

CHRIST CHURCH



THE SUNDAY OF THE FEAST
of the
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 1, 2018

WE VALUE YOUR CHILDREN

Liturgical worship is child friendly: repetition, movement, and engagement of all your senses. We also provide **nursery care (0-4 yrs)** during the service. Check-in begins 15 minutes before each service. You will receive a sticker with a code that matches the code on your child's name tag. If you have a child in diapers, please leave all the necessary supplies with our nursery care providers.

Children (4-9 yrs) are invited to participate in catechesis, where they will enjoy a structured time of prayer, Bible teaching, and Christian formation. Children will be dismissed to leave with their teachers early in the service and then return for Holy Communion. If you prefer, your children are welcome to stay with you during the service.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who come with faith in Christ and genuine repentance for sin are welcomed at the Lord's Table. Any person who has doubts about his or her preparedness to receive the Sacrament is urged to seek godly advice and direction as soon as is possible. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please feel free to receive the bread only. Simply cross your hands over your chest when you pass the chalice bearer by to indicate you do not wish to receive the wine. The ancient Christian teaching is that the full grace of the Sacrament is received whether one receives only the consecrated bread or both bread and wine.

If you are not receiving Holy Communion today you are still invited to come forward to receive a blessing. When you come forward, if you are not receiving the sacrament, please indicate this by crossing your arms in front of your chest. If you prefer you may remain in your pew and offer a prayer such as those provided in the back of this booklet for those who are not receiving the Sacrament.

During the distribution of Holy Communion we also encourage those who desire special prayer for healing or other needs to pray with our prayer team.

**IN REVERENCE TO GOD, PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES.
THANK YOU!**



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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And with your spirit**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from Acts 10:34-43.

After the Reading

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 118:14-17, 22-24

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
 and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
 in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
 the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
 the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, *
 and declare the works of the Lord.

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.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from Colossians 3:1-4.

After the Reading

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God!**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 16:1-8.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

After the Reading

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

THE SERMON

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**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 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,
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 worshiped 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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died in Christ, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer this 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, bring us to that heavenly country where, with 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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed, once for all upon the cross,

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

THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY 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.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his

sight; and the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. *Amen*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord!

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

SUGGESTED PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

O Lord, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I seek you. For I cannot seek you unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing, and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love, and love you in finding. Amen.

—*Saint Ambrose of Milan, c. 340 - 397*

Heavenly Father, I am in a far country, destitute and distant from you. Create in me the desire and grant me the strength to arise and return to you. And seeing my return, Father, run quickly to embrace me, fall on my neck and kiss me, and claim me as your beloved child who was dead, but is alive again, who was lost but is now found. Amen.

—*From Luke 15:11-32*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and for the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord Jesus, I believe that you offer yourself in this Sacrament. I desire to love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you in Holy Communion, be present to me by your Word and the fellowship of your Church. As though you have already come, by faith I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Never permit me to be separated from you, for your great love's sake. Amen.



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