**The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day**

**April 4th, 2021 at 7:30 am**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**



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**INFORMATION FOR NEWCOMERS: WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!**



Our motto is true whether you're here for the very first time

or you've been a member for decades –

**There is a place for you at God's Table!**

Welcome home to Christ Church. We are so very grateful that we can worship together once again. We will need to take special care to ensure the safety of ourselves and others as we worship. Each adult must accept responsibility for his/her own actions. Here are some safety guidelines that will help keep us all safe and healthy:

* Everyone must wear a facemask over mouth and nose at all times while in church buildings, except for a few seconds during Eucharist (see below).
* Maintain a safe distance of six-feet between yourself and others not a part of your household at all times.
* NO informal gathering are allowed in church buildings. Please move directly to seats in the sanctuary upon arrival and exit the building immediately following worship.
* NO singing, even with masks on. Singing spreads the coronavirus much more widely than talking, even with masks on.
* Use the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary. Plates will not be passed during worship.
* COMMUNION PROCEDURES: Communion will be in one kind only – Bread only at this time and from the center aisle, not the altar rail. When it is time to come forward for Communion, please form a single line down the center aisle, maintaining six-feet of distance from others. KEEPING YOUR MASK ON, the priest will place a Host in your hands using tongs. RETURN TO YOUR SEAT, then remove your mask momentarily to consume the Host.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

(\*please rise as you are comfortable)

\*OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ has risen!

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

\*COLLECT OF THE 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*.**

**THE FIRST LESSON Acts 10:34-4**

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."

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**\*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.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 20:1-18).

People: **Glory to you, Lord 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.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON  The Rev. Canon Dr. Lee Anne Reat

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In peace, we pray to you Lord God. Congregational responses are in **bold.**

*Silence*

Blessed are you eternal God,  
**to be praised and glorified forever.**

Hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.  
**May we all be one, that the world may come to know you.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,  
**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

We remember those who have died.  
**Into your hands we commend them.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered eternal glory.  
**May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble, especially Faye, Chris, Laura, Bonnie, Alice, Diana, James, Joy, Jane, Joni, Kim, Bobby, Sarah, Traudie, Lexie, and Keith.

**In your presence may they find strength.**

Look with kindness on our homes and families, and all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Cathy, Jessica, and Kent.

**Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community, and bless the holy work of Children’s Rescue Center/ The Ark, Christ Church Food Pantry, The Fuller Center for Housing, Safe Harbor House.

**Help us to share one another’s joys and burdens.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.  
**Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ken, our Diocesan Bishop; Lee Anne, our priest; Rick, our deacon; and all who minister in Christ, that they may be firmly rooted in your truth and love.

**Inspire us and give us courage to proclaim your Gospel of Resurrection**

*\**THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

**Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*.***

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

\*OFFERTORY

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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 our thanks and praise.**

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.***

We thank you, holy God, for creating us out of your love, for giving us your Law to teach us; and for sending your prophets to guide us. But most of all, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we are saved.

In thanksgiving, we bring you these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Send your Holy Spirit on them and make them holy, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

On night Jesus was betrayed he took bread, said a blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God, we now celebrate this memorial of your Son. When we eat this Bead and drink this Cup, we remember the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again. Gather all of us by this Holy Communion into one Body in your Son Jesus Christ and make us a living sacrifice of praise.

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

**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 sanctified for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

\*THE DISMISSAL *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Easter Flowers**

**Memorials and Thanksgivings**

In memory of Don and Dorothy Wiegel by Julie Wiegel Brust

In memory of Dariel Fahnestock, Russ and Audriel Mumford and Bernice Harbaugh from Keith & Carol Harbaugh and Linda & Larry Hupp & families.

In thanksgiving for family by Joann Albright

In memory of Ben Schwartz and Dr. Dennis Sullivan by Sally Schwartz and family and Ava Sullivan and family.

In memory of Helen Krott, Paul Krott, William T. Hicks, Bettie Hicks, and John Hicks by Bill and Gretchen Hicks

In memory of Evelyn Stinnett Reed and in thanksgiving for Don and Charlotte and Babs by Fred Reed

In loving memory of William G. Vasileff by Marj. Vasileff

In memory of Henry W. Roberts by Martha Chaney

In memory of Ronald and Lois St. Martin by Anne Strothman

In memory of Bernice Schmidt, Larry and Jane Sharp by Steve and Denise Sharp

In memory of Jim Beardsell by Anita Beardsell

In memory of Mike Fields by Sue Allender

In memory of Lynn Rigsbee and Norm Silliman

**Ministers for April 4th, 2021**

**Altar Guild**: Joan Hurley

**Lector:**

**Ushers:** Dawn Ivy and Jack Ivy

**General Information**

**Rector:** The Rev.Canon Dr. Lee Anne Reat

**Deacon**: The Rev. Rick Incorvati

**Senior Warden**: Dawn Ivy

**Junior Warden**: Scott Yeazell

**Treasurer**: Ken Bladh

**Vestry at Large**: Bonnie Bingman, Kay Koeninger, Jimmy Ryan,

Linda Mortensen, Joyce Spangler, Denise Sharp, Keith Doubt, and Leeza Wheeler

**Parish Administrator & Program Coordinator**: Kelly Zeller

**Director of Music**: Dr. Christopher Durrenberger

**Nursery Attendant**: Jerushia Knox

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