



Alleluia

EASTER DAY
The Feast of the Resurrection

APRIL 5, 2026 - 11 AM

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED

WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today to share in the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We worship God, rejoicing in the gift of new life and renewing our faith as we share in Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are visiting, please complete a welcome card and place it in the offering plate or scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin. This service is offered by livestream for those who cannot assemble with us. Happy Easter!

CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

Service Music from *Missa Brevis*, Jonathan Dove (b. 1959), in Latin

Today's rendition of this setting includes Jonathan Dove's additional brass and timpani parts, commissioned by Christ Church Christiana Hundred in 2022 in celebration of the 175th anniversary of our parish in 2023.

Voluntary *Festive Music for Brass*

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 207 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

Announced and repeated three times

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The People shout ***The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia!***

Remain standing as the Choir offers the ancient Hymn of Praise.

Gloria in excelsis

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,

we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for Easter Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant 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.***

Please be seated for

The 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.”

At the conclusion the People respond, “Thanks be to God.”

The Choir sings

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

Chant: Alan Gray (1855-1935)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim, “His mercy endures for ever.”
The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.
Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
“This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter.”
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

At the conclusion the People respond, “Thanks be to God.”

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 179, vs. 1, 4-6 *Welcome, Happy Morning!*

Hymnal 1982

The Gospel is carried into the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All sing

Hymn 179, v. 1 *Welcome, Happy Morning!*

Hymnal 1982

Please be seated for

The Sermon

Ruth Beresford

Please stand as the Celebrant calls the People to

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People ***I do.***

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant 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 sin, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

As a sign of the renewal of Baptism, the People are sprinkled with water taken from the font.

The Asperges

A member of the parish leads

The Prayers of the People

In mercy hear our prayer, gracious God, for the church and for the world.

Pray and praise God from whom all blessings flow. We give you thanks for the Easter celebrations that renew us as servants of the risen Lord. Bless us today, that we may share your blessing wherever we go, we pray to you, Lord God.

Amen. Alleluia.

Pray that the whole church may proclaim Christ as the Lord of life. Pour upon us the grace to live in unity and love. Bless all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Bishop Kevin; bless our diocese, our preschool and parish. That we may make Christ known in all we say and do, we pray to you, Lord God.

Amen. Alleluia.

Pray that nations and peoples may be brought together to live in freedom and peace. Guide us to share the resources of the earth. Guard all those in military service, and all who defend and protect the welfare of others. That there may be justice and peace on earth, we pray to you, Lord God.

Amen. Alleluia.

Pray for those who are in the darkness of grief or pain, those suffering from any need or trouble. Bless those we remember now. That we may be agents of your compassion, we pray to you, Lord God.

Amen. Alleluia.

Pray for all who have died and now rest in the hope of eternal life. Bless those we remember now. That we may entrust them to your never-failing love, we pray to you, Lord God.

Amen. Alleluia.

We are marked as Christ's own forever. We give thanks for the forgiveness, mercy, and joy God has poured out for us in the resurrection of his Son, that we may rejoice in hope and live in peace. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen. Alleluia.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*praecedet vos in Galilaeam.
Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere:
tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.
Amen. Alleluia.*

to Galilee he will go before you.”
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life
obtaining; have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn 174 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

Hymnal 1982

Anthem

Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Alleluia.

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People ***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 Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

All sing

Hymn in Procession 205 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

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

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

Voluntary *Toccata from Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with joy. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship. Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



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MUSICIANS IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

The Christ Church Choir
Bruce Barber, *director and organ*
Cameron Kuzepski, *organ*
Jean-Christophe Dobrzelewski and Robert Skoniczin, *trumpet*
Liz Pfaffle, *horn*; Dan Cherry, *trombone*
Jon Fowler, *tuba*; Dave Nelson, *percussion*

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