



**Worship Booklet for Christ the Lord Church**  
**=== In-Person Service with Full Eucharist ===**  
**Easter Day: Sunday, April 4, 2021**  
**The Season of Easter**  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Introduction-** Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

**The Honoring of the Paschal Candle**

Celebrant     Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: 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.*

*To be sung three times*

Deacon        The light of Christ.

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

**The Exsultet**

Deacon        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. *Amen.*

Deacon        The Lord be with you.

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

Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Deacon 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.

This is the time, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the time, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the time, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all the 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.*

## The Word of God

**Opening Hymn** – Hymnal #207, “Jesus Christ is Risen Today,” v. 1, 2 & 4

Verse 1:

Jesus Christ is risen today, Al—le-lu-ia!  
our triumphant holy day, Al—le-lu-ia!  
who did once upon the cross, Al—le-lu-ia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Al—le-lu-ia!

Verse 2:

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al—le-lu-ia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Al—le-lu-ia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Al—le-lu-ia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Al—le-lu-ia!

Verse 4:

Sing we to our God above, Al—le-lu-ia!  
praise eternal as his love, Al—le-lu-ia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Al—le-lu-ia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al—le-lu-ia!



## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Celebrant Let us pray:

*All 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*

**Gloria** *Celebrant and People say together*

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Collect, Lessons, and Gospel:

### Collect for Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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 be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

### The First Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

*Reader:*        *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he  
might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24    *Confitemini Domino*

*Reader:*        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.

**The Second Reading** – Acts 10:34-43

*Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

**Celtic Alleluia**



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**The Gospel – Mark 16:1-8**

Presider        The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People        Glory to you, O 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.

Presider        The Gospel of our Savior.

*People        Praise to you, O Christ.*

**The Sermon – Rev. Lois**

**The Nicene Creed**    *From The Book of Common Prayer*

*We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made human.*

*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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.*

**Prayers of the People** *For Easter Day, from Planning for Rites and Rituals, Year B, 2020-2021*

Reader: God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

**People:** *We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!*

Reader: God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to work of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory.

**People:** *We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!*

Reader: God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to be present with them and reflect your love for them.

**People:** *We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!*

Reader: God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty.

**People:** *We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!*

Reader: God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence.

**People:** *We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!*

*At this time, please add your own prayers of intercession, remembrance, and thanksgiving.*

Presider ending collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### The Doxology

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

### Eucharistic Prayer A *From the Book of Common Prayer*

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.*

Celebrant 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:

### Sanctus

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

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Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.*

**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 Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

### Fraction Anthem

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread, when we drink this  
cup, we pro - claim your death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you  
come, un - til you come in glo - ry!

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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.

*Following the cue of the Priest, we will have communion together.*

You may participate at home by taking your prepared hosts at this time if you so desire.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving *Celebrant and People together*

*Lord God, you have nourished us with the Easter sacrament:  
fill us with the spirit of your love, and unite us in faith;  
that we may be witnesses to the resurrection  
and show your glory to all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Closing Hymn**– Hymnal #178, “Alleluia, Alleluia,” v. 1, 3 & 4

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

Verse 1:

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.  
(to Refrain)

Verse 3:

We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live for ever.  
(to Refrain)

Verse 4:

Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior.  
(to Refrain)

Descant for Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Praise to his Name.

**Easter Blessing**

Presider Lord, the resurrection of your Son  
has given us new life and renewed hope.  
Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.  
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,  
the will to want to do it,  
the courage to undertake it,  
the perseverance to continue to do it,  
and the strength to complete it. *Amen.*

**Dismissal**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!*



**Please note that this is a hybrid service of the Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Day to meet everyone's pastoral needs after being separated from church for so long.**

## **Announcements**

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