

EASTER DAY



April 5, 2026

9:00 AM + 11:15 AM

Christ Church + Greenville, South Carolina

Welcome

In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Christ Church Episcopal.

Known as the “Parish in the Heart of the City,” Christ Church is blessed by the beauty of its church, chapel, and setting, which have been preserved and expanded by the energy and vision of faithful stewards, both past and present.

Now into our third century, we have been gathering to worship God and demonstrate our faith in our daily lives. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to be *a joyful community sharing life in Jesus Christ.*

We hope you will experience God’s blessings during this service as we have been blessed by your presence.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

In preparation for the service, we invite your quiet prayers and ask that you please silence your cell phone.

The Opening Voluntaries

Brass Quintet & Organ

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

Trumpet Tune in G

Jeremy Bankson

The congregation stands at the sound of the tower bell and remains standing for the opening acclamation and hymn.

The Opening Acclamation for Easter

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant This is the day which the Lord has made.

People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Celebrant The Lord is risen from the tomb.

People Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again.

Celebrant Grant, we pray Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast, may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Hymn In Procession, No. 179 (vs 1, 4-6) | *Welcome, happy morning!*

FORTUNATUS

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say:

hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!

Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!

Him their true Creator, all his works adore!

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,

thou from heaven beholding human nature’s fall,

of the Father’s Godhead true and only Son,

mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on.

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,

tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;

come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,

’tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord!

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

(Hymn continues on following page.)

*Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
all that now is fallen raise to life again;
show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!
"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.*

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis, S-278

William Mathias

*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 congregation remains standing.

The Collect for Easter Day

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.

People Amen.

The congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Lector A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.
At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Anthem | *Regina caeli*

Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

Translation of Latin text:

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,

Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Pray to God for us, alleluia.

The Epistle Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands for the Sequence Hymn.

At 9:00 am only, young children are invited to follow the children's crucifer to Children's Church.

The Sequence Hymn, No. 199 | *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

ST. KEVIN

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!

God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness:

loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,

led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

(Hymn continues on following page.)

*'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.*

*Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.*

*Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:
but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.*

The Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

Priest 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.

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

The congregation is seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

Following the Sermon the congregation stands for the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery 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.

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 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.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

The congregation remains standing for the prayers.

The Prayers of the People

Form III

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Additional intercessions may be offered.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever.
People Amen.

The Peace

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

The People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

The Words of Welcome

The Anthem at the Offertory | *Hail, gladdening Light*

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured, who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest, Holiest of Holies, Jesu Christ our Lord. This is the day when our Lord comes forth in might; the lights of morning round us shine; we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine. Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with undefiled tongue, Son of our God, giver of life, alone: therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.



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The congregation stands for the Presentation Hymn. At the 11:15 am service during the Presentation Hymn, the congregation is censed along with the eucharistic gifts, clergy, choir, and altar party.

The Presentation Hymn, No. 180 | *He is risen! He is risen!*

UNSER HERRSCHER

*He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.*

(Hymn continues on following page.)

The congregation remains standing for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer in recognition of the festive nature of this day.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you,
we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

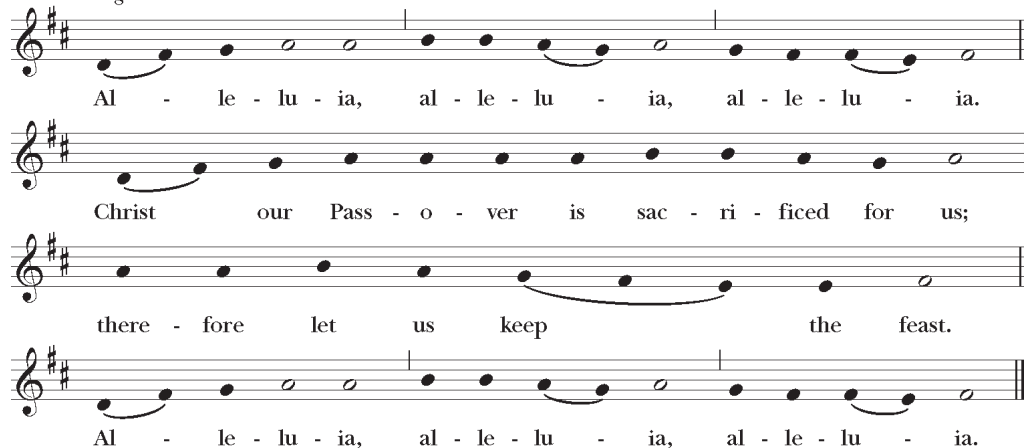
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Fanfare

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Ministration of Holy Communion

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this Church. If you are receiving communion, you are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hands. (For those with special dietary needs, gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the priest at the altar rail.) The wine which follows may be received either by drinking from the chalice as it is extended to you, or by retaining the wafer and dipping it lightly into the chalice. You are also welcome to receive the bread only. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing.

