

# CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

19 APRIL 2025

# 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. **A Baby Changing Station** is located in the accessible bathroom in the Parish Hall. **A restroom for small children** is located in the nursery at the far end of the Parish House.

**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

7pm

*The page numbers refer to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer found 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

**D**EAR 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 thrice)*

℣. The Light of Christ.

℟. 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*

*Psalms 33*

*Collect*

#### REDEMPTION

*Exodus 14:1-15:1*

*Canticle*

*Collect*

#### RECONCILIATION

*Ezekiel 36:24-28*

*Psalms 42*

*Collect*

## AT THE BAPTISM

*The Congregation rises to turn with lit candles as the procession moves to the Font.*

### TRACT – Sicut cervus

**S**ICUT cervus desiderat ad fontes  
aquarum: ita desiderat anima mea ad te,  
Deus. Sitivit anima mea ad Deum fontem  
vivum: quando veniam, et apparebo ante  
faciem Dei? Fuerunt mihi lacrimae meae panes  
die ac nocte, dum dicitur mihi quotidie: Ubi  
est Deus tuus?

*G.P. da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)*

**L**IKE 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* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents & Godparents* I present *Lucille Hart Kintner* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Wilt thou on thy part take heed that this child whom thou dost present be brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents & Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Wilt thou by thy prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents & Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Dost thou renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Parents & Godparents* I renounce them all.

*Celebrant* Dost thou renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Parents & Godparents* I renounce them all.

*Celebrant* Dost thou renounce all sinful desires that draw thee from the love of God?

*Parents & Godparents* I renounce them all.

*Celebrant* Dost thou turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as thy Savior?

*Parents & Godparents* I do.

*Celebrant* Dost thou put thy whole trust in His grace and love?

*Parents & Godparents* I do.

*Celebrant* Dost thou promise to follow and obey Him as thy Lord and Master?

*Parents & Godparents* I do.

*Celebrant* Will ye who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in *her* life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Dearly beloved, let us join with *her* who is now committing *herself* to Christ Jesus and here renew our own baptismal covenant.

### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*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.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for *this person* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver *her*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open *her* heart to thy grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill *her* with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep *her* in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach *her* to love others in the power of the Holy Ghost.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send *her* into the world in witness to thine abounding love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring *her* to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of His resurrection and look for Him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE SALT OF WISDOM & BLESSING OF THE WATER

*Celebrant* Receive the salt of wisdom: may it be unto thee a pledge of everlasting life. **Amen.**

*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.**

We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for the gift of water, over which the Holy Ghost moved in the beginning of creation; through which thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise; in which thy Son Jesus Christ received the baptism of John and the anointing of the Holy Ghost as the Messiah, the Christ, who leadeth us, through His death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin unto life everlasting.

We give thee thanks, O Father, for the water of Baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in His death; by which we partake in His resurrection; through which we are made regenerate of the Holy Ghost. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into His fellowship them that come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Now ✠sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Ghost, that those here are cleansed from sin and made regenerate may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom, with thee and the same Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*Celebrant* Name this child.

*The Parents & Godparents name the child.*

*Lucille Hart,* I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*Lucille Hart,* thou art sealed by the Holy Ghost in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. We most heartily thank thee, O heavenly Father, that by water and the Holy Ghost thou hast bestowed upon *this* thy servant the forgiveness of sin, and hast raised *her* unto the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give unto *her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant & People* **We receive thee into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim His resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

# AT THE MASS

## THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

℣. ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

℟. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*All Candles may be extinguished.*

## GLORIA

And on earth peace, good will towards men, 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, O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the  
Fa - ther Al - migh - ty. O Lord, the  
on - ly - be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that tak - est a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a - way the sins of the  
world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the  
Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art  
ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God the  
Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

## 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** *Mark 16:1-8*

*The Congregation kneels for the Prayers.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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**THE PEACE** *The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

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**INTENTIONS OF THE MASS**

℣. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord

℟. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

℣. ☩ May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

℟. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY** – Sing Joyfully

*William Byrd (c.1543-1623)*

**S**ING joyfully to God our strength. Sing loud unto the God of Jacob. Take the song and bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol. Blow the trumpet in the new moon, ev'n in the time appointed, and at our feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

**HYMN 89** – At the Lamb's High Feast

*Salzburg*

**SURSUM CORDA** *Hymnal 734*

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly,

Lord God of hosts, heav - en and earth are full of thy

glo - ry: Glo - - ry be to thee, O Lord most High.

Bles - sed is he that com - eth in the

name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.



