



Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!

EASTER EVE BAPTISMS

APRIL 8, 2023

4:00 PM

CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL

A JOYFUL COMMUNITY
SHARING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

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.

BAPTIZED ON EASTER EVE

Ellis Latimer Duke

Parents: Claire Gillespie Duke & Charles Moss Duke IV

William Bryan Dunford

Parents: Catherine Jones Dunford & David Bryan Dunford

Winifred Catherine Davis

Parents: Bailey Davis Crosby & Holden Scott Crosby

Harriet Sloan Sinkuler

Parents: Regan Hayes Sinkuler & Zachary Michael Sinkuler

Camille Myers Peterson

Parents: Kathryn Carnes Peterson & Robert Seth Peterson

Quinn Russell Sinkuler

Parents: Regan Hayes Sinkuler & Zachary Michael Sinkuler

Sterling Michael Altonji

Parents: Elizabeth Sterling Altonji & Michael Joseph Altonji

Samuel Michael Andrews

Parents: Sarah Mallare Andrews & Patrick Connor Andrews

HOLY BAPTISM

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

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT FOR BAPTISM

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:13-16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The congregation is seated.

THE HOLY BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Godparents

For those candidates old enough to speak for themselves, the Celebrant asks

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & I will, with God's help.

Godparents

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & I will, with God's help.

Godparents

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the congregation stands. The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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 the 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.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Deacon Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The congregation is seated.

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Celebrant I anoint your eyes so you may see Christ in everyone.
I anoint your lips so you may speak nothing but the Gospel.
I anoint your ears so you may hear the cry of the poor.
I anoint your hands so that everything you give and everything you receive may be a sacrament.
I anoint your feet so you may run to those who need you.
N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

All Amen.

Celebrant N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All Amen.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All Amen.

The congregation stands.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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.**

THE CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Celebrant All praise and thanks to you, most merciful Father, for adopting us as your own children, for incorporating us into your holy Church, and for making us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, grant you to be strengthened with might by his Holy Spirit, that, Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, you may be filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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 DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.**

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

The Reverend Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector
The Reverend Kellie Wilson, Sr. Associate Rector
The Reverend Scott Fleischer, Priest Associate for Pastoral Care
The Reverend Lindy Bunch, Priest Associate for Parish Life

The Reverend Wallace Adams-Riley
Christ Church Episcopal School Chaplain



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