

The Sacred Three Days

RITE II

The Great Vigil of Easter

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
UNIVERSITY DISTRICT + SEATTLE, WA

Welcome to Christ Church!

We are glad you are here to join us for worship. Your safety and the safety of the Christ Church Community is paramount for us during this time of continued pandemic. We are following what science tells us are precautions that work to keep us all safe. Right now, Christ Church has implemented the following precautions:

Masks are required.

We also strongly recommend upgrading your mask to a KN95 or an N95 as these provide far superior filtration. We have a large supply of N95 masks for you to have if you need or want one.

Attestation and Vaccinations are Required for 12 and older

We require all people entering the church building to sign an attestation form stating that one does not have Covid symptoms, nor are they Covid positive. There is also now a requirement for people 12 and older to be vaccinated. Of course if you cannot for a medical reason, we understand that and will not turn you away. But, for all others, vaccines are our best means to reduce severity and slow spread of the virus.

Air Movement and Filtration

We have upgraded our HVAC system to provide significantly increased air circulation. Additionally we have added HEPA level filtration as well as UV scrubbers that sanitize the air in the sanctuary.

Social Distancing

We have every other pew marked off as a way to promote social distancing and easy seating. The altar rail has also been marked to provide the most social distancing possible while receiving communion.

Hand Sanitizer Readily Available

Throughout the sanctuary you will find hand sanitizer for your use. We encourage you to make frequent use, especially before and after touching your face and mask and before eating or drinking.

Testing for Preacher

The only person who will remove their mask during the service will be the preacher. The sermon is the portion of the service where there is no written and visual corollary. So, it is important for people to be able to hear the preacher clearly and lip reading is essential for many. It is our policy that because of this, the preacher will take a rapid antigen test the morning of the service to ensure they are not infected with Covid to ensure the safety of everyone.

Altered Passing of the Peace

We are suspending the traditional hug or handshake when passing the people. Instead we recommend a bow, a wave, a peace sign, or any other way to communicate peace to someone without physically touching.

Not Passing the Plate

There is a plate in the back of the church where you may place a donation—thank you!—before or after the service.

Altered Communion Practices

We are distributing communion in one kind only—the bread. The Common Cup simply does not have enough scientific evidence to make it safe right now, so we are not sharing it at this time. We are also asking that after you receive your bread, you return to your pew before reverently consuming. The clergy will be sanitizing their hands frequently both during the prayer over the bread and wine and before, during, and after, distributing communion.

No Congregating Inside

After the service you are invited to greet the clergy and one another outside at the bottom of the steps.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

A fire is kindled.

Presider Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
on this most holy night,
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,
the Church invites her children throughout the world
to come together in vigil and prayer.
This is the Passover of the Lord.
We remember his death and resurrection
by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries,
confident that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever in God.

Blessing of the New Fire & Lighting Paschal Candle

Presider Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, to you be glory and praise for ever. Your steadfast love extends to the heavens and your faithfulness never ceases. Sanctify this new fire, we pray you. Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom and set us aflame with the fire of your love that we may come ever closer to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is inscribed and lit from the new fire and the flame is shared with the congregation while the Exsultet is sung.

The Exsultet

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. All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light.

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 night, when you brought our forebears, 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 delivered from the gloom 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 your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave 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 restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and we are reconciled with God. Therefore, O Holy Father, accept the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle, which your holy Church makes before you, and offers to you by the hands of your servants, the word of our friends the bees. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness, as we celebrate the glad solemnity of our redemption.

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning, who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presider Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how God saved God's people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

A storyteller tells the story of Creation.

When they have finished, a short period of silence follows.

Presider Let us pray that we may see God's image restored.
Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation.
Your love cannot be contained
and overflows in the wonder of creation.
You formed the universe out of nothing
and molded us from the clay of the earth.
All you have made sings of your marvelous deeds,
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

All **Amen.**

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The Flood

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

A storyteller tells the story of the flood.

When they have finished, a short period of silence follows.

Presider Let us pray that God will wash away all that corrupts this world
and restore in us the beauty for which we were made.
Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation.
In your perfect justice you hate the world's sin.
Noah and his family risked ridicule for your sake
yet their obedience brought them blessing.
Flood our world with the tide of your love
and rid us of all that disfigures your glorious creation,
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

All **Amen.**

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Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10--15:1

A storyteller tells the story of Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea.

