# Easter 3 Communion Service

For this service, Christ Church is using BCP 2019& Ancient Renewed Text.

The congregational responses are in *bold italic* print. Please join us in saying the responses.

Please silence your cell phones.

## Vision Statement: "Our Culture"

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

"Know – Grow - Serve!"

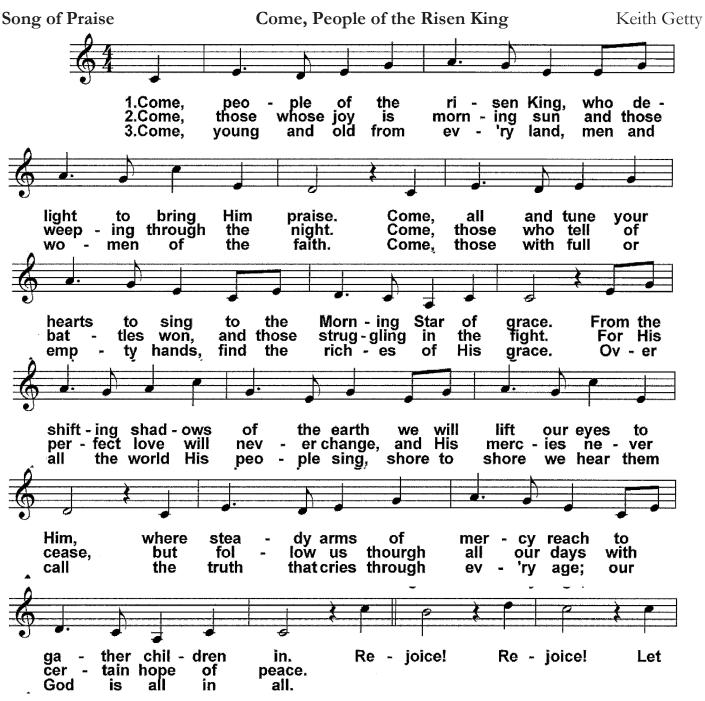


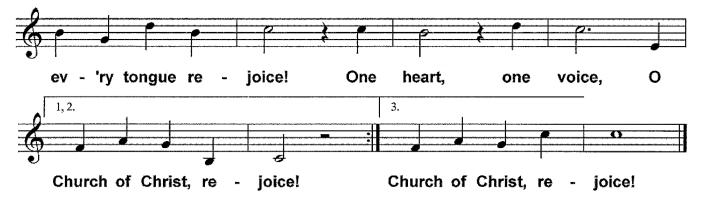
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Alleluia! Christ is risen. *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!* Welcome

#### 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. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40* 





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The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit. **The Old Testament Lesson** 

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

**Psalm 98:1 – 5** (*Please pray responsively by half verse.*)

- 1. O sing unto the Lord a new song, \* *for he has done marvelous things.*
- 2. With his own right hand and with his holy arm, \* *he has won for himself the victory.*
- The Lord declared his salvation; \*
  *his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.*
- 4. He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel, \* *and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.*
- 5. Show yourselves joyful in the Lord, all you lands, \* *sing, rejoice, and give thanks.*

The Epistle

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

1 John 1:1 – 4

Micah 4:1 – 5

#### Sequence Hymn

*Refrain* Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His name.

> *Verse 1* Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.* 

#### The Gospel

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

#### Sequence Hymn

Refrain

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Alleluia

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#### The Sermon

The Big Picture: "Why Are You Troubled?"

*The people stand.* **The Nicene Creed** 

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We

#### Alleluia

Luke 24:36 - 49

**Rev.** Gene Sherman

Hymn 178

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 people sit or remain standing. **The Prayers of the People** 

On this day the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross:

Lord, in your mercy.

#### Hear our prayer.

That all people may receive the good news of his victory:

Lord in your mercy.

## Hear our prayer.

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection.

Lord in your mercy.

#### Hear our prayer.

For the nation and the world.\*

Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.* 

That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ.\*

Lord, in your mercy.

### Hear our prayer.

That in the undying love of Christ we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ.\*

Let us commend the world, to which Christ rose from the dead to the mercy and protection of God. *Amen.* 

#### The Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God,

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

Hear the word of God to all who truly turn to him:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 ESV

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

#### And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

### Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

#### **Birthdays:**

Nate Shackelford	4/15	John Quebbeman	4/17
Judy Henley	4/15	John Mahon	4/20
Iris Neel	4/15		
Karen Bartrum	4/17		

Anniversary: John & Cathy Question for Week 16

The New City Catechism

What is sin?

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created; rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law – resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

(1 John 3:4)

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

## Offertory

### Doxology

Hymn 380, v. 3

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. Amen.

The people remain standing. **THE HOLY COMMUNION** 

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.* 

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.* 

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.* 

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Pascal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are, full of your glory, Holy is your name.

