

The Service of Holy Communion for

✠ EASTER DAY ✠

CELEBRATING
THE RESURRECTION OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

WELCOME

We're glad that you are here in God's house. This booklet contains everything you need to follow the service. If Anglican worship is unfamiliar to you, that's okay. Prioritize taking it all in with an open heart.

Children of all ages are welcome at Christ Church. They are treasures from God. Feel free to move around the church during the service, if that's helpful for keeping your children engaged and comfortable.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Easter has arrived! Our celebration of the resurrection of Christ began a few hours ago, when we lit the Paschal Candle, which represents the light of Jesus' resurrection which drives away the darkness of death, and now burns in the sanctuary.

The key word of this service is "Alleluia!" Easter morning is the most celebratory occasion of the Christian year. We celebrate the victory of light over darkness, of life over death, of hope over despair, and of forgiveness over guilt.

This is a service of Holy Communion. Unlike the services of the past few days which have used special prayers, almost the entire service is "the usual thing." (If you're visiting today, this service will give you an idea of what our worship is like most weeks.) But, far from being an "ordinary Sunday," today's service is the basis for what we do every other Sunday of the year. Every week, we celebrate our Saviour Jesus Christ as one who offered himself to God as a willing sacrifice for human sin, descended into death, and rose again to be a source of renewed life for all who place their hope in him. Every Sunday is a "little Easter."

EASTER GREETING

¶ *Please stand. The priest greets the people from the back of the church.*

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

HYMN

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Pasch is sacrificèd;
therefore let us keep the feast,
not with that malicious leaven,
but the bread of truthfulness.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is raised; he dies no longer;
death hath not the mastery.
Dead to sin, he lives to God;
ye also, count you dead to sin.
Count yourselves alive to God
through Jesus Christ, alleluia.

Christ is risen up from Hades,
Christ, the first-fruits of them that slept.
Since by man was man made mortal,
so by man hath man been raised,
dead in Adam, quick in Jesus.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

INTROIT PSALM (139:1–5, 16–17)

Choir

Alleluia! Praise the Name of the LORD;
give praise, you servants of the Lord.

You who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God.

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.

For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself
and Israel for his own possession.

For I know that the LORD is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Alleluia! How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them! Alleluia!

¶ *Toward the end of the psalm, the priest says the Lord's Prayer quietly.*

ENTRANCE

Priest + Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All **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.**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these, your laws,
in our hearts, we beseech you.**

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy upon us. (*Thrice*)**

Minister Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

¶ Please kneel, if you are able.

All

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker and judge of us all:
We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed
against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.
We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;
the burden of them is more than we can bear.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you
in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has
promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent
and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, + pardon
and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister

Hear what comforting words our Saviour Christ says to all who
truly turn to him: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. God so loved the world, that he gave his
only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not
perish but have eternal life.

Hear also what Saint Paul says: This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John says: If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

¶ *Please stand.*

Priest

Glory be to God on high,

All

and in earth peace, good will towards all.

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, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin 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.

COLLECTS

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech you, that as you put into our minds good desires by your grace, so by your continual help we may bring that grace to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the resurrection from the dead of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we who celebrate this Paschal feast may die daily to sin, and live with him evermore in the glory of his endless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LESSON

¶ *Please be seated.*

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus (12:1–6, 12–14).

¶ *After the reading, the reader and people say,*

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM (118:22–25)

Reader Alleluia! The same stone which the builders rejected
People **has become the chief cornerstone.**

etc. 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.

Hosannah, LORD, hosannah!
Lord, send us now success. Alleluia!

EPISTLE

Reader A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the
Colossians (3:I–II).

¶ *After the reading, the reader and people say,*

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

¶ *Please stand.*

Priest Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

¶ *The priest sings the three-fold alleluia three times, each time in a higher key, the congregation repeating it each time.*

Choir 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.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint
John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**
¶ Then the Priest reads John 20:1-10.

Priest The Gospel of Christ.

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

SERMON

¶ Please be seated after the priest makes the sign of the cross.

CREED

¶ Please stand.

Priest Now let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess
God the Holy Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, and was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

HYMN

¶ *The priest prepares the gifts of bread and wine while the following hymn is sung and the financial offering is collected.*

All 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!

INTERCESSION

¶ *The priest brings the bread and wine into the midst of the people, so that they can be presented at the altar along with the people's prayers.*

¶ *The priest bids the people to pray. Then the minister reads several petitions, and after each one the cantor and people respond,*

Cantor Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Priest Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord.

People **And of your own have we given you.**

THANKSGIVING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is right and just so to do.**

Priest It is truly right and just, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, both God and man; who humbled himself, even to death upon the cross for us sinners; who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and saying,

All Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Priest Blessing and glory and thanksgiving are yours ...
¶ The priest continues the prayer, which concludes,
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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Priest And now as our Savior Christ hath commanded and taught us,
we are bold to pray:

All 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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

PEACE

Priest Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. Not as the world gives do I give to you."

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

¶ Please kneel, if you are able.

All We do not presume
to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under
your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest way the sin of the world:
People **Have mercy upon us.**

etc. O Lamb of God, that takest way the sin of the world:
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest way the sin of the world:
Grant us thy peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

¶ *Then the priest and minister distribute Holy Communion at the altar rail.*

¶ *Everyone is welcome to approach the altar—believers and non-believers, and members of all denominations. Holy Communion is about renewing our participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus which be initiate in baptism and continue by faith. We ask that, if you have not been baptized or if you do not believe in Christ, you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than the Body and Blood of Christ.*

¶ *Gluten-free bread is available: simply ask the Priest as he approaches you.*

HYMN

All Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness;
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendour,
there with joy your praises render
to the Lord whose grace unbounded
has this royal banquet founded:

though all other powers excelling,
with my soul he makes his dwelling.

Lord, I bow before you lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
all your mighty works I ponder—
how, by mystery surrounded,
depth no one has ever sounded,
none may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that in you are hidden.

Shining sun, my life you brighten,
radiance, you my soul enlighten;
joy, the best of all our knowing,
fountain, swiftly in me flowing:
at your feet I kneel, my Maker—
let me be a fit partaker
of this sacred food from heaven,
for our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray you,
let me gladly here obey you;
never to my hurt invited,
always by your love delighted:
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts your hands have given
let me be your guest in heaven.

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Priest Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God ...

¶ The priest continues the prayer, which concludes,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Priest The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

¶ Parish and community notices are given, then the minister dismisses the people.

Minister Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

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

HYMN

All

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!
earth and heaven in chorus say, alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; alleluia!
sing, ye heavens and earth reply: alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!
fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!
following our exalted head, alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!

UPCOMING EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, 3:00 PM *Service of the Word,
at St Peter's (Sandy Point)*

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays, 8:00 AM *Spoken Service (sermon, but no music)*

Sundays, 10:30 AM *Choral Service (both sermon and music)*

