



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>3 Easter</b> <i>Belvia Riner Birthday</i>	<b>2 The Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James</b> <i>Beverly @ Clergy Conference, Shrine Mont</i>	<b>3 Jean Chappell Birthday</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>10 am Pilgrim Series @ Rectory</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>4 Easter</b> <i>David Boardman Birthday</i>  <i>Mothers Day</i>	<b>9 Molly Barrow Birthday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11 John Chiles, Jr. Birthday</b> <i>10 a.m. Dolley Madison Garden Club—Parish Hall</i>	<b>12 Eric Schwind Birthday</b> <i>10 am Pilgrim Series @ Rectory</i>	<b>13 Bryan &amp; Marla Small Anniversary</b>	<b>14 Kristina Fitzhugh, J. Russell Martin, and Ruth Small Birthdays</b>  <i>Beverly @ Cub Scout Camp Out</i>
<b>15</b> <b>5 Easter</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b>  	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>10 am Pilgrim Series @ Rectory</i>	<b>20 Macon Smith Birthday</b>	<b>21</b> 
<b>22</b> <b>6 Easter</b> <b>Rogation Sunday</b>  <i>Vestry Meeting</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>Beverly @ Thriving in Ministry, Richmond, VA</i>	<b>24 Corban Reinhold Birthday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26 Ascension Day</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>7 Easter</b> <b>The Sunday after Ascension Day</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Memorial DAY</b>	<b>31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 	<i>Eucharistic Lectionary Year C</i>  <i>Office Lectionary Year 2</i>		<b>Sundays:</b> <i>10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Rite II</i> Masks optional. <b>Church Office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am to 1 pm</b>	

## May 2022 Service Schedule

Altar Guild: Claudia Shiflett, Jo-Anne McCausland  
Counters: Nelson Tucker

### May 1 The Third Sunday of Easter

Old Testament: Millie Travis  
New Testament: Ben Armistead  
Prayers of the People: Sandra Pelletier  
Usher: Carolyn Smith  
Coffee Host: Millie Travis



### May 8 The Fourth Sunday of Easter: Mother's Day

Old Testament: Ben Armistead  
New Testament: Millie Travis  
Prayers of the People: Penn Bowers  
Usher: Floyd Hill  
Coffee Host: Carolyn Smith

### May 15 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament: Lorrie Pollard  
New Testament: Pauline Vismer  
Prayers of the People: Ben Armistead  
Usher: Nelson Tucker  
Coffee Host: Jo-Anne McCausland

### May 22 The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

Old Testament: Sandra Pelletier  
New Testament: Ben Armistead  
Prayers of the People: Pauline Vismer  
Usher: Millie Travis  
Coffee Host: Lorrie Pollard

### May 29 The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

Old Testament: Penn Bowers  
New Testament: Lorrie Pollard  
Prayers of the People: Millie Travis  
Usher: Kevin Cordray  
Coffee Host: Margaret Hill



## The Messenger

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### *Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

During the Easter season, our thoughts turn toward resurrection, one of the most fundamental beliefs of Christianity. It is to Jesus the Christ to whom we must look to understand what is meant by this word.

The Old Testament gives us several instances of resuscitation. Elijah restores a young boy to life in 1 Kings 17: 17-24 and Elisha restores a young boy to life in 2 Kings 4:32-37. In another story the bones of Elisha restore a man to life when his corpus is thrown into Elisha's grave. (2 Kings 13:21). As far as we know, these individuals went back to their normal lives after being brought back from the dead. There are many people today who have experienced "near death" where their bodies were technically dead, but by some extraordinary measures they were revived. This is not resurrection, but the biblical accounts may foreshadow resurrection as do the stories of persons who claim to have experienced near death.

Jesus resuscitated many people during his ministry but scriptures offer us one possible glimpse at resurrection prior to Jesus' own death and the gospel of John is not clear whether this was resuscitation or resurrection. Jesus intentionally delays returning to Bethany so that Lazarus has been dead and buried for four days, possibly to eliminate any question that Lazarus had truly died. Jesus calls him forth from the tomb saying, "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11: 43) and we see what looks like a scene from the old "The Mummy" movies. Jesus has the mourners "unbind him, and let him go" (John 11: 44). Scriptures give us no further information about Lazarus, turning to Jesus and his own death and resurrection instead. There are all sorts of legends written about Lazarus, but most of these come from centuries later and must not be taken too seriously.



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