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Easter Day
Sunday of the Resurrection
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Sundays at 10:00am

Service: Holy Eucharist

Acolytes Serving: Joanna, James, Abby, Sierra

Reader: Diane McKeefery

Wednesdays at 10:00am

Healing Service

Holy Days as announced

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday:

Kirsten McMahon & Bobbie Livesey

Ushers: Bill Snyder & Arthur Donchey

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Led By: Bill Snyder, Kirsten McMahon &
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Sundays

9:00am to 9:45am

Additional Events and ministry activities will be
posted on our Website and Facebook Page
Our Church app: Ministry ONE
<https://egiving.ministryone.com/landing/294y>

Processional: Hymnal. No. 207 Jesus Christ is risen today

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured, Alleluia! now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love, Alleluia! praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: EASTER HYMN

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Gloria *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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
Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

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

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory ***
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 **I shall not die, but live, ***
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; ***
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me ***
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 **This is the LORD's doing, ***
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymnal. No. 194. Jesus lives!

1. Jesus lives! thy terrors now can no longer, death, appall us; Jesus lives! by this we know thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia!

2. Jesus lives! for us he died; then, alone to Jesus living, pure in heart may we abide, glory to our Savior giving. Alleluia!

3. Jesus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall sever; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia!

4. Jesus lives! to him the throne over all the world is given: may we go where he has gone, rest and reign with him in heaven. Alleluia!

Words: Christian Furchtegott Gellert

Music: Henry John Gauntlett

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Celebrant says

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.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

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.*

In remembrance of our baptism the priest will now bless the congregation with the Holy Water.

I Saw Water Flowing

Refrain: I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. The water flowed, Alleluia! Flowed from the temple, Alleluia! **Refrain**
2. It brought God's life, Alleluia! And his salvation, Alleluia! **Refrain**
3. The people sang, Alleluia! They sang in joyful praise, Alleluia! **Refrain**

Words: from Ezekiel 47:1-2,9

Music: Doug Murdock

The Peace

Offertory Sentence: "Thanks be to God, who gives victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Offertory Anthem: Sung by choir

The Eucharistic Prayer

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where 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: Hymnal S- 125

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Celebrant continues

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 Fraction

Hymnal S-155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

The Communion

Post Communion Hymn: Hymnal No. 305. Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

1 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine; thyself
at thine own board make manifest, in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.

2 We meet as in that upper room they met; thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand: 'This is my
body': so thou givest yet; faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

3 One body we, one body who partake, one church united in communion blessed; one name we
bear, one bread of life we break, with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

4 One with each other, Lord, for one in thee, who art one Saviour and one living Head; then open
thou our eyes, that we may see; be known to us in breaking of the bread.

Words: George Wallace Briggs Music: Leo Sowerby

Post Communion Prayer

Let us Pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Final Blessing

Recessional: Hymnal No. 210. The day of resurrection

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus

Music: William Henry Monk

Dismissal

No flowers for Lent.



Last week's Sunday attendance:

Saturday 5:30pm: ?

Sunday 10:00am: ?



Stewardship Note: Regarding our Annual Budget it costs the church \$3,500.00 per week to operate and sustain our ministries, outreach and music ministry. This last Sunday's collection was \$?

Memorials & Thanksgivings: Altar Flowers for Sunday - \$50- see usher for sign-up sheet or contact parish secretary for available dates; Bulletin memorial- \$50- contact parish secretary for available dates; Altar candles- \$15- contact parish secretary for available dates; Mass cards- \$15- contact parish secretary.

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- **Choir-** meets Sundays at 9am in the choir room (parish house)
- **Altar Guild-** weekly preparations for Services
- **Knit Wits:** Knit (or crochet) scarves for Adelaide's Place, prayer shawls. Contact Carolyn LaMountain 609-822-6062 or Barbara Keown 610-331-6692.
- **Brotherhood of Saint Andrew-**meets third Thurs. of the Month (except August) 6pm in the parish hall
- **Society of Mary-** First Tuesday of the month in the church 11:00am
- **Guild of all Souls-** Second Tuesday of the month in the church 11:00am
- **BSA Troop 55-** Wednesdays at 6pm in the Scout Room or Parish Hall (sponsored by our parish)
- **Cub Scouts, Pack 87-** Mondays, 7-8pm, Church undercroft (Sponsored by our parish)
- **Ecumenical Food Pantry-** our parish staffs the pantry Thursdays (except 1st full week of month closed) from 9am to 11:30am at 11 E Dawes Ave., Somers Point.
- **Sunday School** Sundays, 9am -9:45am (see registration form in narthex or church website) in the church class rooms, undercroft
- **Beacon Rescue** is a ministry of Youth Forum.
- **Youth Forum,** Sundays, 9am-9:45am (chapel on the Meyran Ave. side of church)
- **Adelaide's Place** is a ministry of our Parish.

If you have questions or need further information about ministries or participation, please contact our Secretary Maddie who will be happy to help you. Please contact us at 609-927-6262 or Christchurchsp1971@gmail.com.

Church Events

Organ Fund- The church is in need of a new organ. We want to thank all who have given to the cause already! We appreciate the support you have shown to the music ministry in the church! You can fill out organ fund pledges on the blue paper in the envelopes on the table in the Narthex. You are now also able to gift money for the organ on the giving app. We currently have collected \$ 21,792.53 of which \$7,000 was placed as a down payment for the digital organ, our current balance is \$ 17,092.53

Check out our Website!- You can find it at <https://www.christchurchspnj.org/>

Memorial Garden Bricks- Bricks are a great way of preserving the memory of a loved one. They are also a great way to honor an achievement that a loved one has accomplished. Bricks are \$100 dollars to order and need to be sent in batches of 10 bricks at a time. Forms for ordering a brick are on the table in the narthex, or from Carolyn LaMountain.