

Held in the Hands of God... Reaching our Hands out to others

# The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Christ Episcopal Church 12 Prospect Street Babylon, New York

# **Happy Easter and Welcome to Christ Church!**

Welcome! We are so glad you could be with us for Easter! If you are a visitor, please know that we are blessed by your presence and happy that you have joined us for Easter worship. And, we hope that you can join us again!

This is God's House and we are blessed by the gift of your presence with us. In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please let the priest know by crossing your arms in front of your chest when you come forward.

You are always welcome to join us on Sunday mornings — in-person worship at both 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. For our second service, we are also on Facebook Live (find us at *Christ Episcopal Church, Babylon, NY*) at 10:00 a.m., or for the YouTube link, visit our website *www.christchurchbabylon.org*. Next Sunday, April 7, will however be one service at 9:00am.

Our ministry to the community, *Nourish Babylon*, is a community meal held each Monday evening from 5:00-6:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us for the meal or as a volunteer.

Gifts to the church to support our ministry here in the community are always welcome. Checks may be made to *Christ Episcopal Church, Babylon* or you can make your gift through our website *www.christchurchbabylon.org* at the "GIVE" tab.

God bless you in this Holy Season! Blessings for Easter!

Mother Clare Nesmith

# The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Year B

## March 31, 2024

# 8:00 a.m. Lighting of the New Fire & Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Book of Common Prayer, page 323

[We ask that during the service you mute all electronic devices]

#### **Prelude**

**Lighting the new fire** (gather at the front doors)

#### Procession into the church with the Paschal Candle

Presider The light of Christ
People Thanks be to God
This acclamation is repeated three times.

#### **Opening Acclamation**

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Hymn of Praise Jesus Christ is risen today

Hymnal 207 v 1-2

The Collect of the Day

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#### The Word of God

First Lesson Acts 10:34-43

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

Second Lesson 1st Corinthians 15:1-11

**Sequence Hymn** *In the bulb there is a flower (Hymn of Promise)* 

by N. Sleeth

The Holy Gospel Mark 16:1-8

**The Sermon Nicene Creed**Mother Nesmith
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**Prayers of the People** 

Response Lord, hear our prayer

The Peace

#### **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Hymn Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Hymnal 205
Offertory Response All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own hath we given thee.

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# The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

Year B

## March 31, 2024

## 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II

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#### **Prelude**

Easter Introit by Stanley McDaniel

#### **Opening Hymn** Jesus Christ is risen today

- 1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

- Hymnal 207
- 3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured, Alleluia! now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
- 4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love, Alleluia! praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

#### **Opening Acclamation**

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Song of Praise The Day of Resurrection

Hymnal 210

- 1. The day of resurrection!
  Earth, tell it out abroad;
  the Passover of gladness,
  the Passover of God.
  From death to life eternal,
  from earth unto the sky,
  our Christ hath brought us over,
  with hymns of victory.
- 2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- 3. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

#### **Easter Collect**

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### First Lesson A Reading from the Book of Acts

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." *Acts 10:34-43* 

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God

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

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*

"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \* and he has become my salvation.

15 There 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!"

17 I shall not die, but live, \*

and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \* but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open 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."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*

and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*

has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This 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.

## Epistle A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I

handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God

#### **Sequence Hymn** *Hymn of Promise*

by N. Sleeth

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in ev'ry silence, seeking word and melody.
There's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

## The Gospel The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Mark 16:1-8

Presider The Gospel of the Lord People Praise to you, Lord Christ **Sermon** Mother Nesmith

