



**THE TRIDUUM SACRUM
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER AND
FIRST MASS OF THE RESURRECTION**

APRIL 4, 2026 AT 6:30 PM

Christ Church

Woodbury, New Jersey

A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey



Good Evening and welcome to Christ Church

Visitors or newcomers to our congregation are invited to fill out a Voice from the Pew card and place it in the offering plate. Do take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy at the door and to sign our guest book located within the vestibule (porch). We are glad that you are here!

Christ Church has a bright and welcoming nursery which is open during the 7:00 PM service. Parents are equipped with pagers.

Safety Precaution

As a safety precaution, we respectfully request that all children needing to leave the Nave for any reason be accompanied by a parent. Also, in respect for those who are focused on the liturgical rite and ceremony, please exit and enter the Nave through the nearest door during the singing of a hymn.

We also ask that you refrain from eating and drinking while in the church and silence all cell phones and pagers.

*Let quietness and reverence characterize your
entrance into the House of God*



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The congregation standing.

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the People:

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church doth bid her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Celebrant blesses the new fire.

Let us pray.

O God, who through thy Son, who is the true corner-stone, hast bestowed upon thy faithful people the fire of thy brightness: we beseech thee that thou wouldest sanctify this new fire, to be profitable to our service: and grant unto us that by this paschal feast we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that we may with pure hearts and minds attain unto the feast of thine eternal brightness. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant cuts or traces a cross into the Paschal Candle, making at the top the Greek letter Alpha and at the bottom the Greek letter Omega, and within the four corners of the Cross the numerals of the current year, saying:

I Christ yesterday and today;
the Beginning and the End,
A Alpha
Ω and Omega:
2 All time belongs to Him
0 and all the ages;
2 To him be glory and power
4 through all the ages of eternity. *Amen.*

When the cross and other marks have been made, the Celebrant inserts five grains of incense in the candle in the form of a cross saying:

By His Holy and Glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. *Amen*

mind and voice that we should praise thee, the Invisible, Almighty and Eternal God, and thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who at the Feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and deliver'd by his blood thy faithful people.

This is the night, when thou didst bring our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are deliver'd from the shadow of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is thy mercy and loving-kindness to us: that to redeem a slave, thou gavest a Son. O happy fault: O necessary sin of Adam which gained for us so great a Redeemer! How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restoreth innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casteth out pride and hatred, and bringeth peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined, and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in thine honor, which thy holy Church maketh before thee, and offereth to thee by the hands of thy servants, the work of the bees thy creatures. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. Although it be divided into many parts, yet it knoweth no loss by the communication of its light. For it is fed by the melting wax, provided by its mother the bee, for the making of this most precious Taper. May Christ, the Morning Star who knoweth no setting, find it ever burning: he who giveth his light to all creation.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to direct, sanctify and govern us thy servants, and all thy faithful family, with thy continual grace; that we may pass our time in peace and gladness, in the Festival of our redemption; through the same



Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

The individual candles are now extinguished. They are again, relit, and held during the renewal of baptismal vows.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE READING OF THE PROPHECIES

The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings with these words

Dear friends in Christ: we have begun our solemn vigil. Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

the congregation seated

THE STORY OF CREATION Genesis 1:1-2:4a

PSALM 136:1-9, 26-27 *Confitemini* *Tone III*

the congregation standing

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, who in a wondrous manner didst create the race of man, and still more wondrously hast redeemed the same: Grant us, we beseech thee, so steadfastly to withstand all the crafts and devices of sin, that we may be found worthy to attain everlasting felicity. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

the congregation seated

ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE OF ISAAC Genesis 22:1-18

PSALM 16 *Conserva me, Domine* *Tone VI*

the congregation standing

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, Almighty Father of them that put their trust in thee, for the glory of thy Name multiply, by thy grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of thy children; that thy Church may rejoice to see fulfilled thy promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

the congregation seated

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA Exodus 14:10-31;15:20-21

CANTICLE 8 "The Song of Moses" *Mode I*

the congregation standing

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, who hast ordained that thy mighty works of old should enlighten even this our present generation; who didst by thy mighty defense of thy right hand deliver one people from persecution in the land of Egypt to be a figure of the salvation of all nations by the washing or regeneration: Grant, we pray thee, that the fullness of all mankind, being

delivered from its present bondage, may be made sons of Abraham and worthy members of thy true Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

the congregation seated

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES Ezekiel 37:1-14

PSALM 143 *Domine, exaudi*..... *Tone III*

the congregation standing

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, by the Passover of thy Son thou hast brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by thy Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim thee to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS AND BLESSING OF THE NEW WATERS

