



*The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord  
Jesus Christ*

*March 31, 2024 — 9:00 am*

## *Christ Church*

*(Episcopal / Anglican)*

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, *Rite II*

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**Prelude**

“*Rondeau*”

J. Mouret

“*Joyful Eastertide*”

C. Tucker

**Processional Hymn** 179 “*Welcome Happy Morning*”

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* : Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The Celebrant says*

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.***

**Gloria in excelsis deo** Hymnal No. S-280

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

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 Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

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."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**Brass selection** "*Canzona*"

Unknown

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

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.

### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

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.***

### **The Gospel Hymn** LEVAS 43 *"Because He Lives"*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**Mark 16:1-8**

*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.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Don Caron, *Priest*

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

Let all the baptized re-commit ourselves to God in Jesus.

*Priest:* Do you renounce evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People:* ***I do.***

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People:* ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

*Priest:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People:* ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People:* ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

*Priest:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Priest:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Priest:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Priest:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Priest:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Priest:* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.     ***Amen.***

*The People are sprinkled with the new water of Baptism*

## **Music**

### **Prayers of the People for Easter Sunday**

*Leader:* On this, the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad as we pray to the God who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, saying Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed!

*Leader:* For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sally our Bishop, Don our Priest, Leslie our

Deacon and all the people of God brought through saving waters to a land of promise: May we joyfully proclaim, with our lips and our lives, the good news of Christ's victory over sin and death.

For Christ is Risen! ***The Lord is Risen indeed!***

For the leaders of the nations, especially Joseph, the President of the President of the United States, Phillip the Governor of New Jersey and all the peoples of earth during this festival of Christ's resurrection: May the gloom of malice and evil yield to a spring-time of sincerity and truth. For Christ is Risen!

***The Lord is Risen indeed!***

For those bound by sin or oppressed by evil: May forgiveness of sins and spiritual freedom be theirs with Easter joy. For Christ is Risen!

***The Lord is Risen indeed!***

For those who are sick or homebound especially *Ruth, Sharon, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Jane, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Ted, Alice*, and all others who have asked for our prayers. For Christ is Risen!

***The Lord is Risen indeed!***

For the dying and all those who mourn. May the risen Christ visit them with healing power and new hope. For Christ is Risen!

***The Lord is Risen indeed!***

For this congregation gathered to eat and drink with the risen Lord: May we set our hearts on things that are above even as we bear witness here to the risen Christ. For Christ is Risen!

***The Lord is Risen indeed!***

For those who have died and whose lives are hidden with Christ in God especially those memorialized with our Easter flowers: May they live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection. For Christ is Risen!

***The Lord is Risen indeed!***

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus, by your death and resurrection you have shattered the chains of death and trampled upon the powers of hell; we ask you to grant us a share in your triumph that we may live with you forever and ever ***AMEN.***

## **The Peace** *(All stand.)*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

## **Offertory Anthem** “*Christ The Lord Is Risen Again*”

P. Hurlbutt

## **The Doxology** 380 vs. 3 “*Praise God*”

*All: Praise God of whom all blessings flow*

*Praise God all creatures here below*

*Praise God above the heavenly hosts*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

*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 God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

### **Preface**

...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 (Hymnal S-130)*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

## **Eucharistic Prayer B**

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,

*Celebrant and People:* ***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant 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 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, we pray as Jesus taught us: (*spoken*)

***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**

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

### **Invitation**

<b>Communion Music</b>	<i>“Be Thou With Me”</i>	J. S. Bach
	<i>“O Morn Of Beauty”</i>	J. Sibelus
	<i>“Fantasia”</i>	J. Pachelbel

*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.**

**Birthday Blessings**

**Anniversary Blessings**

**Announcements**

**Final Blessing**

**Recessional** 207 *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**Organ Postlude** *“Rejoicing”*

G. F. Handel

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### **Participating in the 9am. Service**

*Musicians:* Susan Engel- soprano, Helen Mack- alto, Hank Mamet- tenor,  
Joe Akinkas- trumpet, Rich Beckman- trumpet, Ricky Beckman- horn,  
John McClernan- tuba, Howard Schneck- trombone

*Lector:* Diane Wachter *Videographers:* Bob Engel

*Acolyte:* Christian Gulbin, Shea Gulbin, Mary Shea, Jeff Mack

*Ushers:* Ed Worthy, Bob Engel *Counters:* Joan Atkinson, Marge Conti

*Altar Guild:* Martha Caiazzo, Sheryl Talford, Joan Atkinson

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**NEXT SUNDAY** as you enter for worship you will be handed a handbell to ring as we sing and ring together the Easter hymn "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

**THURSDAY STUDY GROUP** will return on Thursday, April 18 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Parlor. Our study title is "FIRST LIGHT; JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD". This is a study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg, two of the world's leading Jesus scholars on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem. The title of the first session is "The Matrix of Jesus."

**MID-WEEK SERVICE** A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God's healing for the world. The Service lasts about 45 minutes, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day.

*Easter Flower Memorials 2024*  
*The flowers in the church were*  
*given to the glory of God*  
*and in loving memory of:*

Cynthia Commaroto	Milton Horner	Marjorie Kathryn
Richard Ross	John Thomas	Shea
George Mack	Wargny	Howard L. Shea
Miriam Mack	Thomas Wargny	John Y. Radcliff
Nancy Gorman	Richard Frost	Joyce Morozin
William Mack	Joseph Horrell	Richard M.
Dorothy Mack	Naomi David	Ackerman
Lt. Col. Kevin	Helen Engel	Robert & Kathryn
Hermann	Dorothy Scheetz	Messemger
Florence Gorman	Bill & Marilgn	
Albert Gorman	Flanagan	In Thanksgiving
Sam Wargny	Ted & Kitty Kaiser	for Our family,
Mary Jane Wargny	Frank Grocott	Larry and Terri
Jay Wargny	Jim Telford	Bradshaw
Elaine Jones	Bob & Mary	
Charles Jones	Otterstein	
Harold Bishop	John & Jaclyn Bosak	
Ron Pollock	Dr. Ronald J. Pollock	

**MEN'S GROUP.** We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am, and we will talk about the things that are important for a man's spiritual life. It's an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.

**MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES** On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants.

**FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY** April 16th, Noon to 2pm Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship, all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend, Chair lift is available, No charge, but donations are welcome

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