

Buck Mountain Episcopal Church

Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.



We welcome you if you visiting with us this morning.
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Buck Mountain is a Spirit-led, inclusive community of faith, living out God's unconditional love with each other, our community, and the world through worship, outreach, spiritual development, youth formation, and fellowship.

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Prelude

Entrance Hymn

Joy to the world

Booklet pg 6

Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect For Purity

The Celebrant 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 Or Song Of Praise

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.

Gloria in excelsis (S278) Music - ©1976 Oxford University Press Contributors: William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Lessons

First Reading *The people sit.*

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Psalm 16 *Remain seated. Please use the Red BCP for the psalm.* BCP pg 599

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.

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People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn *Hark! the herald angels said* See Booklet pg 4
All stand.

Gospel John 20:19-31

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

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

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

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

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

The Sermon

Why don't we... Booklet pg 2
God Rest Ye Merry ... Booklet pg 3

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.

The Prayers of the People *All remain standing.*

Refrain

God ever faithful,
 God ever merciful,
 God of your people,
 hear our prayer.

For those who lead and guide the Church of Christ;
for loving care, we pray to you, O Lord:

Refrain

For faithful witness, fellowship in love;
for living hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

Refrain

For those who guide the nations of the earth;
that wisdom reign, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those who seek and serve the common good;
that justice reign, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For neighbors' needs, for shelter from the storm;
for homes of peace, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those in sorrow, anguish, and despair;
that they find hope, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those oppressed, for those who live in fear;
that they be freed, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*
For all the sick, the dying, and the dead,

be life and grace, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

That we might live in peace from day to day;
that wars will cease, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

That we may stay faithful, open to your Word;
your Kingdom come! We pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For all the dreams held deep within our hearts;
for all our needs, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

Entrusting all we are into your hands,
we call your name, and pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

We pray for:

*John, Amos, Star, Anne, Amrie, Phil, Sandra, Jackie, Kim, Melody, Carol, Brian, Levi,
Joy, Sam, Marguerite, Katy, Ashlee, Tee, Robert, Kirsten, Kate, Fran, Dave, Joe, Olivia,
Emily, Matalie, Kathy, and Charlie*

Intercessor will pause. Please offer your prayers either silently or aloud.

For those who serve in the Armed Forces including:

Nat, Steve, Miles, Katherine, David, Will, and Andrew M.

We pray for our Food Pantry and AIM ministries, and for the neighbors we serve.

We pray for all Stephen Ministers, and care receivers.

As we seek our next priest, we pray for Buck Mountain Episcopal Church, including members of our Discernment Committee:

[In Unison] Doug, Amos, Ruth, Leslie, Linda, and Margaret.

[In Unison] Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this church, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray for our Vestry,

Rob, Diane, Anne, April, Adriana, Kirsten, and Cliff

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life.

Intercessor will pause. Please offer your prayers either silently or aloud.

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant 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 *The Celebrant says*

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

Offertory Hymn

When Thomas heard from Jesus
Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow...*

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,
 heaven and earth are full Full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Words Of Institution

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The People stand or kneel. The people are encouraged to listen to the prayer

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious GodTherefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

At the conclusion of the prayer the people Boldly say **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. n.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Invitation

The Celebrant says

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.

Distribution

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and 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.*]

Communion Hymn

Go tell it on the mountain

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. *Amen.* (source: from Saint Clare)

Announcements

See insert

Post-Communion Hymn

Beautiful Day

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Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

SERVING:

Today

Next Week

Ushers

Cliff Smith/Leann Mitchell

Rob Michel

Acolytes

Gail Peters

Gail Peters

Lector

Karen Gray

Tracy Agilo

Altar Guild

Holly Fesler

Leslie Richard

Eucharistic Ministers

Adriana N & Kate D

Ben Walter & Doug Smith

Vestry

Anne Hildreth

April Martin

Piano/Organ

Alice Layman

Tara Scott

Altar Flowers:

See note below

TBD

Refreshments:

The flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in memory of Carter Bass

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