

# Easter Sunday



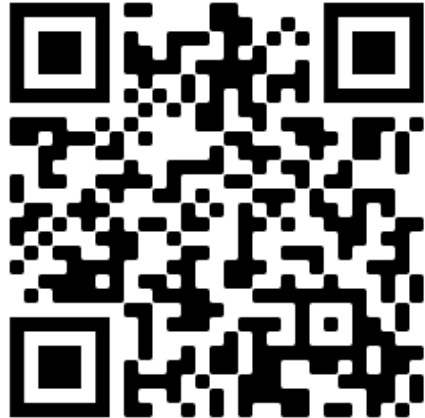
April 4, 2021

Christ Church Detroit

*A Celebration of the Resurrection  
with Distribution of Communion*

**In protection of everyone's health and safety from COVID-19,**

we humbly ask that everyone in attendance completes a brief wellness questionnaire, found on paper from an usher or by smartphone at this QR code.



You might already have completed the questionnaire by web link before arrival.

We also ask that if you begin to experience symptoms or receive a positive diagnosis following your visit to Christ Church Detroit, you immediately inform the church by contacting [officestaff@christcd.org](mailto:officestaff@christcd.org), [emily@christcd.org](mailto:emily@christcd.org), or 313-259-6688.

This questionnaire also will be used for contact tracing if necessary.

We thank you sincerely for doing your part to protect everyone.

In peace,

Christ Church Detroit



## PRELUDE

Christa Grix, *harp*

## WELCOME

## LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

*The Officiant chants excerpts of the Exsultet, an ancient proclamation typically sung at an Easter Vigil.*

*Officiant* 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.

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.

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

*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.**

*Lector* A reading from Ezekiel.

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The Celebrant may offer brief words of reflection.*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

*Officiant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Officiant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## 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, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism.

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.**

*Water is sprinkled 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.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

*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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament in one kind. If you desire a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

*The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.  
Amen.**

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

*Officiant* With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## POSTLUDE

# HAPPY EASTER!

*The mission of Christ Church is to be a diverse, inclusive community, which, through its lively worship of Jesus Christ and witness in His name, serves the Christ in all persons and stands as a beacon of hope in the heart of Detroit.*

Christ Church Detroit has been at this location since 1845 and we continually strive to be a beacon of hope through our outreach, worship, and hospitality. If you would like to know more about Christ Church, we'd love to talk with you after the service, or you can explore our website at [christcd.org](http://christcd.org). Feel free to sign up for our weekly email update (use the "Contact Us" web page or call the church office) which provides more information about Sunday worship, Christian education for all ages, and other upcoming events. If you need anything else, please speak to an usher or our clergy.

All blessings,

The People of Christ Church Detroit

## ABOUT THE ART

The image on the cover is a page from a late 17<sup>th</sup>-century Egyptian manuscript. It depicts the women, including Mary Magdalene, going to Jesus' tomb, yet finding the tomb empty and an angel there instead. The scribe was Ilyas Basim Khuri Rahib, whose work flourished during the 1680s. The image is reprinted here with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License of Vanderbilt University.