

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

8 APRIL 2023

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. Christ Church is truly a beautiful edifice, erected and appointed to the Greater Glory of Almighty God. Herein you find all things in their proper place; everything focused toward the Altar, the center of our worship. The windows in the Nave depict some of the fathers of the early Church, both English and Latin. The Rood shows our Savior, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet restful spot where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share its benefit. Come in, rest, pray apart from the world.
Surely God is in His Holy Temple.

All who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, are repentant of their sins and believe the Blessed Sacrament to be the true Body and Blood of Christ are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. We hope that you will enter fully into worship by joining in the prayers, responses and hymns. Because our worship may be unfamiliar to those not raised in the Episcopal Church, feel free to ask the assistance of those around you in following and participating in the liturgy. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship and service. Please sign the guest register at the church entrance so we may have a record of your visit.

Restrooms are located in the Parish House, and are accessible through the double doors by the pulpit or by exiting through main doors and accessing the Parish House by way of the side office door.

Pastoral Emergencies such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one should be directed to Fr. Matt at 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner, so please do not hesitate to call.

The AED is located to the left of the door to the parish office.



CONCERNING THE SERVICE

The Great Vigil of Easter is perhaps the most theologically important service of the Church Year. In it the new fire of God is struck, banishing darkness, and showing forth the victory won on Good Friday; the saving acts of God in history are recounted in the *Exsultet* and in Holy Scripture; new Christians may be made through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism; the vows made by all Christians at their baptisms are renewed; and with the end of the Lenten observance, the first Mass of the joyful season of Easter is celebrated. The Vigil is not a short service. It marks time in the evening, while the people await the announcement of the Resurrection: "Alleluia, Christ is risen!" He is risen indeed, and the Paschal Candle burns as a sign of the Presence of the resurrected Christ.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Vigil & First Sung Mass of Easter

8pm

BCP refers to the red Book of Common Prayer in your pew; Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1940.

AT THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE

The Congregation rises at the rattling of the crotalus

COLLECT

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church invites 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.

O God, through thy Son, the true corner-stone, hath bestowed upon thy faithful people the fire of thy brightness: sanctify this new fire, now struck by the flint-stone, to be profitable to thy service, and grant to us that by this paschal feast, we be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that we may with pure hearts attain unto the feast of thy eternal brightness. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH

Repeated three times

Celebrant The Light of Christ.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

THE PASCHAL PRAECONIUM *The Exsultet*

All Candles are lit during the Exsultet and remain so until the Easter Acclamation

THE PROPHECIES

The People may be seated

CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:2

Psalm 33 – Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous

Collect

REDEMPTION

Exodus 14:1-15:1

Canticle

Collect

RECONCILIATION

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Psalm 42 – Like as the hart

Collect

AT THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Congregation rises and shall turn, with candles still lit, as the procession moves to the Font

TRACT

Sicut Cervus

G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks; 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?

Celebrant Dost thou reaffirm thy renunciation of evil and renew thy commitment to Jesus Christ?
People **I do.**

Celebrant Dost thou believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

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

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

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

Celebrant Wilt thou strive for justice and peace among all men, and respect the dignity of every person?
People **I will, with 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 our sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

AT THE MASS

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

All Candles may be extinguished

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Hymnal 713*

Willan

COLLECT

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, begin renewed both in body and mind, may worship thee in sincerity and truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Congregation may sit for the Lesson

LESSON *Colossians 3:1-4*

The Congregation stands for the Hymn and Gospel

HYMN 91 *The strife is o'er*

Victory

GOSPEL *Luke 24:1-10*

The Congregation kneels for the Prayers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 329

THE PEACE

BCP 332

INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

Celebrant ...rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

Congregation and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant ✠ May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, by the mercies of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. *Amen.*

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Jacques Arcadelt (1507-1568)

*Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:
exultemus et laetemur in ea.*

*This is the day which the Lord hath made:
let us be glad and rejoice therein.*

The Congregation stands for the Hymn through the Benedictus

HYMN 89 *At the Lamb's high feast we sing*

Salzberg

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

BCP 333

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Hymnal 711/798*

Willan

The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass

CANON OF THE MASS

BCP 334

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal 722 (✠But deliver us from evil)*

AGNUS DEI *Hymnal 712*

Willan

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

As soon as the Celebrant has finished distributing Holy Communion to the altar party and choir, the members of the Congregation should approach the altar rail.

All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. Others who instead wish to receive a blessing may also come and kneel at the altar rail. The Celebrant will know to bless those who bow their heads and cross their arms over their chest.

