



S E R V I C E O F W O R S H I P

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Nine o'clock and Eleven o'clock



The significance of the resurrection claim is that, despite how tragic and hopeless present situations and circumstances appear to be, there is a God who sits high and looks low, a God who came into this filthy, fallen world in the form of a common peasant in order to commence a new epoch, an epoch in which Easter focuses our attention on the decisive victory of Jesus Christ and hence the possibility of our victory over every form of death.

-Cornel West

Entrance

PRELUDE Now the Green Blade Riseth (*Easter carol*) arr. Kevin McChesney
The Christ Church Bell Choir

INTROIT Christ Now is Ris'n G. F. Handel

Christ now is ris'n.
O'er death he has triumphed;
and now He reigns forever.

Let all the people rejoice,
and all the people rejoice,
and say: Christ is the King,
He saved the world!

Christ is the King!
Now the Lord lives forever,
Amen, Alleluja!

*EASTER ACCLAMATION

Minister: Siblings in Christ, death's dominion is now behind us with the night, and the morning light has illumined a new and glorious truth! All that remains is the empty tomb and the wrappings of pain and death. The Lord is risen! He is no longer among the dead!

People: Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen! The new morning fills our hearts with joy and hope! Let us worship together with joyful songs and an unbreakable faith in our living Lord! For Christ the Lord is risen today!

*FANFARE AND PROCESSIONAL HYMN Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
(verse 1: all; verse 2: upper voices)

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

*EASTER LITANY

Minister: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
 Exult, all creation around God's throne!
 Jesus Christ our Lord is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Minister: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
 radiant in the brightness of our risen Lord!
 Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
 Darkness vanishes forever!
 Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Minister: Rejoice, O Church! Exult in glory!
 The risen Savior shines upon you!
 Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Minister: Let this place resound with joy,
 echoing the mighty song of all God's people!
 Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Minister: It is truly right that we should praise you,
invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your Son,
Jesus Christ. For Christ has risen, victorious over
the powers of sin and death!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today
(See previous page: verse 3: lower voices; verse 4: all)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Minister: As we draw near to God in the truth of God's
Spirit let us confess our sin before God and before one another.
The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray together.

**All: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among
the dead, but we confess before you that we
gravitate still toward the things of death.
Hatred too often hardens our hearts.
Resentment too frequently occupies
our spirits. Indifference too regularly
stifles a spirit of compassion and
servanthood. Increase in our minds and hearts
the risen life we share with Christ.
Make us to die every day to sin, that we
might know the joy of resurrection
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Silence

Minister: Hear the Good News, siblings: God shows no partiality, but looks
with acceptance upon all who love God and who receive God's forgiveness.
Believe the Good News: Christ is risen, and we are forgiven!

**People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God for the forgiveness
we know in the risen Christ!**

RESPONSE

Heaven

text: Langston Hughes
music: Ricky Ian Gordon

Megan Gallagher, soprano

Heaven is the place where
Happiness is ev'rywhere,
Animals and birds sing,
as does ev'rything
To each stone, "How do you do?"
Stone answers back, "Well, and you?"
Heaven is the place where
Happiness is ev'rywhere.

WELCOME

*THE PEACE

Children are invited to Sunday School on the 4th floor; nursery care on the 5th floor at 11am

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Eternal Source of Truth, open our hearts and minds, that the good news we hear today through your Word take root within us, that our lives might bear witness to the triumph of love over fear and life over death. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

Sweet Home

African-American Spiritual
setting: Steve Pilkington

Sweet home, my Lord,
I wonder if I'll ever get home.

Christ has arisen from the dead.
Let us rejoice and sing alleluia!
Go spread the news,
He's not in the grave,
Conquering death, our souls to save.
Let us bring praises and shouts of great joy.
Death's fearful sting, his new life does destroy.
Christ has arisen to set us free;
Jesus is living allelu!

