ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH GLADWYNE, PENNSYLVANIA



EASTER DAY April 20, 2025 8:00 a.m.

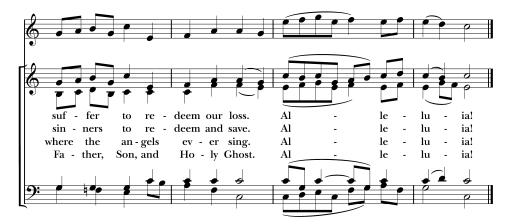


Thank you for joining us today. Many of us gathered here today were not raised in The Episcopal Church, but have come to find in this parish a source of spiritual growth. If you are new to St. Christopher's or visiting with us today, please fill out one of the visitor's cards found in the pews and put it in the offering plate or give it to one of the ushers. Please feel free to introduce yourself to any of us if we don't get to you first.

Prelude Opening Prayer Hymn 207

Easter Hymn





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THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Celebrant says

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. At the Gloria, Hymn 180

Unser Herrscher



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: Unser Herrscher, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

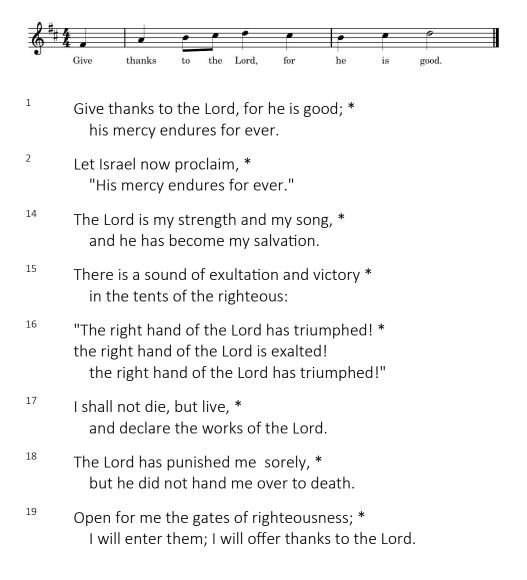
Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to the 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."

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



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 Epistle: 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.

Hymn 208

Victory





Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt. Music: Victory, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

People

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Moment of Silent Reflection

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy and catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad as we pray to the God who raised Jesus from the dead, saying: *Alleluia! Hear our prayer*.

For the Church, especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel our Bishop, that we may be signs of Christ's light for all who have lived in darkness, of hope for all who know pain and suffering, and of love for all who have been rejected. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer*.

For this parish family, especially Hillary and Kristen our priests, that we may be strong in faith, confident in hope, abounding with love for God and neighbor, and witnesses to the Risen Christ in our words and deeds. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer*.

For all the human family, that God will keep safe all who are still vulnerable to the disease, restore to health those who are ill, remembering especially Richard, Thomas, Catherine, M.L., Darryl, Jenny, Mark, Ben, Karen, Melissa, Merrill, Loretta, Monica, John, Heather, Michelle, Harry, Jim, Virginia, George, Samantha, and for those we now name either silently or aloud (pause); that they may encounter the Risen Lord who brings hope and healing. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer*. For Donald our President, Joshua our Governor, and for the leaders of the nations and all those in positions of public trust and leadership, that God will strengthen them with wisdom and patience, and a desire to open new channels for peace and reconciliation. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have died, remembering especially those in whose loving memory the Easter flowers have been given, and those we now name either silently or aloud (pause); that they may live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer*.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Saint Christopher and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Risen Lord, we give praise and glory.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Holy God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light, hear the prayers we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The PeaceWelcome and ConcernsOffertory SentenceOffertory AnthemThis Joyful Easter TidePresentation of Alms and OblationsDoxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer I

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Sanctus Hymnal S-130 Lord, God Ho ly, ho ho of power and ly, ly might, Ho ho ly, ho Lord, ly, ly 2



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Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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. Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God



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Celebrant

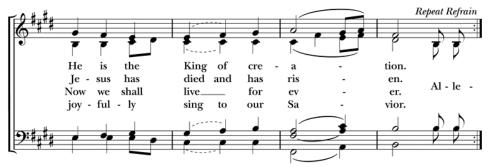
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

All who seek a closer relationship with God are invited to receive communion. Congregants are invited to leave their pews starting at the front of the church and working back. If intinction is your preference, please sanitize your hands first.



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The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Recessional Hymn 199



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The DismissalLet us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Alleluia

Bach

Service Participants

Altar Guild:	March Pepper, Polly Clement,
	Donna Hammond
Lay Reader:	Bill Thomas

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Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for coffee hour and an Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:00 a.m. service!

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed Monday, April 21st and Tuesday, April 22nd.

Bible Study at Waverly Heights

There is no Bible Study on April 22nd. We will resume on April 29th. Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Manor House Dining Room.

75th Anniversary Year of Service Opportunity

Join us as we celebrate Earth Day with the St. James community from 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 26th. Help with activities: all ages and abilities welcome! St. James is a tuition-free school at 3217 W. Clearfield Street, Philadelphia, in the Episcopal tradition that envisions a world without inequities and offers a holistic approach to ministry alongside its students, families and neighborhood. Please let Kristen know ASAP if you plan to make it.

Azalea Day | Save the Date!

Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Bring your family to play games, ride ponies, and enjoy food with your neighbors and friends. This year, we are bringing back fan favorite attractions, such as popular jewelry and home goods consignment shoppes, the bounce houses, obstacle courses, pony rides, and the Kindergarten Lemonade stand. In 2025, we are welcoming new attractions, such as the Dunking Booth, Party Animal Express, and the talents of Ben the Balloon Artist. All proceeds go to Outreach!

100% of all proceeds of Azalea Day are given to selected Outreach Programs. No funds contribute to the operations or maintenance of St. Christopher's Church.



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