



EASTER DAY

APRIL 4, 2021
11 A.M.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Houston, Texas

About the Liturgy

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death
by death and giving life to those in the tomb.*

The Feast of the Resurrection of Christ is the “queen of feasts,” the greatest and oldest feast of the Christian Church. Its importance is emphasized by the long preparation of Lent and Holy Week. Having prepared our hearts during the forty days of Lent to receive the Good News of Christ’s resurrection, we celebrate Easter with great joy.

Today we sing the *Gloria in Excelsis* for the first time since Lent began. Dating from the fourth century, this hymn begins with the song of the angels from Luke’s Gospel. Alleluia is also reintroduced at the Easter Feast. Throughout the Church’s history, the Alleluia has been used as an expression of joy that is especially appropriate in Eastertide. “Christians are an Easter people; Alleluia is our song.”

The Greek word *pascha*, meaning Passover, is the root of the English *paschal*. This reminds us that the Festival of the Resurrection is the Christian Passover, and the Easter Eucharist, like every Holy Communion, is a sharing in the risen life of Jesus Christ.

The traditional posture of prayer in the Easter season is standing. The church fathers interpreted such posture as a sign of our approach to God as God’s children rather than as slaves and as a symbol of our being raised by Jesus Christ. The council of Nicea forbade kneeling for prayer during the Great Fifty Days of Easter and so confession of sin is omitted during Eastertide. Indeed the Great Fifty Days of Easter, from the Great Vigil until Pentecost, is a season to celebrate the joy of the Lord’s Resurrection.

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

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral! We are so pleased you have chosen to worship with us. Bishop Doyle has issued guidelines to keep us all safe in this season of COVID-19, so in-person worship will look and feel different from the worship to which we are accustomed.

If you must leave the service for any reason, please exit through the east transept door and return through the bell porch door.

You will be seated physically-distanced from any individuals not in your household or with whom you are not a “pod” in order to promote good health. At the Holy Eucharist, only bread will be shared. This is called “Communion in one kind,” and it is a full measure of grace.

Know that as you worship in the Cathedral, you are joined in real-time by hundreds of fellow worshipers through livestreaming technology. If you have concerns about your health or safety, or that of the people in your household, worshipping with the Cathedral online will continue to be an option. We love you and want you to do what is best for you and those you love! Let us prepare our hearts to worship the Lord!

The Sunday of the Resurrection **The Holy Eucharist: Rite One**

eleven o'clock in the morning

THE VERY REV. BARKLEY S. THOMPSON, *Dean*
Celebrant

OPENING PRELUDE

Canzona per Sonare No. 4

My Spirit Rejoices

Canzona per Sonare No. 2

Giovanni Gabrieli (1557–1612)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Giovanni Gabrieli

Brass Ensemble and Tympani

Grand Chœur

Guy Weitz (1883–1970)

Daryl Robinson, Cathedral Organist



THE EASTER MUSIC WAS GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR
OF ROBERT L. SIMPSON, CANON FOR MUSIC.



AT THE PROCESSION
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 179

Fortunatus

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say;
2 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
3 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!
2 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
3 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
2 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
3 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!
2 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
3 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

Refrain

"Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say.

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Fortunatus*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

OPENING SALUTATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM OF PRAISE

Jacobus Gallus (1550–1591)

This is the day, the day the Lord hath made: we will all rejoice, be glad in it. Alleluia.

— *Psalm 118:24*

The Cathedral Choirs

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 210

Ellacombe

Descant

2 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch... der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.; adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973)
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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Celebrant addresses the People in these words, all standing

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.

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

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our Bishops; and 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, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 114

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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In celebration of the Easter season, the People remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our

redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and People

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the People, the Celebrant says
 The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Episcopal Church invites all baptized persons to receive Communion. Please remain in your pew, and priests will bring Communion to you. If you do not wish to receive Communion, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free communion wafers are available for persons with dietary restrictions. Notify the priest during the administration and one will be offered.

The people may be seated until the priest approaches your pew with Communion.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

CAROL

Anthony Foster (1926–2012)

Christ the Lord is risen again!
 Christ hath broken every chain!
 Hark! the angels shout for joy,
 Singing evermore on high.

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n again!

He who gave for us his life,	He who bore all pain and loss
Who for us endured the strife,	Comfortless upon the cross
Is our Paschal Lamb today;	Lives in glory now on high,
We too sing for joy, and say.	Pleads for us, and hears our cry.

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
 Christ, today thy people feed;
 Take our sins and guilt away,
 That we all may sing for ay.

— *Michael Weisse; trans. Catherine Winkworth*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 207

Easter Hymn

Descant

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!

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!

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!

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!

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DISMISSAL

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

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Tocatta from *Symphony V*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

Vocal Quartet

Michelle Girardot

Joshua Chavira

Justin Shen

Fredy Bonilla

Brass Ensemble and Tympani

Carrie Schaffer, trumpet

James Wilson, french horn

Mark Barton, tuba

Gerry Mata, trumpet

Mark Holley, trombone

Richard Brown, tympani

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Welcome

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Announcements

- ❖ **Welcome** • If you are a guest today, we offer a warm welcome to Christ Church! Please complete a virtual welcome card at christchurchcathedral.org/welcome so we can get to know you. Feel free to contact the cathedral offices during the week at 713-222-2593 and let the receptionist know you would like to learn more about Christ Church Cathedral.
- ❖ **Upcoming Dean's Hours** • In a three-part Dean's Hour Easter Series, Canon Vicar Kathy Pfister will examine what it means to "keep the feast" April 11, 18, and 25. Then, Sundays May 2–24, Dean Thompson will explore in-depth the many ways human beings understand love by taking a look at C.S. Lewis' classic text *The Four Loves*. Learn more and sign up at: christchurchcathedral.org/deanshour.
- ❖ **May Fete** • Get ready for a day of pageantry, merriment, and games. Our annual May Fete celebration takes place on Sunday, May 2 beginning at 10 a.m. Come be a part of this wonderful tradition which has been a fixture at the Cathedral for more than 100 years, or join in the fun virtually. Learn more at christchurchcathedral.org/mayfete.
- ❖ **Racial Reconciliation and the Baptismal Covenant** • May 14–15 the Cathedral's Justice & Peace Council will host the conference "Racial Reconciliation and the Baptismal Covenant: Striving for Justice and Peace Among All People." The conference will be held via Zoom and Facebook Premiere. Register in advance to attend. Details at: christchurchcathedral.org/reconciliation
- ❖ **Via Cathedral: Journey through Easter** • A pilgrimage is typically a journey toward a specific destination; often a place of spiritual and/or historical importance. We are embarking on a pilgrimage in groups, and all are invited to join a walking team to go on a virtual journey of the Camino de Santiago. Small groups will also be created to discuss a brand new curriculum developed by Canon Becky Zartman. Learn more about ways to participate in this new program during the Easter season at christchurchcathedral.org/viacathedral.
- ❖ **Get Connected** • To learn more about the ministries of Christ Church Cathedral and how you can get involved, read our monthly newsletter *The Bulletin*, see our upcoming events, and subscribe to our weekly e-newsletters to stay informed. You can find all this information and more at: christchurchcathedral.org/connect
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