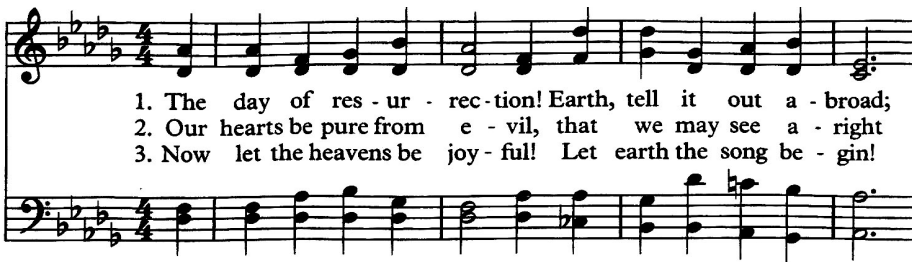
O sweet home,
Thank you, Jesus,
(He's alive.)
Risen from the dead.
O glory hallelujah, glory! Hallelujah!
O, my sweetest home!

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN, 20:1-18

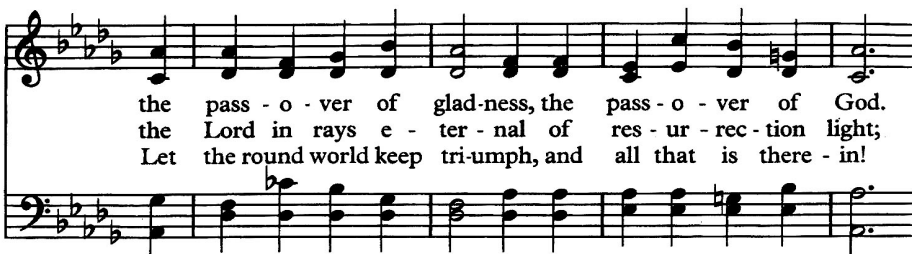
Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.

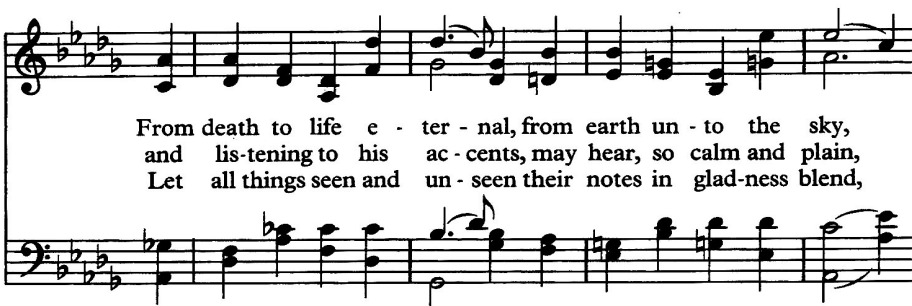
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth the song be - gin!



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is there - in!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes in glad - ness blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

MESSAGE

"You Look Like You've Seen a Ghost!"

Rev. Eric Park

Responding

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all.
 You give us eternal life itself and the capacity to serve others in love.
 Bless these offerings for the sake of those in need, and our lives to your service,
 that the risen Christ might be glorified. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

(Please place your gift in the offering receptacle as it is passed. Alternatively, you may make your offering via your smartphone by texting "CCNYC" to 77977 to give.)

Christ has arisen, risen today,
He rose up from the grave.
He has won the victory.

He has arisen, risen today.
He alive rose up from the grave,
He has won the victory.

He has arisen, risen today.
He rose up from the grave.
He rose up from the dead.
He has won the victory.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Sung to "Christ the Lord is Risen Today")

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

People: God of pow'r and God of might.

Choir: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

People: Alleluia!

Choir: Bless'd is he who comes in God's name,

People: Alleluia!

Choir: Hosanna in the highest heav'n,

People: Alleluia!

Minister: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit, your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Choir: Christ has died, Christ is risen,

People: Alleluia!

Choir: Christ will come again to reign,

People: Alleluia!

Minister: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast together
at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Choir: Amen. Amen;

People: Alleluia!

