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Dear Friends in Christ,

Alleluia Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Easter Sunday is April 4! Our celebrations of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ this year require a few more practical details than most years. In this note, I hope to provide a concise and clear overview of our Easter Sunday and Triduum (The Great Three Days) services. Every service listed below will also be live-streamed.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is April 4: worship will be offered at **8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.**

Indoor seating in the Church is limited due to capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements. Priority will be given to those who RSVP in advance. If you do not RSVP you might not get a seat inside. Note: RSVPs have taken many seats already.

Overflow/outdoor seating in the Garden of Resurrection will be available as well, weather permitting. This overflow/outdoor “venue” at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am, will feature live audio and live video of the service projected onto a 10-foot-wide screen. Overflow/outdoor worshippers will have the option of receiving Holy Communion outside from one of our Deacons or coming into the church to receive Holy Communion. Bear in mind, the tree leaves have not come out yet, so you will be in the sun (the projector and screen will be shaded so that the picture should be easy to see).

RSVP for Easter BEFORE THURSDAY AT 4PM

- Call/Email: 914-738-5515 or marie@christchurchpelham.org
- Please indicate the number or people in your group.
- Please indicate whether you wish to sit indoors or outdoors.
- RSVPs will not be received/honored after Thursday at 4pm.

An outdoor Hymn Sing will be offered after each Easter Sunday service (at about 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon). We will gather outside on the field to sing several Easter Hymns (masks and social distancing of 12 feet are required for this – even outdoors). Bags of candy are available for children – there will be no Egg Hunt this year.

Live-Stream: <https://www.youtube.com/c/christchurchpelham>

- All of our in-person services will also be live-streamed.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER VIGIL

Maundy Thursday is April 1, and worship will be offered at 7:30 p.m. This year's liturgy will include everything we normally do, except the Foot Washing. Silence is observed in the Church following the liturgy. The Church will be open until midnight for the Watch before the Sacrament. Please contact our Verger Walter Roberts or our Admin Marie Main if you would like to sign up to watch for a 30-minute or 60-minute shift. We will offer overflow seating and a live video feed in the Parish Hall.

Good Friday is April 2, and worship will be offered at 12:00 noon. I am available for Sacramental Confession on Good Friday from 10:30 am until 11:30 am and also following the Good Friday liturgy. Confessions will be heard in the Garden of Resurrection. We will offer overflow/outdoor seating in the Garden of Resurrection.

Easter Eve is April 3, and the Easter Vigil will be offered at 7:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil will begin outside with the blessing of the Easter Fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle. Those who wish to leave after this brief outdoor portion are free to do so. Please bring a hand bell to the Easter Vigil. We will offer overflow seating and a live video feed in the Parish Hall.

BENEDICTION & REMINDER TO RSVP

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- Please indicate indoor or outdoor/overflow seating (Good Friday / Easter Day only).
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Have a blessed Holy Week and a very Happy Easter. Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

In Christ,



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