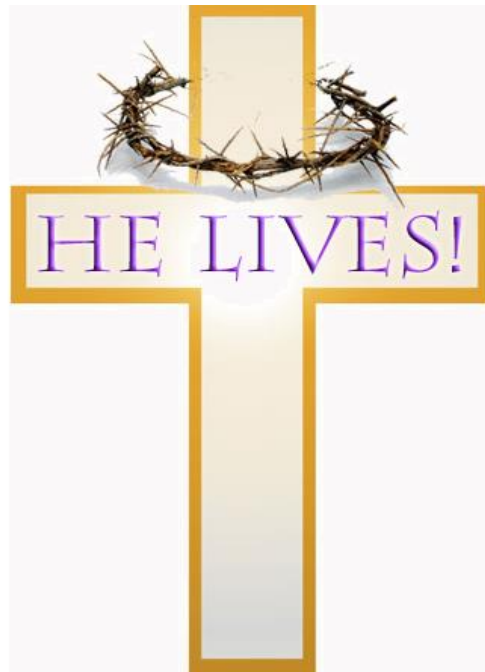


Christ Episcopal Church

Sunrise Service

March 31, 2024

6:30 AM



**SERVICE FOR COMMUNION FROM THE
RESERVED SACRAMENT
March 31, 2024**

*Deacon Alleluia, Christ is risen
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia*

The Deacon and People say together

*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.*

*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is
sung or said, all standing*

*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 Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.*

The Lessons

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read,
the Reader first saying*

A Reading (Lesson) from .

*After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first
saying*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to .*

Glory to you, Lord

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

The Homily

The Nicene Creed (all standing)

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of
all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.*

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

*He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We 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.*

Prayers

God of all love we draw near with awe and reverence to the mystery of our Saviour's Body and Blood.

R. Lord have mercy

May we commemorate his passion and recall his resurrection with pure hearts and unclouded faith.

R. Lord have mercy

For our sake he took body and soul, human, mortal, tried and tempted as we are, and by his preaching of the kingdom called us to the knowledge of your truth.

R. Lord have mercy

When he had fulfilled all your mind he was lifted up upon the cross, and rose from the dead, and was taken up into heaven to be the first-fruits of our human nature, the author and perfecter of faith.

R. Lord have mercy

Now he calls us to his table to become partakers of his grace.

R. Lord have mercy

With overflowing love may we receive your gift of everlasting life.

R. Lord have mercy

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

***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.***

Deacon and People Together

***Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive us all your
sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by
the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.***

The Peace

Deacon: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully, in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

*Deacon The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.*

Deacon Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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

Invitation to receive from the Reserved Sacrament:

Deacon

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great high Priest as you were present with your disciples, and known to us in the breaking of the bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen

Deacon

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.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

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 Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. “

*Let us bless the Lord” “Alleluia, Alleluia
Thanks be to God” Alleluia*

Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Kevin Brown, has granted deacons the right to exercise this privilege, when a priest is not available. We have this guideline from the Bishop so that our congregations will not confuse the roles of priest and deacon but continue to see them as two equal but separate ordained orders, each exercising two very distinct roles in the Church.