When they have finished, a short period of silence follows.

Presider Let us pray that God will help bring about freedom and justice for all people.
Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation.
You heard the agony of your people
as they cried out from their captivity,
and you gave them Moses
to lead them to a land flowing with milk and honey.
Hear the cry of the oppressed, poor, and persecuted today
and lead us through the turbulent sea of life
to our true home with you,
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

All **Amen.**

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A New Heart and a New Spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28

A storyteller tells the story of a new heart and a new spirit.

When they have finished, a short period of silence follows.

Presider Let us pray that God will give to the thirsting a new outpouring of refreshing spirit.
Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation.
When we are overwhelmed by the wasting world,
gather us again and renew us.
Create in us a new heart and a renewed spirit,
that we may be a people prepared
to live in your land and walk in your ways,
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

All **Amen.**

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The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A storyteller tells the story of the valley of dry bones.

When they have finished, a short period of silence follows.

Presider Let us pray that God will breathe new life into this weary creation.
Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation.
You bring life from the darkest valley of death.
When hope is lost and our dry bones are scattered in shame,
speak your word to your broken people,
that we may stand confidently before you,
and breathe your Spirit into us that we might live,
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

All **Amen.**

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The Proclamation of Easter

At the first alleluia, the people rings their bells!

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
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People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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.

People **Amen.**

The Great Alleluia

The Cantor sings the Alleluia three times on successively higher pitches.

The People repeat the Alleluia each time.

Maria Xaveria Peruchona



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel & Homily

The Rev. Shelly Fayette

The homilist tells the story of the Resurrection as found in the Gospel of John and reflects on its significance.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider 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.

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider 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.

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**
Presider 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.**
Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Presider 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.**
Presider 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.**

The people are sprinkled with blessed water. Every precaution has been made to ensure that the water is safe during this time of pandemic—it has put into a clean vessel and touched only by branches and a priest with sanitized hands.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor As we celebrate the story of God's gracious presence with us through life and death, we lift our prayers on behalf of all creation, reconciled and redeemed by the resurrection of Jesus Christ saying: Alleluia! Our joy has no end.
People **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**
Intercessor That the Church celebrating the resurrection with hope and joy may bring the light of Christ to the world. Alleluia! Our joy has no end.
People **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**
Intercessor That this community renewed this night through word and sacrament may lead others from despair into joy. Alleluia! Our joy has no end.
People **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**
Intercessor That the leaders of nations in a world beset by war and civil strife may bring justice and peace to the world. Alleluia! Our joy has no end.
People **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**
Intercessor That those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit may know the healing and comforting power of the risen Lord, especially Stennis, Gloria and Don, Wes, Kay, Brody, Zane, Daniel, Eric and Heather; Jeanne and family, Charmaine, Enzo, Charlie, Stephen, Liz; and for those we now name [*silence for naming*] Alleluia! Our joy has no end.
People **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**
Intercessor That all who have died, especially Carol, and for those we now name [*silence for naming*] and all who mourn or weep this night may find light perpetual and blessed assurance in the triumph of Christ over death. Alleluia! Our joy has no end.
People **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence

Presider But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:14-15

Offertory Solo His Eye is on the Sparrow Civilla D. Martin (1866-1948)
Caitlin Anderson-Patterson, *mezzo-soprano*

Anyone joining us for worship at any time is invited to make an offering to help continue the vision and mission of this church and as a way to express gratitude for God's generosity. Your one time, weekly, or annual gift to Christ Church will support all of our street ministries, allow our staff to grow, and enrich our lives together and continue normal operations. Donate online at the Christ Church homepage, www.christchurchseattle.org, and click on the donate button. You can also mail your gift to Christ Church at 4548 Brooklyn Ave NE, Seattle, WA, 98105. Thank you for your generosity.

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us lift our hearts to God.

People **It is a right, good, and joyful thing to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider Holy One, we give thanks to you our Creator, and we praise your name, using ancient words of holy faith:

Sanctus

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider In the holy meal that we continue to share, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends and said:

“Take this, all of you and eat it.

This is my body which is given for you.

Do this in memory of me.”

A moment of silent contemplation.

Presider Likewise, after supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take this, all of you, and drink from it.

This is the cup of my blood of the new and everlasting covenant,
which will be said for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me.”

A moment of silent contemplation.

Presider “Awaken your wondrous Spirit among us through these holy gifts.”

