



# EASTER SUNDAY



Christ Episcopal Church

*Growing together in the Risen Life of Christ  
on the Guilford Green*

April 12, 2020

10 a.m.

# Easter Day

## Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Preludes: Easter Chorale Preludes from the *Orgelbüchlein*: J. S. Bach  
**Processional Hymn #207** Jesus Christ Has Risen Today *Easter Hymn*  
**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**  
**who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!**  
**who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured, Alleluia!**  
**now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!**  
**Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Alleluia!! Christ is risen!

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

Collect for Purity

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

### *The Word of God*

First Reading

Jeremiah 31: 1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,

and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:

'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'

*The Lector concludes:* The Word of the Lord.  
People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** *Prayed responsively.*

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.

Second Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to Cornelius the Roman centurion and his household, '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 Lector concludes:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn #191** Alleluia, alleluia! hearts and voices heavenward raise vs. 1-3 *Lux eoi*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Hearts and voices heavenward raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim,  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
now is risen from the dead.**

**Now the iron bars are broken,  
Christ from death to life is born,  
Glorious life, and life immortal,  
On his resurrection morn,  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer  
By his mighty enterprise:  
We with him to life eternal  
By his resurrection rise.**

**Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield:  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine  
from the furrows of the grave.**

**The Gospel:** The Holy Gospel According to Matthew

28:1-10

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 worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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

*The Gospeller concludes:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

*Harrison West†*

Nicene Creed

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**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**

Let us pray to the Lord, in the power of the resurrection, responding – hear our prayer.

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created and so compassionately redeemed, that this springtime may reveal to us again the glory and majesty of God;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all the nations and peoples of the earth, among whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the Holy Church, whose life is hidden with Christ in God, that we may witness in word and deed to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who occupy positions of public trust, and for whom Jesus sets an example of humble service, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all captives, refugees and oppressed persons, who experience Christ's

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Especially in this season of the Covid-19 pandemic, let us pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit and for whom Jesus arose with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted and relieved;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, and for all who grieve, that in Christ's triumph over death, they may also find perpetual light and blessed assurance;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all gathered in this assembly whether near or far, that with Mary Magdalene and the others, we may see the tomb empty, receive the angel's Good News with joy, and have grace to walk in the risen life of Christ;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your own petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings are welcome at this time, offered silently or aloud..... We pray for all those commended to the prayers of the parish;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord Jesus, we commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to Christ to whom we give laud and praise, now and forever. Amen.*

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The Peace:

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

**People: And also with you.**

Announcements and Easter Greetings

### *The Holy Communion*

Offertory Solo: I know that my redeemer liveth (*Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Rachel Postovoit, soprano

**The Doxology: Hymn 380** (vs. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatives here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord.

**People:** **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

***Celebrant and People***

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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;

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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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, 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

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

**Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I would join myself with all those who in your Holy Church offer you the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving., Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and forever. Amen.**

Communion voluntary: Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters, let us sing

F. Peeters

**Postcommunion Prayer:**

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**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.**

An Easter Blessing

**Recessional Hymn #208** The strife is o'er, the battle done vs. 1-3

*Victory*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

**The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed;  
Let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**

**The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead;  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

Dismissal: Let us bless our Risen Lord Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude: Toccata (from Organ Symphony V)

C.-M. Widor