The custom for receiving Holy Communion in this parish is to receive the host (bread) on the outstretched right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm) or directly on the tongue; to receive the chalice, gently guide the base of the chalice with your hand to allow the rim to reach your lips. If you wish to receive by intinction, please offer the Host to the Chalice bearer, who will intinct for you. After receiving the Sacrament or a blessing, please return to your pew and kneel or sit.

HYMN 92 *Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts and voices heav'nward raise*

Lux Eoi

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

BCP 339

The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel & Hymn

THE LAST GOSPEL

HYMN 96 *The day of resurrection!*

Ellacombe

ORGAN *Piece d'Orgue*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The Clergy, Wardens, and Vestry of Christ Church
Parish wish you a blessed Easter.*

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

The flowers which decorate the church and chapel in celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord are given in memory to the many loved ones listed in the Easter Memorials brochure, copies of which may be found on the table at the entrance to the church.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the sick: Kimberlee McCafferty, Jeffrey McCafferty, Kevin Kintner, Anna Sury, Mark Goldstein, Roseann Walder, Joyce Venis, Roger Kafer, Dave Mohr, Fran Sutter, Christine Nicosia, Douglas Tootell, Christine Fritz, Theresa Abitz, Robert Abitz, Walt Fell, Ellen Murphy, Stephanie Ackert, Marc Mercantini, Harry Vale, James Tucker, Jacob Bonser, Patricia Dixon, Christiana Carty, Joseph Carson III, Darrell Vigh, Karen Kwietnieski-Casais, Earl Reading, Reagon Condron, Russell Childs, Lisa Jones, Patty MacAllister, Scott O'Brien, John Miosz, Mary Koch, Sava Nedic, Aimee Kurtis, Walter Easley, Frank Corbo, Josephine Corbo, Kathy Gabel, John Haney, Sharon Kedzierski, Marcus Behrsin, Sean Higgins, Kathy Buckland, Daryl Albury, Val Jackson, Bruce Smith, Sarah Talpis, Alexander Ounjian, Dennis Russell, Michele Hartpence, Renee Formica and Alexandra Mckallagat.

and those who have long term illnesses: Caroline Tucker, Donna Fritz, Carl Hasson, Stephen Vigh, Mark Casais, Dixon Leavers, Dawn Matthews, Lucy Janicelli, Zachary Birnbaum, Shelly Eberhart, Robert Geneski, Maureen Rees, Gary Rutherford, Charles Martin, Alice Ward Carriger, Ryan Murray, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, The Rev. Ted Anderson, R. Loraine Burke, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Jennifer Vigh, Jim Tranter, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Bob Bernard, Pat Temple, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Emma Carver, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Rita Haney, Sue Kelly, Sister Angela, Sister Gussie, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Michael Slaper, Robert Fritz, Lynn Muller, Holly Jones, Irene Fithian, Cheryl Kranz Bach, Brianne Nicosia, Frank Clebock, Ron Clebock, Jennifer Millar, and Kelly Zsenak.

and for those in military service: Ben Skarzynski, USMC; Chris Neal, USN; Jacob Foerter; USAFR; Samuel Manion, USA; Nickolas George USMC, Kevin Preston USAR.

celebrating a birthday this week: Suzanne Mansour, Rebecca Liberman, the Rev. Ryan Paetzold, Ed Rosina, James Atkinson, Abigayle Cicoria, the Rev. Dr. Alan K. Salmon

celebrating an anniversary of their nuptials: Col. Phillip & Barbara Cooke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL EASTER EVENT for Church School students takes place in the Churchyard at 8:55am tomorrow morning. Come out for the fun!

FILL FATHER MATT'S TRUCK was another wonderful success, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and the friends of the parish in our community. Many thanks to Old Town Pub, Hope Hose Humane #1, and all who contributed to the cause.

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A Parish of the Episcopal Church



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Schedule for the Week of 9 April

Sunday, 9 April

Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Low Mass of Easter

8:55 a.m. Church School Easter Event

10:00 a.m. Sung Mass of Easter

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Monday, 10 April

Monday in Easter Week

Church office closed

Tuesday, 11 April

Tuesday in Easter Week

No Services

7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, 12 April

Wednesday in Easter Week

No Services

8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Thursday, 13 April

Thursday in Easter Week

10:00 a.m. Low Mass w. Anointing

Friday, 14 April

Friday in Easter Week

Abstinence Dispensed

No Services

Saturday, 15 April

Saturday in Easter Week

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, 16 April

The Second Sunday in Easter

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

8:45 a.m. Homefront Meal Prep.

10:00 a.m. Sung Mass

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting