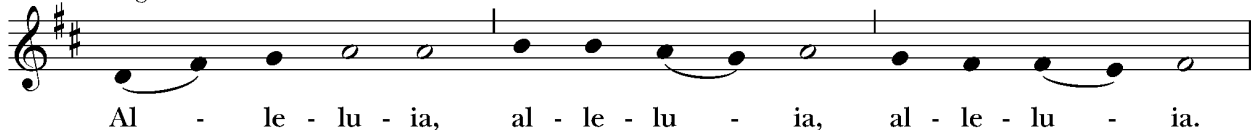
**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: S 154 “Christ our Passover”

This setting is not used in Lent.



Invitation

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**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.**

Blessing

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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: H 494 v 1-4 “Crown him with many crowns”

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude: Rejoice the Lord is King

Easter Lilies

In Memory of

Our parents: John and Jean Button
Lew & Marie Evans

Daniel H. and Madge P. Trammell
L.W. and Louise Short

Sarah Wall
Elva Gheen

Richard Morgan Bowles, M.D.

George and Nancy Coltrane Dicks Blanton
Nancy Dicks Blanton Seigel
Ed and Edith Hamilton

Jude Raymond Whelan
Stewart and Elizabeth Wilburn
Will, Frances and Jeff Carter
Caroline and Raymond Whelan

Stanley and Norma Wanucha and Gene McDowell

James and Catherine Porter
Jeanette Bost, Al Roebuck, Mike Roebuck,
Floyd Bost, Ann Laney Viehman, Sarah Laney
Tripp Mabry, Morgan Clark, Alec Stachowicz

Given by

John and Peggy Button

Anne Short

Maggie Watson

Mary Walker

Catherine Blanton Friedburg
Lydia Blanton Matthews

Becky Whelan

Cathy McDowell

Alan and Janet Roebuck

In Honor of

Our Grandchildren: Eddie, Rae, Ethan, Henry, and Otto

Becca Causby

The Altar Guild

Jim, Cassie, Makenzie and Madison Roebuck

Katie, Kobe, Lan Farmer

Alexis, Larry and Avery Rose

In Thanksgiving for

Adam, Andrea, Henry, Isabel, Callum and Stuart

Sarah Watson

The Howe Family

The Wood Family

The ministry of Anita, Pam, Michele and Martha

Rick, Tina, Kendall, Stanton and Callie Wiggins

Stewart, Rose and David Carter

My granddaughter, Scotta Shields

Given by

John and Peggy Button

Noel and Lucinda MacArthur

Hop and Judy Hopkins

Alan and Janet Roebuck

Given by

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Mary & Mark Howe

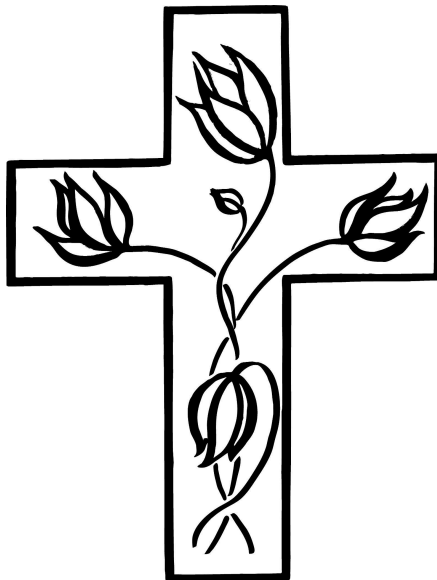
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Worship Leaders & Assistants

Priest	The Rev. Anita Ware
Deacons	The Rev. Pam Bright The Rev. Martha Richard The Rev. Michele Wiltfong
Organist	Dr. Catherine Hicks
1st Trumpet	Cain Leonard
2nd Trumpet	Steve Kellogg
French Horn	Jeff Carter Olivia Carter
1st Trombone	Mark Entieken
2nd Trombone	Dr. Bill Shipley, MD
Percussion & Rhythm	Ed Velky
Altar Guild	Anne Short Cheryl Richard Martha Richard



Upcoming Events

Easter Sunday, April 20

- **9:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary
- Coffee Hour in Narthex following worship
- **1:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist at Navion

Monday, April 21

- Easter Monday Holiday

Tuesday, April 22

- **9:00 a.m.** Morning Prayer in the Chapel w/ Pam will pause until May 6
- **10:30 a.m.** Packing of Bags for Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 23

- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Shepherd's Table Lunch Distribution
- **12:30 p.m.** Holy Eucharist in Chapel with Pam
- **4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Food Pantry Box Distribution

Thursday, April 24

- **5:30 p.m.** Healing and Holy Eucharist in Chapel
- **8:00 p.m.** Compline on Zoom

Friday, April 25, 2025

- **3:00 p.m.** Celebration of Life Service for Dave McCloskey in Chapel

Sunday, April 27, 2025

- **9:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary
- Coffee Hour in Narthex following worship
- **11:00 a.m.** Easter Adult Formation in Small Parish Hall

Life is short

and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel
with us.

So be quick to love

and make haste to be kind.

And the blessing of God who loves you
be with you this day
and always.