#### **Nicene Creed**

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

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! At this the heavenly choirs of angels rejoice, the earth exults, and mother Church is glad. Therefore I ask you, who praise the loving-kindness of almighty God, to join in prayer for all of God's people, and for all people everywhere according to their needs. That all may know the benefits of the paschal victory of Christ, we pray, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Strengthen your Church to be the Body of Christ at work in the world ... Heal our divisions and imperfections, make whole this visible body so that it may truly reflect his glorious Body ... Give grace to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and Bill, our bishops; Clare our Rector; and all ministers of the Gospel in proclaiming the message of the Resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray that the joy of the Resurrection may be known throughout the world, that those who are ignorant of the love of Christ may feel his presence and share his risen life ... May all human endeavor become part of the new creation and the life without end.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give grace this Easter time to heal the wounds of differences among our families, friends and neighbors ... By the offering and acceptance of pardon where there has been wrong, may we know together the fullness of the Easter life.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant to all who suffer the knowledge of where true healing is to be found ... We pray for healing, comfort, and strength for [*insert prayer list*]. Heal the hurt and broken bodies, give peace to the troubled minds, restore hope to the grieved and anxious spirits ... Lead all human sorrow through the pain of the dying Christ to the joy of his Resurrection. On this Day of Resurrection, we give thanks for [*insert thanksgivings list*]. 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.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

As we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Savior, we pray for all who like him have suffered the death of the body ... We pray for [insert list of those who have died] and all those in whose memory the Easter flowers have been given. We pray that the power which brought him from the grave may give them a part in his victory over death and in his risen life for ever.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Presider* Hear our prayers on behalf of those for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our Paschal rejoicing, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen and eternal Lord. *Amen*.

#### The Peace

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

# **The Holy Communion**

#### **Offertory Sentence**

Walk in Love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, and offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5*:2

During the offertory anthem, you are invited to bring your gifts, your alms and oblations, to the offering plate. For those who wish to give electronically, we have QR codes on the inside back cover of this leaflet, or you may go to christchurchbabylon.org, and click on the "GIVE" tab on our homepage. All gifts are gratefully received and help Christ Church sustain our ministry in the Babylon community.

The Presider prepares the altar for the celebration and offering of the Eucharist Feast

#### **Offertory Response**

Presider All things come from you, O Lord People And of your own have we given back to you.

#### The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)

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The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says

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.

## 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 we are 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 Hymnal S125

Presider and People

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 continue standing

Then 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 the Glorious and Ever-blessed Mary, Saints Francis and Clare 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*.

## The Lord's Prayer

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Presider And now as our Savior Christ hath 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem Hymnal S167

Antiphon
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread. 1st time Cantor, Repeat All

- 1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon*
- 2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. *Antiphon*

#### **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.

#### Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Those wishing to receive are invited to come forward to the altar rail.

If you need to have communion brought to you in your seat, please let a greeter know.

To receive a blessing instead, you may cross your arms in front of your chest when coming forward.

## Communion Hymn At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Hymnal 174

- 1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side; praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred Blood for wine, gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
- 2. Where the Paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.
- 3. Mighty victim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie; thou hast conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light: now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
- 4. Easter triumph, Easter joy, these alone do sin destroy. From sin's power do thou set free souls newborn, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise: risen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spirit ever be.

#### **Post-communion Prayer**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People together

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.

#### The Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

#### **Announcements**

#### Closing Hymn He is risen, he is risen!

Hymnal 180

- 1. He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.
- 2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now, and the passion that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.
- 3. Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day; not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.
- 4. He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate: we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

#### **Dismissal**

Presider Let us go forth into the world, walking in the Way of Love. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### **Postlude**

#### Prayer List for Sunday, March 31, 2024

## Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength

Bill D., Bob C., Karen, Lydia, Phil B., Sandy M., Sr. Joy, Ray & Betsy, Caleb, Vivienne, Evelynne, Ernie; Bob N., Thomas, Vera, Courtney, Joshua. For the people of Israel, those who are being held as hostages, and the innocent Palestinians suffering in Gaza. We continue to pray for our parish as we work toward the best solution regarding our needed structural repair.

We pray for all who are struggling economically during this time, for those who are unemployed and under-employed, those searching for employment, those who are hungry and food insecure, and those who are homeless or fear eviction or foreclosure, those looking for housing.

#### Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving

We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and homeless ministries, especially for our Nourish Babylon volunteers and all those who support the various feeding ministries in the Babylon area. We give thanks for the Altar Guild, Minister of Music and Choir, Readers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, those who prepared for the Easter Egg Hunt, those who cleaned the church, and all whose made the Holy Week and Easter liturgies possible.