The congregation standing. The individual candles are relit. The Clergy processes to the baptistery.

“LIKE AS THE HART” Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks :
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night :
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
Psalm 42:1-3

Celebrant

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. Therefore, I call upon thee, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic church.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us renew our own baptismal covenant.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dost thou reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
<i>People</i>	<i>I do.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dost thou believe in God the Father?
<i>People</i>	<i>I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dost thou 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 Dost thou believe in God the Holy Ghost?
People ***I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

Celebrant Wilt thou continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
breaking of the bread and in the prayers
People ***I will, by God's help.***

Celebrant Wilt thou persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever thou dost fall
into sin, repent and return unto the Lord?
People ***I will, by God's help.***

Celebrant Wilt thou proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in
Christ Jesus?
People ***I will, by God's help.***

Celebrant Wilt thou seek and serve Christ in all men, loving thy neighbor as
thyself?
People ***I will, by God's help.***

Celebrant Wilt thou strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect
the dignity of every person?
People ***I will, by God's help.***

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast
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.
People ***Amen.***

ASPERGES OF THE PEOPLE AND PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

THE LITANY OF SAINTS.....Ambrosian Chant

All are sprinkled with baptismal water as a reminder of their baptism.

The altar party processes to the altar,

The candles at the Altar are now lit from the flame of the Paschal Candle.

THE FIRST MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

EASTER ACCLAMATION

The organ plays and all bells in the Church are now rung throughout the Gloria in excelsis. Individual candles are now extinguished.

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS H. Willan (1881-1968)

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.

4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
 right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou
 on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
 high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —
 A - - - - - men.

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People ***And with thy Spirit***

Celebrant Let us pray

O God, who didst make this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in thy Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship thee in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

THE EPISTLE Romans 6:3-11

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

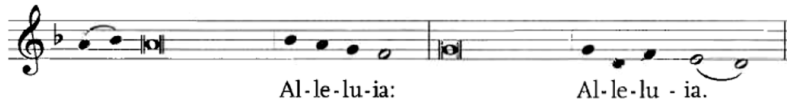
People ***Thanks be to God.***

the congregation standing

THE GREAT ALLELUIA *Mode VIII*

The Celebrant sings the Alleluia three times, each at a higher pitch. All repeat it each time, in the same key.





When Israel came out of Egypt, | alleluia:
and the house of Jacob from among the strange people, | alleluia.

Judah was his sanctuary, | alleluia:
and Israel his dominion, | alleluia.

The sea saw that and fled, | alleluia:
Jordan was driven back, | alleluia.

The mountains skippeð like rams, | alleluia:
and the little hills like young sheep, | alleluia.

What aileth thee O thou sea that thou fleddest, | alleluia:
and thou Jordan that thou wast driven back, | alleluia.

Ye mountains that ye skippeð like rams, | alleluia:
and ye little hills like young sheep, | alleluia.

Tremble thou earth at the presence of the LORD, | alleluia:
at the presence of the God of Jacob, | alleluia.

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water, | alleluia:
and the flint-stone into a springing well, | alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Mag'dalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then

Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

the congregation seated

THE HOMILY.....Father Civale

the congregation standing

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Joined by those who are newly baptized in Christ throughout the world, and filled with joy on this queen of feasts, let us offer prayers to God who fills the darkness of the world with the light of Christ.

Intercessor For the holy Church of God: for Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, Presiding Bishop and Sally, our Diocesan Bishop. For our new brothers and sisters in Christ, for our those preparing for confirmation and reaffirmation, and for all the holy people of God.