*Chorus* Hosanna in the highest. 3X (*Women Sing*) Hosanna 3X Holy is your name, Holy is your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Blessed is he who, comes in the name of the Lord. *Chorus* 

### The people sit or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

## Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.* 

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross. *Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!* 

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

## **Communion Music**

#### Jesus, Lamb of God



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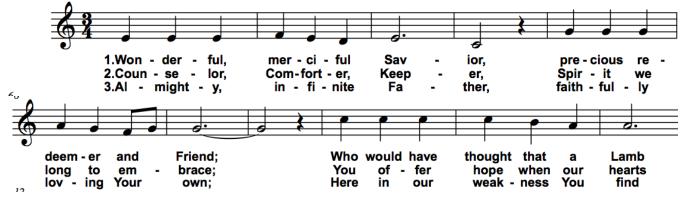


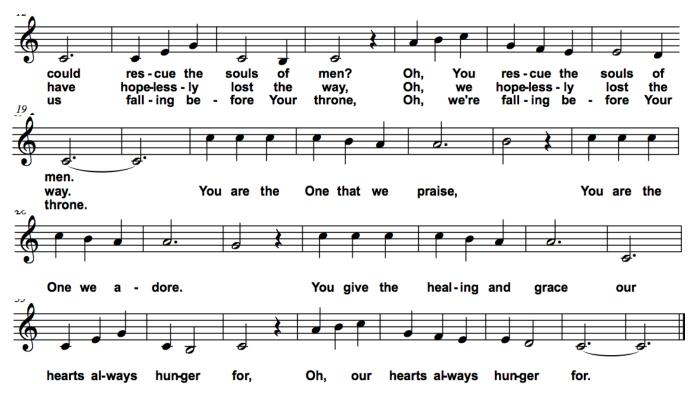


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#### Song of Celebration Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse





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#### Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.

#### The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.



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The Dismissal Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!* 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Prayer Meeting Dates & Times:

Morning Prayer – Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Mid-Day Prayer – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. Corporate Prayer – Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

**Easter Lilies –** Today is the last day for the Easter lilies on the altar. If you would like one or two, please feel free to take them with you.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study – Please join the Tuesday Morning Little Church in the Hearth Room at 9:00 am for a short 4-session course on Prayer from Practicing the Way-- a curriculum from King and City Church. This is a low commitment session. We will watch a short video together and spend the week practicing what we learn. We'll gather on 4/16, 4/23, 4/30 and 5/14. Here's the course description: "Pursue a Deeper Life of Union with God." Prayer is simply the medium through which we communicate and commune with God. The practice of prayer is learning to set aside dedicated time to intentionally be with God in order to become like him and partner with him in the world. No childcare available Please contact Linda Jackson with any questions at 216-406-3582.

**Men's Community Bible Study (CBS) Information Session –** CBS is an interdenominational Bible study whose mission is to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through caring, in-depth Bible study, available to all. There already is a thriving Women's Class here on the West Shore. Come and learn about the in-person and online study possibilities for Men's CBS on **Monday, April 22, 7 to 8 p.m**., at New Hope Church, 22960 Lorain Road, Fairview Park. RSVP to litzpr@gmail.com (helpful but not required).

**CRS Food Pantry Needs**: The CRS Food Pantry needs toilet paper, canned meals, such as beef stew, spaghetti with meat, hearty soups, canned meats. You may leave your donations in the narthex and Marie Tench will take them to CRS.

**Graduating from High School This Year?** – The Bishop will be visiting us on **Sunday, June 9**<sup>th</sup>, and he will bless the high school graduates. In addition, we always provide the graduates with customized gifts specifically for them. If you have a child that is graduating high school this year, please contact Iris Neel at 847-404-6335 as soon as possible to discuss.

**SAVE THE DATE –** The Bishop will be in town the first weekend of June to visit our church. On **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**, Cody will be ordained. On **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, the Bishop will preside over both services. Lastly, our annual spring/summer picnic will be on **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, following the 10:30 service. More updates to come as we get closer to the date.

#### Beatrice Shackelford – Spring Break Mission Trip

See the Realm announcement/e-mail for details about the trip and to support her by prayer and, if you would like, financially. Details are also posted on the announcement board at the back of the nave.

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As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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## Giving

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God by Gary & Iris Neel in celebration of Iris' birthday on April 15<sup>th</sup> and for God's many blessings!

## 2024 Financials

Through Sunday	04/07/2024
Current Month Total Expense Budget	\$51,858
<b>Current Month Actual Revenues</b>	\$11,962
YTD Total Expense Budget	\$190,010
YTD Actual Revenues	\$171,096
Annual 2024 Total Expense Budget	\$555,002
Attendance for 4/07/2024	
9:00 a.m. – 28	
10:30 a.m. — 103	

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