## Let us celebrate with and pray for this week's birthdays

Ashtyn Hemendinger (4/3), Emily Hemendinger (4/3)

#### Let us celebrate with and pray for this week's anniversaries

Nancy and Jerry Hemendinger (4/6)

#### Let us pray for those who have died

We pray for the repose of the souls for all who are remembered through gifts for our Easter flowers. We remember all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial violence, and all who have died in the war in Ukraine and in Israel, Palestine, and Gaza.

#### **Assisting Our Worship**

8:00a.m. 10:00a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Fred Reuther

Lectors: Vikki Boning
Servers: Hannah Boning,
Eden Verni-Vazzano

Greeter: Lynn Simmons



# The Easter Flowers are given by members of our Parish Family in memory of their Loved Ones.

Charles & Elaine Barnes **Barnes Family Loved Ones Bruce Bennett Rexford Brinson Nesmith Boles Breivogel Family** Elsie & Burt Bremenstuhl Brinson Family Loved Ones **Burns Family Loved Ones** Aileen & Alex Calandra Calandra Family Loved Ones Dot & Al Carbonaro Danielle Carhart **Carhart Family Loved Ones** Lorraine Clarke Peter Paul Conner **Rodney Crombie** Margaret F. Cunningham Charles H. Cunningham The Rev. Dcn. Lorraine Cusick Lisa Ferino Becker Kathleen B. Fishel Gustave Fishel, Jr. Harry Paul Fishel Loreign G. Fishel Laurence Paul Fishel **Robert Fisher** Foster Family Loved Ones Sofia Alexandra Garbe

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**Haupert Family Loved Ones** 

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#### **Announcements**



Following our 10:00am service today, will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children! But, first! We want to take a picture of everyone! So, children, be a little patient for the picture, and we will start the hunt around 11:30am.



Thank you to the choir for all their hard work over Lent, Holy Week, and Easter! And, thanks to all those who joined today to be a part of our Easter choir! Membership in the choir is always open. If you would like to be part of this vital ministry to aid and enhance our worship of God, please speak with our minister of music, Dr. Christopher Hopkins.



Thank you to all those who have helped making Easter baskets for the children and families who we support with our outreach. Bless you for your generosity!

## Healing Prayer Service - This Tuesday, April 2, 7pm

Join us this Tuesday evening at 7:00pm for a service of prayer and healing, including singing bowls. God's greatest desire is to heal us and make us

whole. While God does not promise us a life free from suffering, God does promise to be present with us in our suffering and infuse us with comfort and hope.

#### Remember! All the Sundays following Easter Day are also a part of Easter!

Sunday, April 7 will be one service only at 9:00am.

We return to our regular 8:00 & 10:00am services on Sunday, April 14.

Sunday, May 5: Rogation Sunday, 8:00 & 10:00am services.

Friday, May 10: The Day of Ascension (transferred), 6:30 pm dinner church with potluck

Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day, 8:00 & 10:00am services.

The season closes with...

The Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 19: 9:00 am unified service

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#### All Are Welcome

Christ Episcopal Church of Babylon represents and celebrates the diversity that is Long Island. We welcome everyone and believe that there should be no outcasts in the Episcopal Church. Our welcome knows no boundaries of marital status, age, race, ethnicity, cultural or religious background, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic condition, and physical or mental ability. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Episcopal Church.

#### This is God's House...

and we are blessed by the gift of your presence with us. In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please let the priest know by crossing your arms in front of your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free bread is available; please ask at the communion rail.

## **Handicapped Accessibility**

Our building is equipped with a lift located in the Sanctuary Annex, and a handicapped bathroom located on the lower level. For full access of the building and to join us for Coffee Hour downstairs, please ask a Greeter for assistance.

## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 10:00 a.m. service is also livestreamed Sunday School meets at 9:45am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays for Pre-K through 8th Grade.

#### **Church Officers and Vestry**

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## **Clergy and Staff**

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island
The Rev. E. Clare Nesmith, Rector
Dr. Christopher Hopkins, Minister of Music
Marie Rivera, Parish Administrator

#### **Parish Office Hours:**

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and by appointment

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