

Easter Day
The Resurrection of our Lord



April 12, 2020



THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Officiant Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As the Officiant lights a candle, all are invited to light candles in their own homes.

The Officiant then chants

Deacon *People*

The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

The Officiant continues chanting the Exsultet

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

Deacon

The Lord be with you.

People

And al - so with you.

Deacon

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Officiant continues

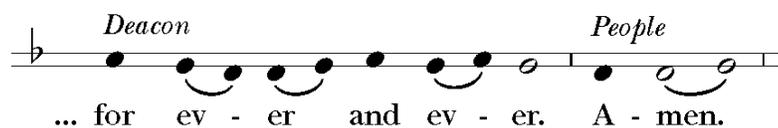
It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our mothers and fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

Holy God, accept our morning sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns...



Officiant Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

FIRST READING

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

Lector A reading from Exodus.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariot and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians.

So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Lector A reading from Jeremiah.

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 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 Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry makers.

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 Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord who is good; *
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
“The mercy of the Lord endures for ever.”
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 “The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!
The mighty 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 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; *
those who are righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me *
and has 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.

THIRD READING

Romans 6:3-11

Reader A reading from Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Jason Thomas, *tenor*
Sloane Artis, *piano*

Christ still rises when fear grips our city, when death takes no pity, when much is unknown.
Christ still rises when friends are divided, when joy feels misguided, when we are alone.
Christ still rises when churches are shuttered, when praises are muttered, when prayers go unsaid.
Christ still rises when peace has all faded, when we are most jaded, when faith turns to dread.
Christ still rises when we give to neighbors, when we share our labors, when strangers belong.
Christ still rises when we come together, when love is our tether, when hope is our song.
Christ still rises when grieving is ended, when bodies are mended, when beauty heals pain.
Christ still rises when fear has retreated, when death is defeated, and joy will remain.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Officiant 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Officiant proclaims

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Light more candles, ring bells, share your joy, and burst into song, singing

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 *5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 *6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, — Al - - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - al - ted Head, — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 E - ver - las - ting life is this, — Al - - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened pa - ra - dise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boas - ting grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Re - sur - rec - tion, thou, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739 • Tune: EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708 • Accessed at Hymnary.org

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life. In his name we pray.

All **Amen.**

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Officiant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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

People **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

All are invited to touch or sprinkle water in remembrance and renewal of baptism.

Then the Officiant continues

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*
and "A Litany Amidst the COVID-19 Outbreak" by Michael Kurth

Reader Most merciful God, we know that you are with us and that you unite us through your Holy Spirit. In peace, let us pray, saying, "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."

For Christ Church and every congregation throughout the world, that we give you praise and place our trust in you, becoming beacons of hope, faith, and love. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For the leaders of our church, Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie our bishop; for Emily, David, and Anthony our priests; for Chip our deacon; and for all who minister: fortify them to be faithful pastors, to persevere in prayer, and to build up the family of God in new and creative ways. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those in authority, especially Donald our president, Gretchen our governor, Michael our mayor, and leaders throughout the world: help them to make sound decisions to best secure our safety and the future of our planet. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For first responders; for doctors, nurses, and hospital staff; for service industry workers and those forced to work as their community shuts down; for those experiencing financial loss and uncertainty of wages. We pray especially for *Anna Basse, Michael Clay, Joe Dib, Shawna Goodfellow, Jay Harnois, Margaret Lally, George Mashour, Beth Niblock, Ian Osbourn, Ryan Tyler, Anna VanToai, Stephen Wilbert.* (People add names silently or aloud.)

Keep them safe, grant them strength and hope, and provide for them daily bread and wage.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those directly infected with the virus, for those at high risk, for those in quarantine, for the marginalized, for the poor, and for all who suffer in any way, especially *Pat Ald, Booker, Barbara Baseley, Jocelyn Burrell, Harold Cherry, Ellie Collard, David Dieter, Charles Hawkins, Emily Hill, Monique McGraw, Joe Miller, Bill Norris, Carl Pfadt, Len St. Jean, Jason Thomas, Mimi Van Scoter, Carol Ann Watson.* (People add names silently or aloud.)

Help them recover in good health, and restore them in body, mind, and spirit.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For the gifts of joy, wonder, and love, which we savor and celebrate especially in times of struggle. We pray especially for those having birthdays this week: *Katherine Maher, Caroline Widak, Susan Deeb, Raymond Deeb, Jane Forbes.* (People add names silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We remember especially all who have died from COVID-19, and those we now name. (People add names silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

VESTRY GREETING

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Unless specified as a pledge contribution, the offering today will go toward supporting our neighbors in need of basic resources such as food throughout this crisis. Please give generously at christcd.org/online-giving or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.

OFFERTORY HYMN

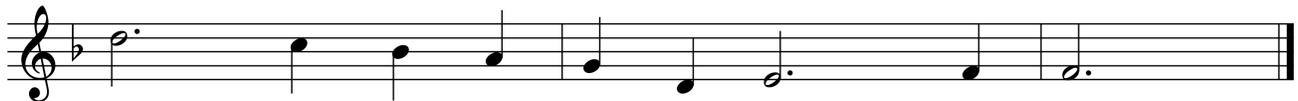
The Church of Christ in Every Age



1. The Church of Christ in ev - 'ry age Be - set by
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims
 3. Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing
 4. For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve In full o -



change but Spir - it led, Must claim and test its her - it -
 of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for bread to
 Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
 fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to share our
 be - dience to our Lord: To care for all, with - out re -



age And keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.
 fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 serve, And spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

from the *Book of Common Prayer*
 and *St. Augustine's Prayer Book* (2014)

Officiant In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our beloved Christ Church, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for all the blessings bestowed upon all of us.

Let all of us desiring communion now pray,

All **I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

CONCLUDING COLLECT

St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)

Officiant Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength. Be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways for your Name's sake. Conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness, and in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the flourishing of your children and the growth of your kingdom. In your triumphant Name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Officiant May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The strife is o'er

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. A 'Ped.' (pedal) marking is located below the bass staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.

Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. Willam Henry Monk (1826-1889)

ABOUT THE MUSIC AND ART

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