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That our Savior may grant us triumph over our visible and invisible enemies.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That with Christ we may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and all evil powers.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That Christ may fill us with the joy and happiness of his holy resurrection.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may enter the chamber of the divine wedding feast and rejoice without limit with the angels and saints.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To thee, O Lord, our God.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant

Blessed are thee, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.

People

And with thy spi - rit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE..... *Mode II*

The right hand of the Lord hath the preeminence; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord, alleluia.

the congregation seated

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”.....French trad. arr. Simon Lindley (1948-2025)

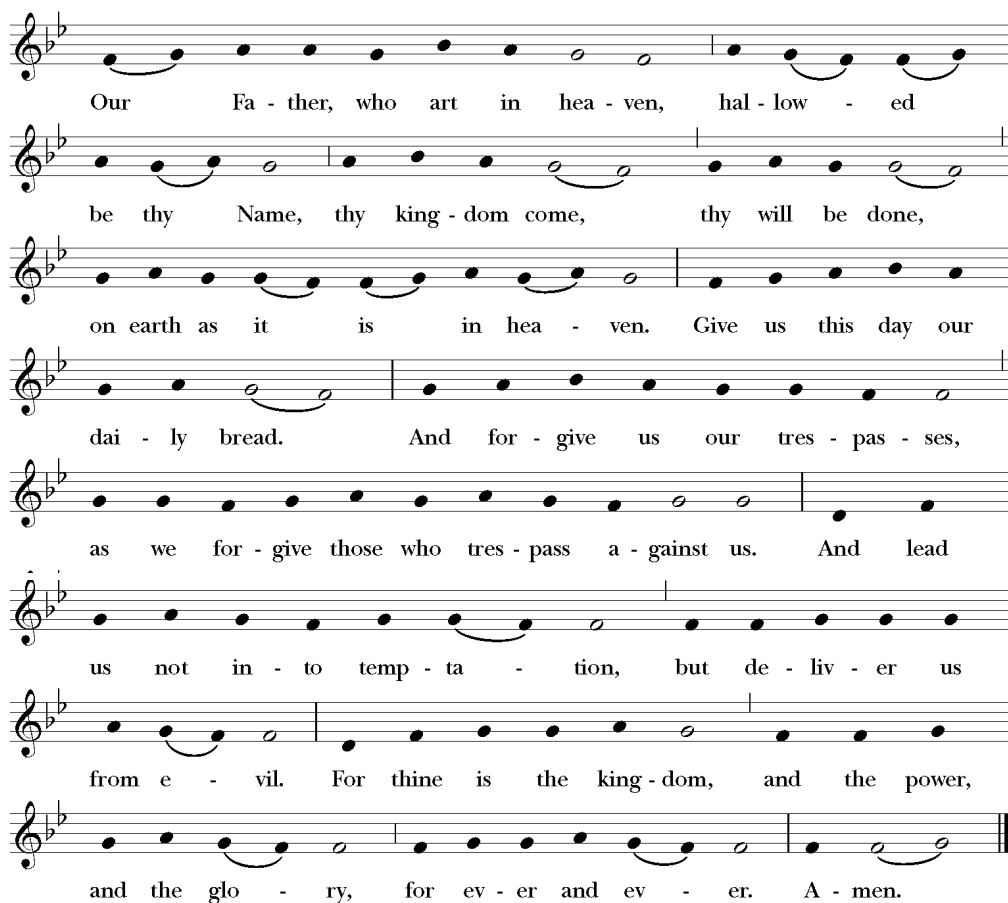
Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain. Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain, thinking that never he would wake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain. He that for three days in the grave had lain. Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

the

congregation standing

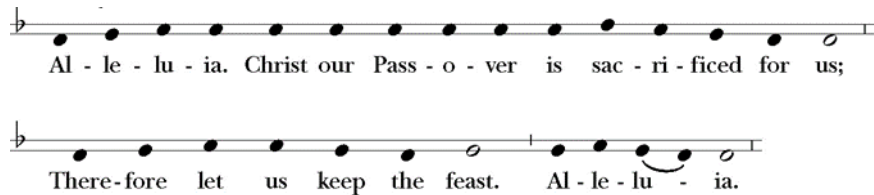
OFFERTORY HYMN 180 “He is Risen” *Unser Herrscher*

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE FRACTION



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

AGNUS DEL..... H. Willan



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION.....BCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized, or who do not wish to receive Communion, are invited to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest. the people kneeling.

