

**EASTER SUNDAY
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023**

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL



**9 South Main Street
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Celebrant:
Reverend Roger White

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Organ Prelude: *Voluntary in A Minor*
A-Trumpeting

(anon)
Dale Wood

The Word of God

Opening Sentence

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

People: His mercy endures forever. The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening Hymn 207: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Collect for Purity:

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: (said)

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.*

Collect for Easter

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Lector: Livia Morjikian

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."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 responding at the asterisk*

- 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.

The Epistle: 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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

The Gospel: John 20:1-18

Rev. Roger White

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Christ

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on

to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon by Rev. Roger White

Organ Music Meditation-Prelude in C

Bach

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People-*responding at the italics* Intercessor: Cathy Casey

Risen Lord

Fill our Hearts with Easter Joy

Living Lord, at the dawn of day the earth was shaken by your life-restoring power. Shake your Church today by this seismic news that it participate in your mission of restoring justice and mercy.

Send us out to tell of your wonder.

Risen Lord

Fill our Hearts with Easter Joy

Living Lord, your resurrection startled guards and friends alike.
Shatter the fears that stifle our politics and keep us from each other.
Breathe new life into our common living.

Risen Lord

Fill our Hearts with Easter Joy

Living Lord, you make no distinctions between people.
Transform the narrowness of our vision and judgement.
Meet us and greet us in our journey together.

Risen Lord

Fill our Hearts with Easter Joy

Living Lord, your mercy endures for ever.
Strengthen and sustain all whose spirits are weak
and whose lives are gripped by pain or suffering or distress.
We pray especially for those we now name either silently or aloud.

Bill, Donny, Nancy Briggs, Alex Fagan, John Fagan,
Eric Griesemer, Doris Higgins, Rindy Higgins, Francoise Kelz,
Eileen Mulligan, Wendy Grace Rossi, Joyce Weegar

We give thanks for your sustaining power.

Risen Lord

Fill our Hearts with Easter Joy

Living Lord, confused friends left your empty tomb in both fear and great joy. We hold before you the sadness of loss and the joy of our hope in You. Especially for those we memorialize today with Easter flowers and those we name either silently or aloud.

Raise us all to share in your glory.

Risen Lord

Fill our Hearts with Easter Joy

The Exchange of Peace

Holy Communion

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at Christ's Table.

Offertory Anthem: *Today He Is Risen*

Purifoy

The Doxology: Hymnal 380 (verse 3)

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing.

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.

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

(Celebrant continues with prayer)

The Lord's Prayer *Together*

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.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion Music: *Easter Hymns*

Sharing of Communion

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

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.

Closing Hymn 191: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts And Voices Heavenward Raise*

Officiant: Dismissal Blessing

People: Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Organ Postlude: *Fugue In A Minor*

Bach



*The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary, Altar, and Nave are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of.....*

**Grace and Chester Begor Shane Begor,
William G. Franks, Mary Jean Franks, Barbara Nichols**
*Given in remembrance by
Scott, Mary Beth Franks-Begor, and
Tara Begor*

**Florence and Paul Franks, Sr. Louise and Paul Franks, II,
Mary and Frank Draper, Frank M. Draper,
Robert E. Franks, William G. Franks, Brian W. Franks, Mary Jean Franks**
*Given in remembrance by
Barbara Franks*

**Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Jameson, Jr.
Edwin C. Jameson, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Moore
Herbert Rubensohn**
*Given in remembrance by
Nick Moore*

**Barbara Braun, Ron Braun Cesare Curti,
Allan Morjikian, Donna Morjikian**
*Given in remembrance by
The Morjikian Family*

Fred Kahn
*Given in remembrance by
The Rollins Family*

Helen and Sherwood Chatfield
*Given in remembrance by
Judith Chatfield Schwerin*

Lauren M. Welsh
*Given in remembrance by
The Altar Guild*

*The Altar Guild wishes for you to have a plant after today's service
Flower arrangement by Roaring Oaks Florists*

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

Officiant: Rev. Roger White

Minister of Communion: Henry Morjikian

Organist: Jon Lafleur

Ushers: Nick Moore and Liza Smith

Lector: Livia Morjikian

Intercessor: Cathy Casey

Altar: Judith Schwerin

Choir: Donna Castaner, Bob Coles,

Bernadette Ellegard, Ann Hodgman,

Jill and Marty Sauser, Caroline Thompson

***Following the service, an Easter Egg Hunt
will be on the Front Lawn of the Church***

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