



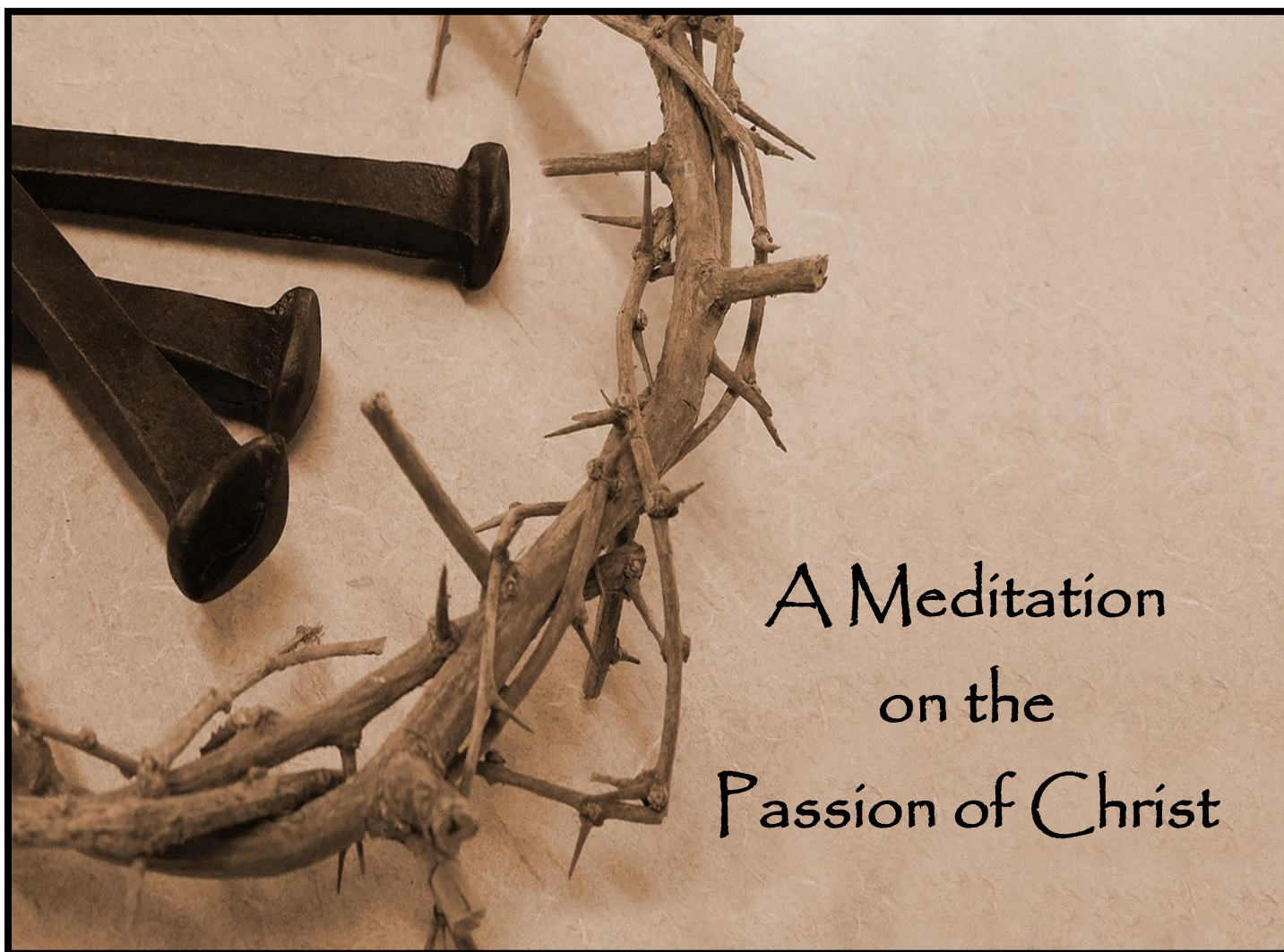
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

MEDITATIONS ON THE PASSION

6:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 13, 2025 | Sunday of the Passion



Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

We are delighted you're here - welcome home!

I. PASSION

Remain seated.