COMMUNION SENTENCE.....*Mode I*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia: therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION MOTET *Regina Caeli*.....C. Morales (1500-1553)

Regina caeli, lactare, alleluia; Quia quem *Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. The*
meruisti portare, alleluia, Resurrexit, sicut *Son you merited to bear, alleluia, Has*
dixit, alleluia: Ora pro nobis Deum, *risen as he said, alleluia. Pray to God for*
alleluia. *us, alleluia*

COMMUNION HYMN 174 “At the Lamb’s High Feast” *Salzburg*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER BCP 339

EASTER BLESSING

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

the people standing

DISMISSAL

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

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 208 “The strife is o’er” *Victory*

POSTLUDE “La Réjouissance” G.H. Handel (1685-1759)

Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant: Reverend Lawrence Civile

Organist & Choir Director: Luke Staisiunas

Master of Ceremonies: Scott Carr

Thurifer & Boat: Brandon Gorman

Crucifer: Miguel Sanchez

1st Server: Maya Sanchez

2nd Server: Daphne Rhodes

Torches: Annabella Scales & Joey Scales

Acolyte Master: Robertta Shomo

Chalice Bearers: Scott Carr & Sarah Cranston

First Lesson Reader: Amelia Jones

Second Lesson Reader: Charles Lewis

Third Lesson Reader: Samuel Buck

Fourth Lesson Reader: Miguel Sanchez

New Testament Reader: Darcie Sanchez

Ushers: Steve Shomo & Charles Lewis

Childcare : Jennifer Allbright

Easter Day at Christ Church



Sunday, April 5

8:00 AM Mass of the Resurrection

10:00 AM Festal Mass of the Resurrection

Everyone is cordially
invited to attend a
Reception in the
Parish House
immediately
following
this service.



2026 EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God
And in loving memory of the faithfully departed:

By Christ Church

Francis Fulgham

By Tara Mass

Paul Mass, Jr.

By Jim & MaryBeth Bathurst

Hannah & Horace Crofton

Beverly & Paul Mass, Sr.

Chloe & Lillian & Owen Schiffer

Thomas Mass

Eugene & Ruth Bathurst

Jose Andujar Mass

Nancy O'Quinn Freas

Shirley Feas Blake

Edith & Jack Patterson

William & Barbara Freas

By MaryBeth Bird

The Rev. Dr. John Bird †

By Mark Nester

Helen & William Nester

By Richard & Regina Howey, Jr.

Charlotte and Richard W. Howey, Sr.

Donald R. Dileno

Linda Howey

Canon Robert J. Lewis †

Anna E. Dowler

Marie & William V. Rauscher, Sr.

Katharine and William Mitchell

Canon William V. Rauscher †

LuAnn Mitchell

By Barbara O'Mealia

Bob O'Mealia

Charlie Bishop

Charles Bishop

By AnnaLisa Rodano

John W. Rodano

By The Sanchez Family

Joe Chew

Linda Sanchez

Ron Snock

Jerry Davis Sr.

Jerry Davis Jr.

By Gwendolyn Simpson

Arlene Simpson

Donna Lynn Simpson

Antonio Mendez-Vaz

Baron Mosley

Markai Brown Jr.

Richard Ford

Delores Burgess

Micheal Burgess

Gwendolyn Mendez-Vaz

Departed members of the Mendez-Vaz
Family

Departed members of the Simpson Family



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Service Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Healing Mass
Thursday: 6:30 PM Mass
Friday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
by appointment

Rector

The Rev. Lawrence Civale

Our Vestry

Wardens: Tori Wishnick & Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst
Charles Lewis

Class of 2028

Brandon Gorman
Robertta Shomo
Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2029

Maureen Carrigan
Doreen Mills

