

# EASTER DAY

MARCH 31, 2024  
5 P.M.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
Houston, Texas



the well

*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839,  
this Christian community has gathered for worship.*

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## **The Sunday of the Resurrection The Holy Eucharist**

*five o'clock in the evening*

THE REV. CANON LIZ KRONENBERG  
Celebrant

CHELSEA BERNER  
CANTOR

*Good evening and welcome to The Well. The order of service has been adapted  
to observe the holy season of Easter. We are so glad that you are here.  
Come close, draw near, and receive the grace of God.*

### OPENING MUSIC

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH TUNES

### PRAYER FOR THE EVENING

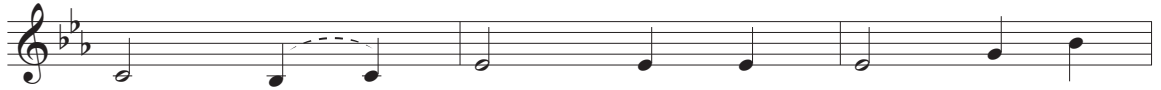
Christ, you are risen from the dead. We are risen with you. May our life never deny this eternal life, this peace and hope and joy. Praise and glory to the God of life who is stronger than all kinds of death. Alleluia. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

# HYMN



1. Love is the wel - come that comes \_\_\_\_ from the  
4. Love is the tab - le that's laid \_\_\_\_ for a  
5. Love is the life that re - sponds \_\_\_\_ to a



heart And \_\_\_\_ o - pens its door to the  
feast at the meet - ing of sis - ters and  
call and \_\_\_\_ choos - es its truth as its



stran - ger, Which makes of its  
broth - ers. In bread that is  
treas - ures and walks with the



house a \_\_\_\_ rest - ing - place for all, For the  
shared and the wine that is poured out, is the  
one who says, 'Come and fol - low me, for to



sake of the babe in the man - ger.  
life that was brok - en for oth - ers.  
show you the way is my pleas - ure.'

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Living Lord, whose love displaced the gravity of stone; you entrusted women, who loved beyond death, with news of resurrection: we praise you for the open gospel which ends where Easter faith begins; accept our fear, our disbelief and take us into this new world led by the risen Son; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

*Confitemini Domino*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
“His mercy endures for ever.”

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

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

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

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

The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

“This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

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.

On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Please stand.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1–8

*Priest* 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.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit. A period of silence is observed.*

## THE REFLECTION

*A period of silence is observed following the reflection.*

## HYMN

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's  
2. He speaks, and list'ning to his voice new life the dead re -  
praise, the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his  
ceive, the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be -  
grace! My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro -  
lieve. Glo - ry to God and praise and love be now and e - ver  
claim. and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
giv'n by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the Church in earth and heav'n.

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## INTERCESSION FOR EASTER

*The intercessor says*

Jesus has risen from the dead! Alleluia!

By his cross he has defeated the power of evil; and through his resurrection we are set free. Alleluia! Lord, without your resurrection our faith would be empty and without hope. But you are alive, and we rejoice and dance and wonder in the mystery of your presence among us.

We pray for your church: free us from the shackles of guilt and legalism, and help us to proclaim the message of healing and forgiveness for which you died.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, your friends and disciples must have been utterly bereft at your death, with all their hope and purpose broken. So we pray now for those who are in darkness and pain today: those facing the keen disappointment of broken hopes; lives damaged by broken relationships and broken trust; people with broken hearts; bodies broken by torture; and spirits broken by injustice;

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray, Lord, for broken communities, and we ask your forgiveness for our own apathy, and our desire to wash our hands of involvement in the plight of others.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, surround with your presence and peace those who are ill, and the families, friends and hospital staff who care for them.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers, and take them up into your creative energy of love which you let loose into the world on those extraordinary Passover days.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## SILENT PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING

*Following the Intercession during the instrumental music, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayer. As we see others light candles, we recognize that we are all carrying prayer concerns known to us alone, and we are reminded to treat one another with kindness and care. Tapers and votives are located to the right of the altar and in front of the transept to the left. Please feel free to go to either of these places to light a candle.*

## THE PEACE

*The Celebrant says*

Christ descended to death and hell, passed through doors locked by fear to breathe the Spirit of peace and make us one humanity; nothing can now separate us from the love of God.