OPENING DANCE MEDITATION | Meine Seele ist zu Tode betrübt

Jacques Berthier

COLLECT |

Officiant: Let Us Pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CONSOLATIONS | Maturity

Maturity is the ability to live fully and equally in multiple contexts; most especially, the ability, despite our grief and losses, to courageously inhabit the past, the present and the future all at once. The wisdom that comes from maturity is recognized through a disciplined lined refusal to choose between or isolate three powerful dynamics that form human identity: what has happened, what is happening now, and what is about to occur.

Immaturity is shown by making false choices: living only in the past, or only in the present, or only in the future, or even living only two out of the three.

Maturity is not a stative arrived platform, where life is viewed from a calm, untouched oasis of wisdom, but a living elemental frontier between what has happened, what is happening now and the consequences of that past and present; first imagined and then lived into the waiting future.

Maturity calls us to risk ourselves as much as immaturity; but for a bigger picture, a larger horizon; for a powerfully generous outward incarnation of our inward qualities and not for gains that make us smaller, even in the winning.

Immaturity always beckons, offering a false haven, an ersatz safety, in ne state or the other: a hiding place and disappearance in the past, a false isolation of the present, or an unobtainable sure prediction of the future. But maturity beckons also, asking us to be larger, more fluid, more elemental, less cornered, less unilateral, a living conversational intuition between the inherited story, the one we are privileged to inhabit and the one, if we are large enough and broad enough, moveable enough and even, *here* enough, just, astonishingly, about to occur.

Unison

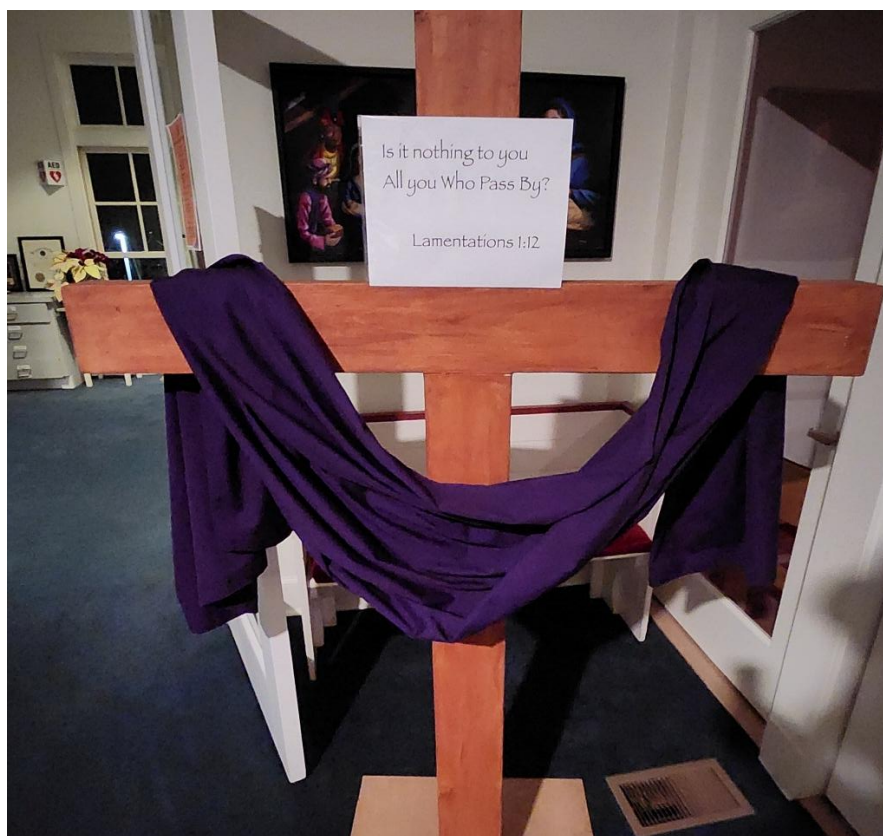


1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.



Looking
At
The Cross
On
The church walls
Every Sunday
And
Imagining
What
It must
Have been
Like
For Christ
At Calvary,

Is
Not
The same
As touching
It
On
The church floor
At
Eastertime
And Having
A
Much
Better idea.



II. DEATH

COLLECT |

Officiant: Let Us Pray.

Almighty, merciful God, heavenly Father, your compassion is boundless. You are patient, gracious, and are rich in love and faithfulness. You forgive rebellion, trespasses and sin. We have sinned and have become evil, and have often angered you. Against you alone have we sinned and done evil in your sight. But Lord, do not think about our past misdeeds. Let your great mercy be on us, for we are miserable.