The Communion Music

Instrumental music is offered by the Brass Quintet

Communion Hymn No. 182 *Christ is alive*

Communion Hymn No. 212 *Awake, arise, lift up your voice*

TRURO
RICHMOND

The congregation stands for the Post Communion Prayer & Blessing.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Easter Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*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!*

*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!*

*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 Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Organ Voluntary

Brass Quintet & Organ

Rigaudon
André Campra

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards, *Bishop*
The Reverend Scott Fleischer, *Associate for Pastoral Care*
The Reverend Lindy Bunch, *Associate for Parish Life*
The Reverend Wallace Adams-Riley, *Christ Church Episcopal School Senior Chaplain*
The Reverend David Upton, *Priest Associate*

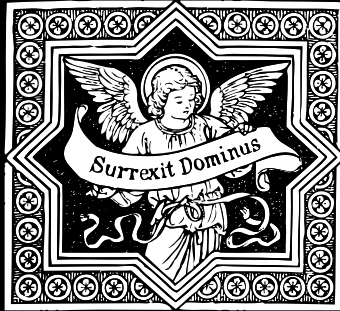
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The Christ Church Parish Choir

Easter Brass Ensemble

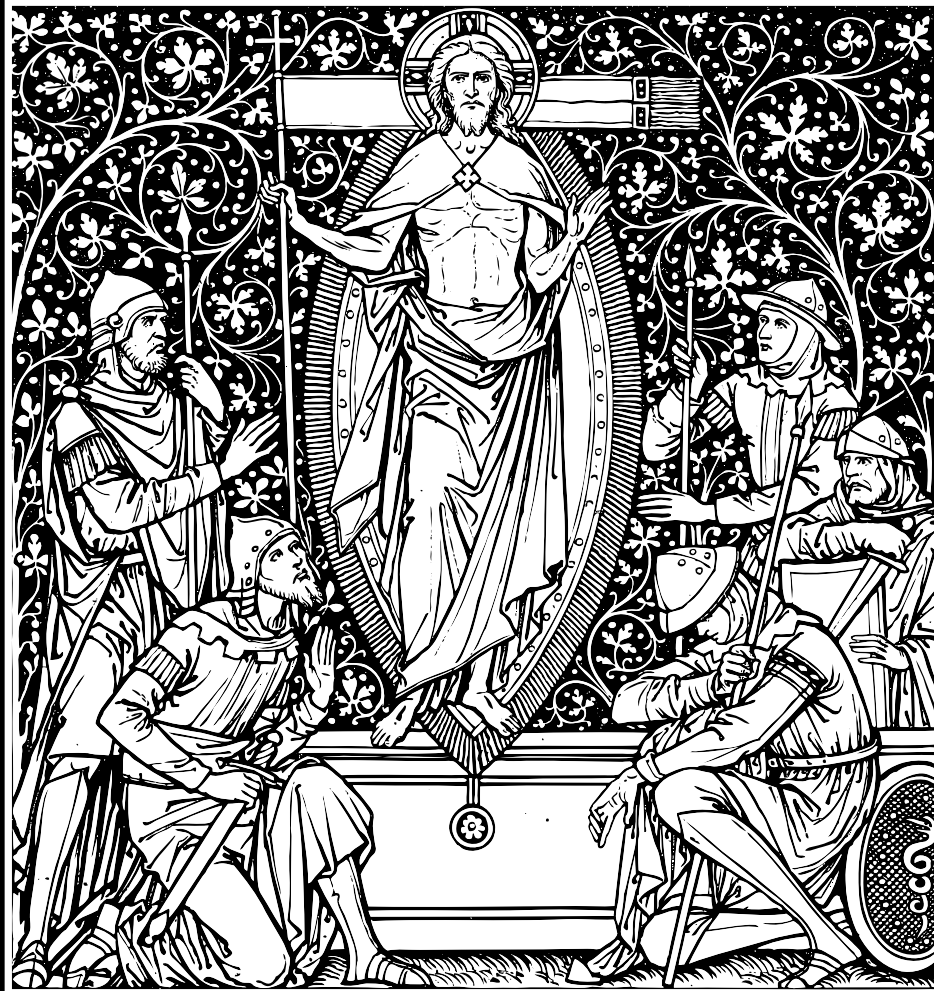
Max Kinard & Gary Malvern, trumpets
Anneka Zuehlke-King, french horn
John Grodrian, trombone
Michael Taylor, tuba



THOU WILT NOT LEAVE MY SOUL IN HELL; NOR ALLOW THY HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION. (Ps 15: 10)



I HAVE RISEN UP, BECAUSE THE LORD HATH PROTECTED ME. (PSALM 3: 6)



THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RAISE US UP, TO LIVE IN HIS SIGHT. (HOSEA 6: 3)



THE ANGEL CAME AGAIN: AND WAKED ME, AS A MAN THAT IS WAKENED OUT OF HIS SLEEP. (Zachariah 4: 1)





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