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

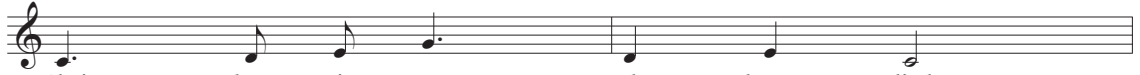
*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, after which the people are seated for brief announcements.*



# OFFERTORY HYMN



1. Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers;  
 2. Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple  
 3. Christ has ris - en and for ev - er



Christ has ris - en where hope died  
 whom he died to love and save;  
 lives to chal - lenge and to change



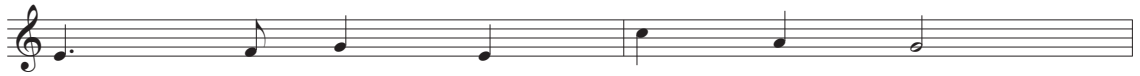
as he said and as he prom - ised,  
 Christ has ris - en for the wom - en  
 all whose lives are messed or man - gled,



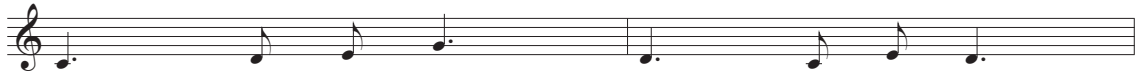
as we doubt - ed and de - nied.  
 bring - ing flowers to grace his grave.  
 all who find re - li - gion strange.



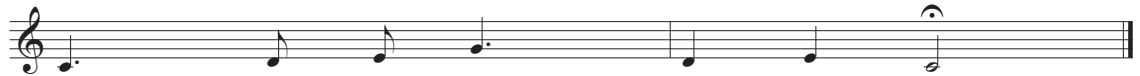
Let the moon em - brace the bless - ing;  
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples  
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent



let the sun sus - tain the cheer;  
 hud - dled in an up - stairs room.  
 mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con - firm the ru - mor:  
 God whose word in - spired cre - a - tion  
 ev - i - dence of trans - for - ma - tion



Christ is ris - en, God is here!  
 can't be si - lenced by the tomb.  
 in which God is known and seen.

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*The people stand.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom.

From the nothingness of slavery you called a people into being and led them to springs of life; the presence of your glory went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands and gathered from the valley of despair the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed; you spoke to those considered dead and helped them stand again; he taught us to die that we might live.

He gave himself for us tortured and forsaken, but he could not be confined by death; in the garden he speaks our name, in the breaking of the bread he shows himself among us; by the lakeside, in the new day, he calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness, with the women at the tomb, and the men who hid in fear we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn and join the undying song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread and broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper, he took the cup saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people without number will come from east and west, north and south, to share the kingdom meal.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, 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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant* Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

*People* **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

*At the direction of the ushers you are invited to form a single line in the central aisle to receive Communion in front of the altar. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask the priest. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world; may the risen Saviour draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him; may the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you this night and always. **Amen.**

## HYMN



1. God a - bove, God be - low, God be - fore and be -  
 2. Be my thoughts, be my deeds, be my ebb and my  
 3. Morn - ing Star, Per - fect Lamb, Ris - en King o - ver

hind; God with - in all of my life, in my heart, in my  
 flow; make me seed that is plant - ed, to be wheat that will  
 death; Word of God, Son of Mar - y be our life, be our

mind. Mer - ci - ful, migh - ty King, hea - ven's Son we will  
 grow. Je - sus Christ, Liv - ing Hope, Lord of sea and of  
 breath. Full of truth, full of grace, Ho - ly God, Love su -

praise. God en - folds, God sur - rounds through - out all of our days  
 sky be our health while we live, be our new life when we die.  
 preme; King of kings, Pre - cious One, fill us with your peace se - rene.

TUNE: THE DARK ISLAND (traditional Scottish melody, arr. Keith Duke) ~ Words: Paul Neeley, alt.

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the Son of God to you. Deep peace, deep peace.

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

## CLOSING MUSIC

### TRADITIONAL IRISH TUNE

Becky Baxter, *Music Coordinator and Harpist for The Well*

Dr. Kimberly Clark, *flautist*

Sally Keller, *cellist*



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**If you are new to the Cathedral or feel that you are**, you're invited to join us for a Newcomers Welcome Party on Wednesday, April 10, from 6-8 p.m. Get to know the clergy, staff, church leaders, and fellow newcomers at this relaxed gathering. For questions or to RSVP and receive address details, contact Elizabeth Cuevas, Minister for Community Life and Welcome, at [ecuevas@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:ecuevas@christchurchcathedral.org)

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