



CHRIST
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH



The Great Vigil of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite II
April 4, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Abbreviations

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Red Book)

H = Hymnal 1982 (Blue Book)

LEVAS = Lift Every Voice and Sing (Red and Black Book)

WLP = Wonder, Love, and Praise (Green Book)



*Please remember to silence your cell phones.
Thank you!*

Prayer Before Worship (BCP, 833)

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

SalutationBCP 285

The Blessing of the Paschal Candle

The Light of ChristHymnal S-68

The Exsultet..... BCP 286

The Liturgy of the Word..... BCP 288

The story of Creation

Psalm 136:1-9,23-26..... Insert, Pg 4

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

Canticle 8, *The Song of Moses*Insert, Pg 5

Learn wisdom and live

Psalm 19Insert, Pg 7

A new heart and a new spirit

Psalm 42 & 43 Insert, Pg 9

The valley of dry bones

Psalm 143 Insert, Pg 12

The gathering of God's people

Psalm 98 Insert, Pg 14

The First Eucharist of Easter

Dressing of Altar*Risen Today*¹

Salutation BCP 294

GloriaHymnal S-280

Collect of the Day.....Insert

Epistle Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 114Insert

Great AlleluiaHymnal S-70

GospelMatthew 28:1-10

HomilyFr. Daniel

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows	BCP 292
Prayers of the People (Form III).....	BCP 387
Peace.....	BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem	<i>Christ is Risen! Alleluia!</i> ²
Presentation of Gifts	H 380, v.3
Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B.....	BCP 367
Holy, Holy, Holy (<i>Sanctus</i>).....	Hymnal S-130
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of Bread.....	Hymnal S-164
	<i>Please tell an Usher if you need Communion brought to you.</i>
Communion	H 187, H 178, LEVAS 42
Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 365
Blessing	
St. Francis Prayer	BCP 833
Processional into World	H 210
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude	

Psalm 136:1-9,23-26

Confitemini

*Pause at the * and silently say the name Jesus before continuing to the next line.*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of gods, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who only does great wonders, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

Who by wisdom made the heavens, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

Who spread out the earth upon the waters, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

Who created great lights, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

The sun to rule the day, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

The moon and the stars to govern the night, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

And delivered us from our enemies, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

Who gives food to all creatures, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Canticle 8, *The Song of Moses*

(Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)

Cantemus Domino

*Pause at the * and silently say the name Jesus before continuing to the next line.*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and
uplifted: *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the
sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he
hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the
enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among
the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome
in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you
redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to
your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself,
O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has
established.

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.

Psalm 19

Coeli enarrant

*Pause at the * and silently say the name Jesus before continuing to the next line.*

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language *
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his
chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the
heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the
comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from
presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion
over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 42 & 43

42 *Quemadmodum*

*Pause at the * and silently say the name Jesus before continuing to the next line.*

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the
living God; *

when shall I come to appear before the
presence of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
“Where now is your God?”

I pour out my soul when I think on these
things; *

how I went with the multitude and led
them into the house of God,

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God; *

for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the
help of my countenance, and my God.

My soul is heavy within me; *

therefore I will remember you from the
land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar
among the heights of Hermon.

One deep calls to another in the noise of
your cataracts; *
 all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
The LORD grants his loving-kindness in
the daytime; *
 in the night season his song is with me,
 a prayer to the God of my life.
I will say to the God of my strength,
“Why have you forgotten me? *
 and why do I go so heavily while the enemy
 oppresses me?”
While my bones are being broken, *
 my enemies mock me to my face;
All day long they mock me *
 and say to me, “Where now is your God?”
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
 and why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in God; *
 for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the
 help of my countenance, and my God.

43 *Judica me, Deus*

Give judgment for me O God, and defend my
cause against an ungodly people; *
 deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
For you are the God of my strength;
why have you put me from you? *
 and why do I go so heavily while the enemy
 oppresses me?

Send out your light and your truth,
that they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill and
to your dwelling;

That I may go to the altar of God,
to the God of my joy and gladness; *
and on the harp I will give thanks to you,
O God my God.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the
help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 143

Domine, exaudi

*Pause at the * and silently say the name Jesus before continuing to the next line.*

Lord, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness
heed my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.

Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be
justified.

For my enemy has sought my life;
he has crushed me to the ground; *
he has made me live in dark places
like those who are long dead.

My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the time past;
I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands.

I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

O LORD, make hast to answer me; my spirit
fails me; *
do not hide your face from me or
I shall be like those who go down to the
Pit.

Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the
morning, for I put my trust in you; *
show me the road that I must walk,
for I lift up my soul to you.

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, *
for I flee to you for refuge.

Teach me to do what pleases you,
for you are my God; *

let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; *
for your righteousness' sake,
bring me out of trouble.

Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
and bring all my foes to naught, *
for truly I am your servant.

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

*Pause at the * and silently say the name Jesus before continuing to the next line.*

Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sounds of the horn *
should with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before
the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Collect of the Day

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (6:3-11)

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

In exitu Israel

*Pause at the * and silently say the name Jesus before continuing to the next line.*

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people
of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." (28:1-10)

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All Baptized Christians are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive Holy Communion. All are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing.

Spiritual Communion for those Unable to Receive

For those watching the service on YouTube, the following prayer may be said during communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

Prayer After Worship (BCP, 834)

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Serving Today

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Daniel Johnson, O.P.A.
<i>Pianist/Organist</i>	Hannah Massey
<i>Soloist</i>	Roy Smith
<i>Lectors</i>	Wayne Knepp (Reading 1) Susan Midland (Reading 2) Joseph L. Ilk (Reading 3) Stephanie Smith (Reading 4) Mark DePollo (Reading 5) John Symonds (Reading 6) Penny Knepp (E)
<i>Litanist</i>	John Symonds
<i>Crucifer/Chalice</i>	Jeff Massey
<i>Acolyte/Chalice</i>	Connie Hockaday
<i>Usher</i>	Joseph L. Ilk
<i>Streaming</i>	TBD
<i>Altar Guild</i>	All Teams

Additional Liturgies

Weekday Eucharist – Wednesday
12:00 pm Celtic Eucharist (Church)

**There will be no Celtic Eucharist on
April 8th.**

Online Services

Tuesday through Friday
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
5:00 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

**There will be no Morning or Evening Prayer
service from April 6th through April 14th.**

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Announcements

Welcome to Christ Church! We are glad to have you worshipping with us today. If you would like to be added to our email list, if you have a prayer request, or if you would like to speak with the priest, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.



If you would like to donate to Christ Church electronically, please scan the QR Code above with your phone's camera to access our giving page. You can also Text CCSPOTSY to 73256 to donate or go to our website, <https://www.christchurchspotsy.com/give>.

We will have our regular services tomorrow for Easter Sunday; 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m..



Easter Egg Hunt

Tomorrow there will be an Easter Craft Party at 9:30 a.m. and an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. for the children.

¹ *Risen Today*, by William Cutter

² *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!* by Lloyd Larson