

The Great Vigil of Easter



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To make Him better known to others.*

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March 30, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, fire is kindled. The Celebrant says:

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

The Celebrant continues.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Celebrant bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing:



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

The congregational candles are lighted at this time. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted.

The Deacon, or other person appointed, standing near the Candle, now sings or says the Exsultet.

The Exsultet

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,
pray with me to God the Almighty
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues:

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and lovingkindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is the night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined, and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning – he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings, saying:

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The Story of Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:2) Gail Cecchini

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over

the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything

that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm 136:1-9,23-26 (*all read together*)

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, * **for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, * **for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of Lords, * **for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 4 Who only does great wonders, * **for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, * **for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 6 Who spread out the earth upon the waters, * **for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 7 Who created great lights, * **for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 8 The sun to rule the day, * **for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, * **for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 23 Who remembered us in our low estate, * **for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies, * **for his mercy endures for ever;**

25 Who gives food to all creatures, * for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea Exodus 14:10—15:1
Andrew Listman

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea.

The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Canticle 8, The Song of Moses

Cantemus Domino

(all read together)

1. *I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; **
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
2. **The Lord is my strength and my refuge; ***
the Lord has become my Savior.
3. **This is my God and I will praise him, ***
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
4. **The Lord is a mighty warrior; ***
Yahweh is his Name.
5. **The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled**
into the sea; * the finest of those who bear armor
have been drowned in the Red Sea.
6. **The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; ***
they sank into the depths like a stone.
7. **Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; ***
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
8. **Who can be compared with you, O Lord,**
among the gods? * who is like you, glorious in
holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of
wonders?
9. **You stretched forth your right hand; ***
the earth swallowed them up.
10. **With your constant love you led the people you**
redeemed; * with your might you brought them in
safety to your holy dwelling.
11. **You will bring them in and plant them ***
on the mount of your possession,
12. **The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord,**
***the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has**

established.

13. The Lord shall reign * for ever and for ever.

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A New Heart and a New Spirit (Ezekiel 36:24-28)

Kevin Sangster

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Psalm 42 *(all read together)*

1 *As the deer longs for the water-brooks, * so longs my soul for you, O God.*

2 *My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; * when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?*

3 *My tears have been my food day and night, * while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"*

- 4** I pour out my soul when I think on these things: * how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
- 5** With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, * among those who keep holy-day.
- 6** Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7** Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8** My soul is heavy within me; * therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- 9** One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; * all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10** The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; * in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11** I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten me? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"
- 12** While my bones are being broken, * my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13** All day long they mock me * and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14** Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15** Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43 (*all read together*)

- 1** Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2** For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,
* and bring me to your holy hill and to your
dwelling;**
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy
and gladness; * and on the harp I will give thanks to
you, O God my God.**
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why
are you so disquieted within me?**
- 6 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are 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. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant addresses the People with the following, all **standing** as you are able:*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into His death, and raised with Him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

The Blessing of Baptismal Water and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant:

On this most Holy Night, let us pray for all those who will receive the Sacrament of new birth and for ourselves as we prepare to renew our own Baptismal vows, saying, "*Lord, hear*

our prayer.”

The word “them” is substituted for, “us”. The word “their” is substituted for “us.”



Deliver <i>them</i> , O Lord, from the way of sín and death.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Open <i>their hearts</i> to your gráce and truth.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Fill <i>them</i> with your holy and life-giv - ing Spí - rit.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Keep <i>them</i> in the faith and communion of your hó - ly Church.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Teach <i>them</i> to love others in the power of the Spí - rit.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Send <i>them</i> into the world in wit - ness tó your love.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Bring <i>them</i> to the fullness of your peace and gló - ry.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>

Celebrant:

Grant that we may find our inheritance with the blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs and all the Saints; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the eternal life of the saints in light, through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:

	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage

in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of ✠ the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant takes the Paschal Candle, lowers the base of it into the water, and says:

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then raises the candle out of the water, lowers it again, and sings the same words on a higher pitch; then raises the Candle, lowers it a third time and chants the same words on still a higher pitch. The Celebrant then continues the prayer to the end, after which the Paschal Candle is removed from the font.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, ✠ and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The newly blessed water may be poured into a container (bucket), and the Celebrant may sprinkle the people using the aspergillum as the procession returns.