Brief silence

Presider Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in Christ, and make us a living sacrifice of praise.

Together all lift up their bread and wine.

All **Blessing, honor and glory be yours, O God, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,
All **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 Breaking of the Bread

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

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy things for holy people.

All are welcome at God's table. All are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like bread with a drop of wine, please take a bowl and bring it with you to the presider. Bread will be placed in your bowl and a drop of wine poured on. Please consume your bread and wine and leave your bowl on the assigned table. Then, return to your seat. For those who just want bread, you may come forward and hold out your hands. We believe that the totality of Jesus—both his body and his blood—is fully present in both the bread and the wine. When we receive only bread we are still receiving complete communion—the body and blood of Christ. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest. You may also remain reverently in your seat.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider God of all, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you the gates of everlasting life.
All **Amen.**

Presider God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All **Amen.**

Presider God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God almighty,
the Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Son, and Abiding Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The liturgy concludes on the next page.

Closing Hymn Now the green blade riseth

NOEL NOUVELET

1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of the heart that dead and bare have been:

Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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Music: *Noel nouvelet*, medieval French carol melody

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

All are invited to stay for a time of roasting marshmallows, making s'mores, and enjoying a festive beverage.

Designated Offerings - Holy Week

On special days during the church year, we collect donations to support other organizations. During the Holy Week, we will be collecting offerings to go directly to the following organizations serving our community and beyond.

Maundy Thursday: University District Food Bank

The University District Food Bank provides food to those in need in northeast Seattle, serving more than 1200 families per week. Home delivery of food boxes grew to serve more than 400 families weekly during the pandemic. In collaboration with fourteen local Seattle public schools, they also provide weekend meals and snacks to children who are at risk of food insecurity when free or reduced school meals are unavailable. For more information visit: <https://www.udistrictfoodbank.org/>

Good Friday: The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem covers five countries/areas—Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Syria, Lebanon—and almost 30 parishes. They provide healthcare and education ministries across the region with the provision of hospitals, clinics, rehab clinics, and schools. They also work at strengthening the interfaith dialog with fellow Jews and Muslims. For more information visit: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/>

Easter: United Churches Emergency Fund (UCEF)

United Churches Emergency Fund provides financial assistance and referrals to people living in northeast Seattle. Their focus is on eviction protection to keep families and individuals from becoming homeless, knowing that it is far more difficult to get back into housing once you have lost it. They also provide assistance to homeless families or individuals moving into housing. For more information visit: <https://www.ucef-seattle.org/>

How to Donate:

Donations can be made by check, cash, or online. Checks should be made out to Christ Episcopal Church. However you choose to make your donation, please help us to send it along properly by providing clear instructions with your donation.

In Person or by Mail:

Envelopes for the Holy Week Designated Offerings are available **in the pews and at the back of the church**. Please indicate how you would like your gifts distributed in the space provided on the envelopes. Check memos should indicate “Holy Week Designated Offering” or the specific organization you are supporting.

If you are not attending services in person, donations can be mailed to:
Christ Episcopal Church, 4548 Brooklyn Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105

Online Donations:

Christ Church provides several ways to donate online – through Zelle, PayPal, and Vanco Give Plus. Information can be found by visiting: <https://www.christchurchseattle.org/donate>

Vanco Give Plus allows you to donate to each of the designated offerings individually. Zelle and PayPal may or may not allow you to give us instructions. If you aren't able to provide instructions when making your donation, please email office@christchurchseattle.org and let us know how you wish your donation to be distributed.

You can also donate directly to these designated organizations by visiting their websites.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider

The Rev. Chris McPeak

Preacher

The Rev. Shelly Fayette

Musician

Caitlin Anderson-Patterson

Storytellers

Caitlin Anderson-Patterson

Todd Voelker

Ellen Ewald

The Rev. Christopher Craun

Altar Guild

Heidi Massuco

Christ Church acknowledges that we gather on the land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish people, who are a people still living.

Christ Church discretionary money has gone and will continue to go to pay rent to the Duwamish, to acknowledge that our institution participated in the removal of ancestral owners of this land, and to begin to make material repair to those who have been harmed.

Christ Church encourages individual worshippers to likewise offer this form of confession and sacred amends at realrentduwamish.org. All funds go directly to Duwamish Tribal Services (DTS) to support the revival of Duwamish culture and the vitality of the Duwamish Tribe.

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