Help us, God of our Salvation. Redeem us and forgive our sins for the glory of your most holy name, and for the sake of your beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG | Per crucem

Jacques Berthier

Largo ♩ = 96

(A) Dm Gm C F Bb Gm A Dm

Per cru - cem et pas - si - o - nem tu - am,
By your _____ cross and all the wounds you suf - fered,

(B)

li - be-ra nos Do-mi - ne, li - be-ra nos Do-mi - ne, li - be-ra nos Do-mi - ne, Do-mi - ne.
grant us free-dom in yourlove, grant us free-dom in yourlove, grant us free-dom in yourlove, in yourlove.

(C)

Per cru - cem et pas - si - o - nem tu - am,
By your _____ cross and all the wounds you suf - fered,

(D)

li - be-ra nos Do-mi - ne, li - be-ra nos Do-mi - ne, li - be-ra nos Do-mi - ne, Do-mi - ne.
grant us free-dom in yourlove, grant us free-dom in yourlove, grant us free-dom in yourlove, in yourlove.

(E)

Per san - ctam re - sur - re - cti - o - nem tu - am,
By your ho - ly, life - giv - ing re - sur - rec - tion,

(F)

li - be-ra nos Do-mi - ne, li - be-ra nos Do-mi - ne, li - be-ra nos Do-mi - ne, Do-mi - ne.
grant us free-dom in yourlove, grant us free-dom in yourlove, grant us free-dom in yourlove, in yourlove.

Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone,
Prevent the dog from barking with a juicy bone,
Silence the pianos and with muffled drum
Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.

Let aeroplanes circle moaning overhead
Scribbling on the sky the message 'He is Dead'.
Put crepe bows round the white necks of the public doves,
Let the traffic policemen wear black cotton gloves.

He was my North, my South, my East and West,
My working week and my Sunday rest,
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song;
I thought that love would last forever: I was wrong.

The stars are not wanted now; put out every one,
Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun,
Pour away the ocean and sweep up the wood;
For nothing now can ever come to any good.

Softly, in the dusk, a woman is singing to me;
Taking me back down the vista of years, till I see
A child sitting under the piano, in the boom of the tingling strings
And pressing the small, poised feet of a mother who smiles as she sings.

In spite of myself, the insidious mastery of song
Betrays me back, till the heart of me weeps to belong
To the old Sunday evenings at home, with winter outside
And hymns in the cosy parlour, the tinkling piano our guide.

So now it is vain for the singer to burst into clamour
With the great black piano appassionato. The glamour
Of childish days is upon me, my manhood is cast
Down in the flood of remembrance, I weep like a child for the past.

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

COLLECT |

Officiant:

Lord, **have mercy.**
Christ, **have mercy.**
Lord, **have mercy.**

Why should we forgive those who sin against us?
Come, and hear
Come and listen to God's Word
Come and know God's love
revealed in Christ Jesus
then, know forgiveness
know love
know the gift of God
Amen

Lord God
God of power and might, praise and thanksgiving we lay at your throne, for in the weakness
of our faith, you saved us
you saved and redeemed us
lead us from death to life
from sin to righteousness
from hate to love
unconditional, unlimited, unqualified love

Our hearts burst with gladness at this blessing
you bestow on us, your people
praise be to you
Creator of Heaven and earth
our Rock and Salvation
Liberating One
help us to be bearers of your liberation
reflecting on our own words and actions,
so we can build up others
rather than tearing them down
joining together more and more as siblings in Christ
in our communities
and across your world

Cosmic Christ
the arch of your justice bends towards love
it is an arch of love
the timescale of which we cannot comprehend
but we thank you for revealing your love to us
and for calling us to show that love to others
in response to that call, hear our prayers for others and your world
for those who use their religion to oppress,
we pray for those who have been stripped of rights to live treasured lives,
we pray for those trapped in the slavery of poverty,

we pray for those whose lives are bogged down by possessions,
 we pray for those who enslave others,
 we pray for those who care for those weakened by illness of body, mind or soul,
 We pray for those who suffer in body, mind or soul, we pray for the world as it is,
 rather than as it should be,

Lord God
 Father, Son, Spirit
 in your great goodness, hear our prayers
 though they may be weak and frail
 they are offered in love
 to you, our maker and redeemer
 in faith and trust
Amen

SONG | Jesus Remember Me

Jacques Berthier

Ostinato Refrain

Capo 1: (D) E $\flat$ (Em/G) Fm/A $\flat$ (A) B $\flat$ (D) E $\flat$

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your King-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your King-dom.

