



CHRIST CHURCH
EASTON

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Easter we celebrate what hate could not sway, what sin could not corrupt, what death could not kill, what the tomb could not hold, and what disbelief could not stop. We celebrate the victory of God's eternal life, light and love. We celebrate the victory of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the goodness, grace and peace that comes with it. And together with Christians throughout the world, and throughout the ages, we celebrate the victory of the glory of God which is our own joy and hope forever.

As we prepare to celebrate our second Easter under the shadow of COVID19, we do so with perhaps less incredulity and with a little more anticipation for improvement. Last year we were new to this crisis in every way. This year, we know more about the disease, have experience living with it and are starting to see an encouraging way forward. Even so, our Holy Week and Easter services schedule will be abbreviated from our normal practices in prior years.

For Good Friday, there will be two separate live stream services with music, one of which will be launched at 9:00 AM and the other at 3:00 PM. Both of them will then be available anytime thereafter. In addition, there will be two Good Friday services at 12:05 PM, one will take place on Zoom and simultaneously one in-person service will be taking place in the church.

On Easter, we are offering options for Holy Communion at home and for on-site communion in the church. To arrange for communion in your home, contact Megan at secretary@christchurcheaston.org or at 410-822-2677. The communion kits have been blessed. Every kit contains both bread and wine. All the bread is gluten-free. A grape juice option is available for those who request it. Communion kits will be available office hours through Friday, April 2 at Noon.

The Easter live stream Holy Eucharist will begin at 5:00 PM on Saturday, April 3, and continue thereafter anytime. Participants also have the option of coming to the church for communion on-site from 10:00 AM to Noon after the live stream on Easter morning.

A Zoom celebration of the Holy Eucharist will take place on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 9:00 AM. Participants need to arrange to have communion kits for communion at home or, after the service, may come to the church to take their communion on-site from 10:00 AM to Noon.

COVID19 has affected us all, including the church. We need your help. I ask that you please make a special Easter contribution to help our mission and ministry as part of your celebration and devotion. In these difficult times, your support is even more crucial. It is through your financial assistance that we can continue to carry on our good works accomplished in the name of Christ. Thank you very much for your faithful generosity, your ministries and your prayers.

Donations may also be made through our website: <http://www.christchurcheaston.org/support/give.html>

ALLELUIA Christ is Risen!
Fr. Bill

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday on March 28 and March 29

5:00 PM March 28 Live stream observance of Palm Sunday begins

9:00 AM March 29 Palm Sunday Zoom service.

10:00 AM to Noon the church will be open for prayer.

Good Friday on April 2

9:00 AM Live stream in observance of Good Friday begins (traditional music)

12:05 PM Good Friday Zoom service.

12:05 PM Good Friday In-person service in church.

3:00 PM Live stream in observance of Good Friday begins (contemporary music)

Easter on April 3 and April 4

5:00 PM Live stream Easter service with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist begins.

9:00 AM Easter Zoom service with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

10:00 AM to Noon the church will be open to take communion on-site.

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS IN APRIL

Wednesday Healing service and Holy Eucharist recommence (in-person)

10:00 AM Wednesdays beginning April 7

Live Stream Services

5:00 PM Live stream on Saturdays and available anytime thereafter

Sunday Services New Schedule beginning April 11

9:00 AM Zoom Service/home Holy Eucharist the first Sunday of the month

10:00 AM Celebration of the Holy Eucharist (in-person)

A NOTE ON IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES

We are in an early and interim period of returning to in-person worship services. As we have experienced, COVID19 guidelines and restrictions are fluid and change often. As of the writing of this note, numerous liturgical limitations and precautions are still in place during worship services. Music will alternate Sunday morning leadership between contemporary and traditional programs. Vocalists/choirs and congregational singing are not currently permitted. Seating is limited; every other pew will be left vacant. Facemask and social distancing protocols are to be observed. Church School and Nursery are not being offered. Communion will be by bread alone. These things may change from week to week.