Choir: Amen, Amen;

People: Alleluia!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*All are welcomed at God's Table; gluten free bread is available, please inform the Communion server of your need;
de-alcoholized wine is used in our celebration of the Lord's Supper.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds arr. Tyler Weakland
The Christ Church Bell Choir

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands Negro Spiritual
Laquita Mitchell, soprano arr. Margaret Bonds

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (IN UNISON)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may move from this table and into
the world in the light of Christ, that our
lives might shine with a love that honors our Savior.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Going Forth

*HYMN

Thine Be the Glory

All 1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
Upper Voices 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;
All 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain
 Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Joseph Jongen

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR

Avery Peterman
Megan Gallagher
Inmi Song
Laquita Mitchell
Liz Richter
Katya Grizglina
Barbara Kurka
Cara Search
Kathryn Marshall
AddieRose Brown
Sophie Delphis
Mathew Henry
Austin Turner
Talen Piner
Cory Davis
Bob Conley
Tim Wentlaff
Daniel Rosenberg
Larry Long
Margot Milville

ORCHESTRA

Elizabeth Lim-Dutton, violin 1a
Yukie Handa, violin 1b
Shinwon Kim, violin 2a
Kristina Giles, violin 2b
Joana Miranda, viola 1
Nikki Federman, viola 2
Sean Katsuyama, cello
Brad Aikman, bass
Lillian Copeland, oboe 1
Erin Gustafson, oboe 2
Andy Anderson, percussion
Andrew Beall, percussion

THE CHRIST CHURCH BELL CHOIR

Elizabeth Brown
Cory Davis
Winona Green
Rebecca Grudzina-Macias
Jennifer Hayes
Kaye Horstman
Liza Horstman
Talen Piner
Elizabeth Robertson
Daniel Rosenberg
Paul Speiser
Andy Anderson, cymbells

**The Easter music and flowers on the altar
are given to the glory of God and in memory of**

My mother, Marilee McAnespie, *by John Paul Cleveland*

Joseph A. Keibler and Rosemarie Walz *by Jim and Rozella Clyde*

Lou Diehl *by Judy Diehl*

Our parents: Emilia and Benjamin Soriano; Virginia Torres Domingo and F. M. Domingo
by Mary Anne and Dan Domingo

My grandmothers, Mary Agnus Foley and Angus “Bobby” Burton, *by Vidya Foley*

My mother, Marie L. Green, *by Winona A. Green*

Judy Jenkins and Lois Malmgren *by Janet Jenkins and Peter Giakoumis*

John Graham, beloved husband and father, *by Barbara and Grace Kruka*

Inez Grant and Carolyn Halpert *by Barbara Kurka*

Lolo Kelly Virata Torres and Lolo Noel C. Reyes *by James and Grace Lee*

My beloved late sisters in heaven now *by Ok-Ja Lim*

Rev. Kwok-Wai Man *by the Man Family*

My parents, Mat and Catherine Mathews *by Margaret Mathews*

Elizabeth Fenisile Mkhize and Petrus Mkhize *by Zasembo Mkhize*

Our loving mother, Mary Marshall, *by Mariet Morgan and Ruby Harmon*

Carol and Tony Rivetti; Lura Jean and Ferd Park *by Tara and Eric Park*

Our beloved mother, Shenda Smith *by Haylee and Braedan Smith*

Our mothers, Susan Dashnaw and Elsie Waters *by Beverly and David Waters*

Warren Robertson

**The Easter music and flowers on the altar
are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for**

God's beautiful spring flowers *by the Christ Church creation care team*

Evelyn and Bill Ellington; Gennaro Ferrara *by Anne Ellington*

Becca Grudzina-Macias and John Paul Macias *by Liza Horstman*

The life of missionary Ms. Amy Carmichael, missionary to needy children in India
by Susan Kuruvilla

The Christ Church Community *by Marilyn Meek*

The Christ Church Community *by Lew Miller*

The wonderful clergy and staff of Christ Church *by Lara Theriault*

April Nido Workday - On Saturday, April 13 (10am - 1pm), we will be meeting at Christ Church Washington Heights to help Nido with projects to set them up for the future of their work. Anything from helping organize their baby boutique to cleaning and renovating several spaces in their building.

