



Christ the King Parish
601 Silas Deane Highway
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Opening Song: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day; alleluia,
who did once upon the cross; alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!
2. 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!

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
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.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak and said:

“You know what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and power.
He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.
This man God raised on the third day
and granted that he be visible,
not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
He commissioned us to preach to the people
and testify that he is the one appointed by God
as judge of the living and the dead.
To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Responsorial Psalm:

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.”

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.”

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Second Reading: Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in
God. When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.

OR Second Reading: 1 Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?

Clear out the old yeast,

so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,
inasmuch as you are unleavened.

For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

Therefore, let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Easter Sequence: Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today

1. Christ, the Lord,, is ris'n today;
Christians, haste your vows to pay;
Make your joy and praises known
At the Paschal Victim's throne;
For the sheep the Lamb has bled,
Sinless in the sinner's stead;
Christ, the Lord, is ris'n on high;
Now he lives, no more to die!

2. Christ, the Victim undefiled,
God and sinners reconciled;
When in strange and awesome strife
Met together death and life;
Christians, on this happy day
Haste with joy your vows to pay;
Christ, the Lord, is ris'n on high;
Now he lives, no more to die!

3. Say, O wond'ring Mary, say
What you saw along the way.
"I beheld two angels bright,
Empty tomb and wrapping white;
I beheld the glory bright
Of the risen Lord of light;
Christ, my hope, is ris'n again;
Now he lives, and lives to reign!

4. Christ, who once for sinners bled,
Now the first-born from the dead,
Throned in endless might and pow'r,
Lives and reigns for-ever-more.
Hail, eternal Hope on high! Hail, our King of Victory!
Hail, our Prince of Life adored!
Help and save us, gracious Lord!

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him."
So Peter and the other disciple
went out and came to the tomb.
They both ran, but the other disciple
ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first;
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there,
but did not go in.
When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,
and the cloth that had covered his head,
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.
Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.
For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ through Baptism so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism in which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask each of you:

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

I do.

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

I do.

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do.

Do you 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?

I do.

Offertory: Alleluia, Alleluia!

1. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts and voices heav'nward raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise.
Christ, who on the cross a victim,
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2. Now the iron bars are broken,
Christ from death to life is born,
Glorious life and life immortal,
On that holy Easter morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer
By this mighty enterprise,
We with Christ to life eternal
By his resurrection rise.

**Communion Hymn: Alleluia Alleluia,
Let the Holy Anthem Rise**

1. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the holy anthem rise,
And the choirs of heaven chant it
In the temple of the skies;
Let the mountains skip with gladness,
And the joyful valleys ring
With hosannas in the highest
To our Savior and our King!

2. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Like the sun from out the wave,
He has risen up in triumph
From the darkness of the grave.
He's the splendor of the nations,
He's the lamp of endless day;
He's the very Lord of glory
Who is risen up today!

Closing Hymn: Join In The Dance

Refrain: Join in the dance of the earth's jubilation!
This is the feast of the love of God.
Shout from the heights to the ends of creation:
Jesus the Savior is risen from the grave!

1. Wake, O people; sleep no longer:
greet the breaking day!
Christ, Redeemer, Lamb and Lion,
turns the night away!

2. All creation, like a mother,
labors to give birth.
Soon the pain will be forgotten,
joy for all the earth!