CONFESSION OF SIN |

Officiant: Let us confess our sins, saying together:

People: We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through our fault, our own fault, our own most grievous fault; therefore we pray God to have mercy on us.

May God Almighty have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, and forgive you all your sins, deliver you from all evil, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to eternal life. **Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, absolution, and forgiveness of all your sins, time for true repentance, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. **Amen.**

III. RESURRECTION

MEDITATION | Ave verum corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

String Quartet

SONG | Crucem tuam

Jacques Berthier

♩ = 63

B Em B Em Bm Am D G E Am D

mf Cru - cem tu - am a - do - ra - mus Do - mi - ne, re - sur - re - cti - o - nem
O Lord, your cross, we a - dore and glo - ri - fy, for your ho - ly re - sur -

tu - am lau - da - mus Do - mi - ne. Lau - da - mus et glo - ri - fi - ca - mus.
rec-tion, we praise you Lord of life. We praise you and we glo-ri-fy you.

Re - sur - re - ct i - o - nem tu - am lau - da - mus Do - mi - ne. Cru - cem tu -
For your ho - ly re - sur - rec - tion, we praise you Lord of life. O Lord, your

CLOSING LITANY |

Officiant: God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;

***People:* Dress me. Make me new again**

Officiant: For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:

***People:* Dress me. Make me new again**

Officiant: For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us

***People:* Dress me. Make me new again**

Officiant: For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

People: Dress me. Make me new again

Celebrant: For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us

People: Dress me. Make me new again

All: God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and the hour of our death. Give mercy and peace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and he Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN LEVAS 43 | Because He Lives

Gloria & William Gaither

1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —
2. How sweet to hold — a new-born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —
3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy my
2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as -
3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to

1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —
2. sur-ance, — This child can face un-cer-tain days be-cause He lives. —
3. vic-t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives. —

Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor-row; Be-cause He lives

all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the

fu - ture, And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives.

On this day, the ministers and people depart in silence.

Catherine Hinton, soprano
 Caitlin Gompf, mezzo-soprano
 Bonnie Grier, violin
 Michelle Ruiz, violin
 YaShauna Swan, viola
 Denna Purdy, cello

Lumen Christi dancers:

Peggy Hoffman
 Veronica Ivey
 Shahra Toth
 Suzanne Ziobro

PARISH CALENDAR

APRIL 13 – 19, 2025

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 am	Breakfast – New Brick, lower level
8:45 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:15 – 5:45 pm	Sundays at Three – New Brick, upper level
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Meditations on the Passion – New Brick, upper level

Monday, April 14

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off – Parish Hall, lower level
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Outreach Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, lower level

Tuesday, April 15

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
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Wednesday, April 16

Tenebrae

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Tenebrae – New Brick, upper level

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Seder Service – New Brick, lower level
6:30 – 8:00 pm	Boy Scouts. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service – New Brick, upper level
8:00 pm	Vigil in Old Brick Begins

Friday, April 18

Good Friday – Church Office Closed

12:00 pm	Vigil in Old Brick Ends
12:00 pm	Good Friday Service – New Brick, upper level
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Good Friday Service – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 11:59 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, April 19

Holy Saturday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick
9:30 am – 11:30 am	MOCC Breakfast
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Easter Egg Decorating – Parish Hall, lower level
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Sunday School Easter Egg Decoration – New Brick, lower level
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Decorating of the Church – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 4:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
5:30 – 7:30 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Easter Vigil – New Brick, upper level

HOLY WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 AT 8:00, 9:00, AND 10:30 A.M.

MEDITATIONS ON THE PASSION

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 AT 6:00 P.M. IN NEW BRICK

TENEBRAE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 AT 7:00 P.M. IN NEW BRICK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 AT 5:00 P.M. SEDER MEAL IN THE GREAT HALL

EUCCHARIST AT 7:00 P.M. IN NEW BRICK

800 P.M. TO 12:00 NOON FRIDAY FOR VIGIL IN OLD BRICK

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 AT 12:00 AND 7:00 P.M. IN NEW BRICK

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL, LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE, AND BAPTISM

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 AT 7:00 P.M. IN NEW BRICK

EASTER SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 AT 8:00 IN OLD BRICK

9:00, AND 11:00 A.M. IN NEW BRICK



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