A Virtual Conversation Concerning the Upcoming United Methodist General Conference - Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:30pm. The United Methodist General Conference will take place from April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, NC. Rev. Dr. Eric Park is an elected clergy delegate to this General Conference. The General Conference, as it always does, will be acting on legislative proposals that impact the entire United Methodist Church, its ministry, its structure, and its polity. Join Eric on Tuesday, April 16, for this virtual conversation, the purpose of which is to inform participants about the nature and function of General Conference and the content and potential impact of proposed legislation. A link to the virtual conversation will be provided soon. The following QR code will take you to a United Methodist website that contains detailed information about the General Conference and proposed legislation.



Interfaith programming with Temple Emanu-El - Our neighbor Temple Emanu-El is offering a variety of programming opportunities to connect with folk from across faith traditions through dialogue groups about everything from meditation to making meals together. Christ Church NYC is partnering to host the monthly Queering the Bible & Beyond dialogue group; below is information about each of the upcoming opportunities. For more information, contact Dr. Alyssa Cady, Director of Center for Interfaith Dialogue, at Alyssa.Cady@emanuelnyc.org. For a full schedule please scan the QR code



Morning Prayer - Daily, Monday through Friday at 8am. Everyone is invited to join the Christ Church family for a short time of prayer and reflection each morning. Join the call via the events page on our website!

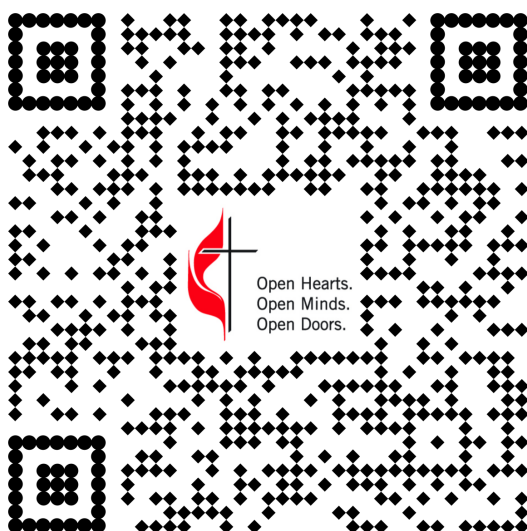
Children and Families - Every Sunday during the 11am Service, preschool through fifth grade children are welcome to join us for Sunday School on the third floor. Nursery Care is available on the fifth floor.

Vacation Bible School at Christ Church! - Kids ages 3 to 11 are invited to join us, **August 26-30**, for a week long camp called Hero's Hotline. Our Heroes, the kids, will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook, the Bible! We will discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of Bible Heroes with stories from the Old and New Testaments. We will learn to work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us! All are welcome! More details to come. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, reach out to Lydia Prather, Lydia@christ-churchnyc.org.

Sharing Table Outreach - Sharing Table serves a hot meal and toiletries to over 130 guests each week, and we always need new volunteers! A lead volunteer will give you an orientation on-site. Volunteers arrive at **3:00pm** to help make sandwiches and prepare for guests' arrival. Doors open to guests at 4:00pm and dinner is served at 4:30pm. If you'd like to sign up or get more information, please email Becca Grudzina-Macias at rebezina@gmail.com.

Useful United Methodist Church Links:

The following code provides access to a variety of links related to the ministry of that portion of the Christian Church called United Methodism, including information about the denomination's work in disciple-making, spiritual formation, global missions, disaster relief, reconciling ministries, and the dismantling of racism. We invite you to explore the various websites and to utilize them in your personal spiritual journey.



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Ms. Amanda Smith, Director of the Parish Choir and Children's Choir

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The Rev. Tyler Heston, Minister for Spiritual Formation & LGBTQIA+ Development

The Rev. Mickey Correa, Minister of Christ Church Washington Heights

The Rev. Dr. Eric Park, Senior Minister

The Mission of Christ Church

We seek to love God above all things, and our
neighbors as ourselves.

*Christ Church Is A Reconciling Congregation:
Open, Welcoming, And Affirming.*

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