*The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal 722*

#### AGNUS DEI

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

### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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#### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### HYMN 92 – Alleluia! Hearts and Voices Heav’nward Raise

*Lux Eoi*

*The Congregation kneels through the Dismissal.*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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#### BLESSING

#### DISMISSAL

*Deacon*  
Depart in peace, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*People*  
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel.*

## THE LAST GOSPEL

℣. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

℟. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

℣. ...full of grace and truth.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 96 – The Day of Resurrection

*Ellacombe*

ORGAN ‘*Piece d’Orgue*’

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*



## 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.*

*The Paschal Candle is given in celebration of Colonel Philip and Barbara Cooke  
on the 10th anniversary of their nuptials.*



### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**the sick:** Julian Kirk, Sharon Kedzierski, Ed Ackerman, Cindy Nahill, Vicky Barbos, Betty Slaper, Donna Preston, Michael Tunney, Suzanne Previti, Alannah Aldea, The Rev. Donald Muller, Wendy Goldstein, Suzette Mansell, Gail Petricek, Susan Preston, Angelo Cipriano, Ryan Wiese, Amelia Sciortino, Kimberlee McCafferty, Mark Goldstein, Roseann Walder, Dave Mohr, Fran Sutter, Christine Fritz, Theresa Abitz, Robert Abitz, Walt Fell, Ellen Murphy, James Tucker, Joseph Carson III, Bruce Kwietnieski-Casais, Reagon Condron, Russell Childs, Lisa Jones, Patty MacAllister, Scott O'Brien, John Miosz, Sava Nedic, Walter Easley, John Haney, Sharon Kedzierski, Kathy Buckland, Daryl Albury, Val Jackson, Alexander Ounjian, Michele Hartpence, and Renee Formica.

**and those who have long term illnesses:** Mary Pullen, Beatrix Kwiatkowski, Elaine Morrissey, Rick Sibley, Dennis Russell, Jeffrey McCafferty, Richard Mueller, Christiana Carty, Dawn Applegate, Barbara Sury, Paul Sootkoos, Caroline Tucker, Donna Fritz, Stephen Vigh, Mark Casais, Christine Nicosia, Kevin Kintner, Anna Sury, Earl Reading, Dixon Leavers, Zachary Birnbaum, Shelly Eberhart, Gary Rutherford, Alice Ward Carriger, Ryan Murray, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Jennifer Vigh, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Bob Bernard, Pat Temple, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Sister Angela, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Robert Fritz, Lynn Muller, Irene Fithian, Brianne Nicosia, Jennifer Millar, Kathy Gabel, Sean Higgins, and Kelly Zsenak.

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

***celebrating a birthday this week:*** Timothy Smith, Luke Deane, Owen Jackson, Andrew Jones, Olivia Hartmann, Dana Vlahovic and James Graver

***celebrating an anniversary of their nuptials:*** Edwin & Katherine Ackerman

*Anyone may contact the office with names of those who are ill and/or hospitalized for inclusion in our prayers. Names will remain on the list for a maximum of four weeks unless we are notified that they should remain for a longer period.*

*If you would like to include loved ones in the Altar Flower or Sacramental Candle dedications, please contact the Church Office. The donation for flowers is \$50; the donation for the Sacramental candle is \$10.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CHURCHYARD CLEANUP:*** Our churchyard is in fairly good shape for this time of the year, but could use some leaf and stick cleanup. Please let Fr. Matt or Mary Ellen Carty know if you can help!

***FILL FATHER MATT'S TRUCK FOR EASTER:*** Christ Church, Hope Hose Humane Fire Company #1, and Old Town Pub are partnering to help those in need this Easter. We'll be at Old Town Pub on **May 6th at 5pm**, collecting non-perishable food and personal items. Join us!

***FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:*** First Holy Communion is coming up on **May 4th** at the 10am Sung Mass. Children 7 years old (or older) typically take part in the rite, though any baptized person is allowed to receive the Blessed Sacrament. A class to prepare for the reception of the Sacrament will take place on Saturday, **May 3rd**, following the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. Please let Fr. Matt know if you would like your child to participate.

***BUILDING FUND NEWS:*** McCabe Electric has completed the following projects. New light timers have been installed in the bell tower to control the Church exterior lights and the parking lot lights, in the Parish House Church Street porch light and in the two Rectory porch lights. These timers are not effected by power outages. Two Parish House emergency/exit combinations were replaced. McCabe replaced the ceiling fixture at the top of the main Parish House staircase. There is now a new ceiling fixture in the basement room connecting the Parish House and the Church. One set of outdoor receptacles has been installed near each Rectory porch. McCabe has also installed new receptacles in our brown garage. These projects have been supported by our non-budget Building Fund. We sincerely appreciate and thank our parishioners and friends of Christ Church who contribute to our Building Fund. This is an important way to directly help with the upkeep of our Parish.

***SOLES4SOULS:*** Our shoe drive continues to bring in a wonderful amount of shoes for those in need. Keep this in mind during your winter cleaning of unwanted/unused shoes you may want to donate. Thank you!

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## Schedule for the Week of 20 April

### Sunday, 20 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, 21 April

#### *Monday in Easter Week*

*Church office closed*

### Tuesday, 22 April

#### *Tuesday in Easter Week*

*No Services*

### Wednesday, 23 April

#### *Wednesday in Easter Week*

*No Services*

6:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

### Thursday, 24 April

#### *Thursday in Easter Week*

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

### Friday, 25 April

#### *Friday in Easter Week*

*Abstinence Dispensed*

*No Services*

### Saturday, 26 April

#### *Saturday in Easter Week*

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

### Sunday, 27 April

#### *The Second Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 a.m. Low Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Sung Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting