

# EASTER SUNDAY



Family Holy Eucharist  
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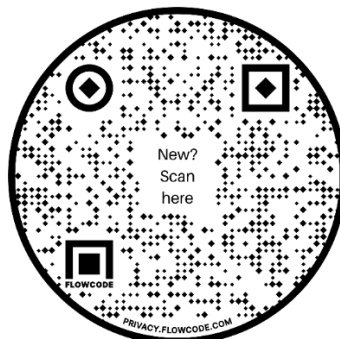
## Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We are so glad you joined us for worship today! We are blessed by your presence. If you are searching for a faith community, we hope you will consider making Christ Church your spiritual home. Christ Church embodies God's unbounded love by embracing, liberating, and empowering people, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith. We are an inclusive community where all are welcome. We hope you will greet your neighbor with a warm welcome and look forward to being together next Sunday and in the future.

## Happy Easter!

*Please silence all electronic devices. Childcare is available downstairs for infants to five-year-olds. If this is your first time joining us for worship, please consider filling out our E-Welcome Card form using the QR code below. If you have any questions or need assistance, please speak with an usher.*

*Join us for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., April 7 through May 19 in the Fowler House! Sunday School begins at three years old. One Sock On, our fellowship group for parents of infants and toddlers, meets at the same time.*



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people stand.*

Hymn 207

*Easter Hymn*



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

**THE EASTER ACCLAMATION** (*The following is said three times.*)

*Leader:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Leader:* 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.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Leader:* Through Jesus, God's love claimed victory over death, and opened for us the gate of new life forever. Lead us, risen Christ, into the mystery of Easter and fill us with your Holy Spirit so we can join you in building your kingdom of justice and love. Amen.

*All:* **Amen.**

*The people are seated*

### THE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43 God's Word, My Voice

Peter began to talk to Cornelius and the others: "I understand now that God doesn't see differences between people like we do. Everyone who believes in God and does what is right, no matter who they are or where they are from, is acceptable to God. The message sent to the people of Israel—that Jesus is Lord of all—has now spread throughout the world. The message began with God anointing Jesus with the Holy Spirit. Then Jesus went about doing good and healing people because God was with him. We all witnessed him doing that wherever he went. They killed him, but God raised him up on the third day. And after that we saw him alive, and even ate and drank with him. The risen Jesus told us it was our job to tell people what we had seen and heard, and to let people know that he was God's appointed one. Everyone who believes in him will be forgiven in his name.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand*

### THE GOSPEL

John 20:1-18 CEB

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It

wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying. Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means *Teacher*). Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of the Lord

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

## HOMILY

Ariel Rudy, *Director of Children's Ministries*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Intercessor concludes each petition with "Risen Lord,"*

**People:** Hear our prayer.

## THE PEACE

*Leader:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*You are invited to greet your neighbors with a sign of peace, such as a handshake, hug, or peace sign.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EASTER LOOSE PLATE OFFERING

*The Easter offering will be used to support the many ministries of Christ Church as we seek to proclaim God's love to the world.*

*To donate via PayPal:*



*To donate via Shelby:*



*Descant*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give  
Praise to his Name. Name.  
Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*  
He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
Now we shall live for ev - er.  
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Leader:* Holy God, we thank you for everything that you have given us: This beautiful world, our families and friends, our gift and our abilities. Especially, we thank you for sending us Jesus, your Son. Jesus came and took care of the lonely and the sick, the poor, and the people who were left out. And, he showed us how to love one another. We learned from Jesus to put you first, God, to love you and to listen for your Word to us. Jesus followed your word and went to the cross showing us that God’s love could overcome even death, and bring new life. For all this we thank you and praise you, singing:

SANCTUS S-125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Leader:* On the night before he died, Jesus sat at the table with his friends. He took the bread, thanked God for it, and gave it to them saying, “Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Whenever you eat it, remember I am with you.” Then he took the cup, thanked God for it, and gave it to them saying, “This is my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember I am with you.” We now offer this bread, this wine, and ourselves, at this table in faith remembering that:

*All:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Leader:* We ask that your Holy Spirit come to this table and fill this bread and this cup with God’s powerful love that makes all things new. We pray that we, too, will be filled with the Holy Spirit and joined together as one people blessed and filled with hope. We pray this, giving honor and praise to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

*Leader:* 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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Leader:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Leader:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to God's table to receive a blessing or communion!*

*Cross your arms over your chest for a blessing; extend your hands for the bread. When you receive the bread, you may either consume it and sip from the chalice, consume it and cross your arms over your chest to indicate you do not wish to receive wine, or hand the wafer to the Eucharistic Minister who will intinct it for you.*

*If you need a gluten-free wafer, please ask the person offering the bread.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little to ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wise; He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus take his heart of mine, make it pure and wholly thine; on the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

*Words: Jesus Loves Me by Anna Bartlett Warner*

*Music: William Batchelder Bradbury*

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn, will be our delight till by turning, turning we come round right.

*Words: Joseph Brackett, Jr.*

*Music: Simple Gifts, Joseph Brackett, Jr.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Leader:* Let us pray.

**All: God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**



## THE EASTER BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace.  
Be of good courage.  
Hold fast to that which is good.  
Render to no one evil for evil.  
Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; Honor all persons.  
Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and evermore. **Amen.**

## This Little Light of Mine

*Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Leader:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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## EASTER SPECIAL GIFTS

*In memory of:*

Abu Adenan  
Asiah Adenan  
Mary and Virgil Baird  
Sherman W. Broka  
James Peter Brown  
Jack and Jo Burns  
Charles and Margaret Burns  
Enid & Bill Carbaugh  
Charles & Delza Chadbourn  
Donald L. and Elinor W. Dickson  
William Drago  
Ronald Galliher  
Susanne Harvey  
Sally and Ray McMurray  
Alice Merrell  
Alice Mullen  
William Brooke Power  
Joanne Karen Prittie  
Harry L. and Mary W. Rudolph  
Walter and Mary Scott  
Robert Allen Smith  
The Soleliacs  
Leon & Margaret Stroud  
Fay Weirich

*In honor of:*

Christ Church Chancel  
Christ Church Choir  
Bruce Denslow  
Edwin & Ruth Lukmire  
Gerry and Betty Stacy  
M. Jason Abel and Music at Christ Church