

Buck Mountain Episcopal Church

Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 19, 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 *Good Christian all rejoice and sing*

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Opening Acclamation

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Song of Praise

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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

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading *The people sit.*

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],
³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

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Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without

defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn *All stand.* Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain H 204

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³Now on that same day two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then

enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Priest The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Ann Michel

The Nicene Creed *All stand.*

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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.*

Intercessor: How shall we repay the Lord for all the good God has done? Let us offer the prayers of our hearts, saying, “Stay with us, Lord Jesus; *and set our hearts on fire.*”

Lord Jesus Christ, you have ransomed us by your own precious blood. Once again, as a holy community, we place our faith and hope in you.

Silence

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; *And set our hearts on fire.*

Save us, O Lord, from corruption. Deliver the nations and peoples from greed and hatred. Place in your children hearts of repentance.

Silence

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; *And set our hearts on fire.*

O Lord, you are the giver of good things. We thank you for this planet; we thank you for its gifts. We pray a blessing on the seeds that were sown this spring that the harvest might be bountiful.

Intercessor will pause.

Please offer your prayers either silently or aloud.

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; ***And set our hearts on fire.***

O Lord, you are made known in the breaking of bread and so we pray for all those who lack bread. We pray for the hungry. You feed us generously at your table. Help us to generously feed the world.

Silence

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; ***And set our hearts on fire.***

Whenever we call upon you, gracious Lord, you incline your ear to us. We raise our voices for those for whom we care: those who are ill, those who are struggling, those who are in need of your mercy.

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 petitions either silently or aloud.

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; ***And set our hearts on fire.***

Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants. We trust you with our dead and with our dying. Jesus, be gracious with them, we pray.

Silence

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; ***And set our hearts on fire.***

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 all Stephen Ministers, their care receivers. for our outreach ministries, and for the neighbors we serve.

As we seek our next priest, we pray for Buck Mountain Episcopal Church, and the 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 give thanks for our Vestry,

[In Unison] 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.

Celebrant offers a concluding prayer

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 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more H 296

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The Great Thanksgiving

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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:

Sanctus

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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

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

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.*]

Communion (*Instrumental*)

Post-Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

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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.*

Announcements

See insert

Post-Communion Hymn

Go forth for God, Go

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Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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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