During this procession the antiphon Vidi Aquam may be sung or said:

Vidi Aquam

Celebrant:

“I saw water proceeding out of the temple, from the right side thereof; and all they to whom that water came shall be saved.”

The Celebrant and ministers go to the sacristy. The Celebrant put on white chasubles. The candles on the altar and other candles are lighted.

The Litany of Saints

The Litany of Saints may be sung or said. The People kneel or sit as you are able.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Holy Mary

R. pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,

R. pray for us.

Holy Joseph, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Michael, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Gabriel, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Raphael, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Uriel, *R. pray for us.*
All ye holy Angels and Archangels, *R. pray for us.*

Holy Abraham, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Isaac *R. pray for us.*
Holy Jacob *R. pray for us.*
Holy Moses, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Elijah, *R. pray for us.*
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets, *R. pray for us.*

Holy John the Baptist *R. pray for us.*
Holy Peter and Paul *R. pray for us.*
Holy Matthew, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Mark, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Luke *R. pray for us.*
Holy John, *R. pray for us.*
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists, *R. pray for us.*
All ye holy Disciples of the Lord, *R. pray for us.*
All ye holy Innocents, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Ignatius of Antioch, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Justin, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Thomas Becket *R. pray for us.*
Holy Thomas More *R. pray for us.*
Holy John Fisher *R. pray for us.*

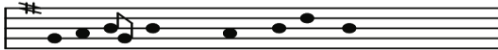
All ye holy Martyrs, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Ambrose, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Augustine, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Jerome, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Athanasius, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Basil and Gregory, *R. pray for us.*
Holy John Chrysostom, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Thomas Aquinas, *R. pray for us.*
Holy Jackson Kemper *R. pray for us.*

Holy Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky

	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
All ye holy Doctors,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
Holy Anthony,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
Holy Benedict,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
Holy Francis,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
Holy John Marie-Baptiste Vianney,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
Holy Richard Hooker	<i>R. pray for us</i>
Holy James DeKoven	<i>R. pray for us</i>
Holy Charles Lowder	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
All ye holy Priests and Levites,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
Holy Anne,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
Holy Mary Magdalene,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
Holy Clare,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
Holy Theresa,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
Holy Catherine of Siena	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
Holy Julian of Norwich,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,	<i>R. pray for us.</i>
All ye Holy, Righteous, and Elect of God:	<i>R. pray for us.</i>

The First Eucharist of Easter

The Easter proclamation is sung.



Celebrant: ✠ Al-le-lu-ia. Christ is ri-sen.



Community: The Lord is ri-sen in - deed. Al-le-lu-ia.

At this time a fanfare will sound after which the People are invited to ring their bells and join in the singing of the Gloria in Excelsis.

Gloria in Excelsis

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

The Collect for the Easter Vigil

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Epistle (Romans 6:3-11)

Denise King

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. The death He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Easter Gospel Acclamation

Bernadette Farrell

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus, risen Lord of Life!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus, risen Lord of Life!**
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

All standing, as you are able.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here. Look, there is the place they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC

Prayers of the People Deacon Bruce Cecchini

Celebrant:

The light of the risen Christ shines forth from the Easter Candle. May that flame of Faith in our hearts embolden us as we offer our prayers for the needs of all our brothers and sisters as we pray, Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon:

For the Universal Church, that with Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sally, our bishop; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople, we may proclaim the saving event of Christ's Easter resurrection.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the nations of this world and for Joseph our President, Philip our Governor, and Richard our Mayor, that the Kingdom of the risen Lord may spread through all societies and cultures.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who have been baptized at this time, that, freed from the slavery of sin, they will live the new life of the risen Christ.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this worshipping community, that we will share the joyous news of the Resurrection with those we meet.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all those on our church prayer list who seek our intercessions and prayers:

- All Missionaries throughout the world.
- The persecuted Church throughout the world.
- Our troops serving at home and abroad.
- All pregnant women and their unborn children.
- All those who are sick and suffering, *especially Priscilla Van Sant and Erin Matthews.*
- The victims of crime in our communities.
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters, *especially the victims of the Baltimore Bridge collapse.*
- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts.
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Valerie Philippe*; and those celebrating anniversaries, *especially Collin & Nickolette McCafferty.*
- For our absent brothers and sisters.

The people are invited to add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the ✠ faithful departed, that, having died with Christ, they will return to life in Him, especially *Disheen Simmons.*

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Celebrant:

O God, you are the Creator and Fountain of Life. From the moment your Spirit hovered over the primal waters to this night where baptism's life-giving waters flow, you have been at work, forming us as your own, breathing life into the works of your hands and making the whole creation new. Tonight with water and oil, with bread and wine, and with our very lives, continue to fashion salvation: Flood the world with the undying life of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

the faithful witness, the first born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.
Amen.

The Peace *(Please remain standing as you are able).*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn (1982 Hymnal #199) *“Come, Ye Faithful”*

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoth's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Section: Easter
 Title: Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
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 Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 Music: St. Kevin, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

The Liturgy of the Sacrifice of Christ

Please stand as you are able.

The Offering of the Bread

The Celebrant takes the bread to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Offering of the Wine

The Celebrant takes the wine to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever**

The Celebrant may address the community with these words.

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my Sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: **May the Lord receive the Sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit, and that of all His holy Church.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Please remain standing as you are able.

The musical notation is written on four staves, alternating between Celebrant and People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al- so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise."

Celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-
where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth. *But chiefly are we bound to praise you for
the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for
He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has
taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed
death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us
everlasting life.*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and
Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever
sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

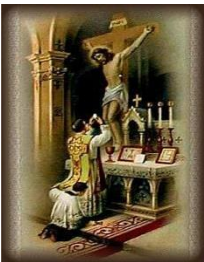
Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Holy Lord, Holy Lord God of
hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

✠ **Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or remain standing as you are able. Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and Love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent Him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.



On the night before he died for us, Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” ✠

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” ✠

Celebrant

There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

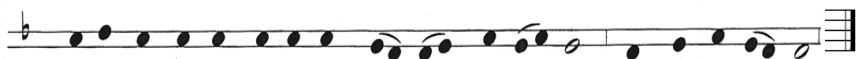
The Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and His Blood of the New Covenant. Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through Him, being ✠ sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; Joseph her spouse, with the apostles, martyrs, and all your saints, we may enter into the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



By him and with him and in him, in the u-ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit



all ho - nor and glo - ry is yours, Al - migh - ty Fa - ther, now and for ev - er. ^{nl}



A - men, a - men, a - men! A - men, a - men, a - men!

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant:



And now, as our Sa - vior Christ hath 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and then places it back on the paten.

A period of silence is kept.

The Celebrant or cantor either sings or says the following fraction anthem:


Celebrant:

The musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff is labeled 'All' and contains the same melody. The third staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the melody for 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us'. The fourth staff is labeled 'All' and contains the melody for 'keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover
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✠ Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.


Communion Hymn (1982 Hymnal # 174) “At the Lamb’s High Feast”




1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death’s dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell’s fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael’s hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin’s power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words:
 Music:

Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.
Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

Celebrant blesses the congregation.

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

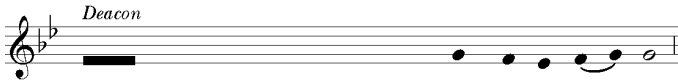
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And may our Blessed Lady, Saint Joseph, and all the saints pray for you; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal in Easter Season

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the People.



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Recessional Hymn (1982 Hymnal #207)

*“Jesus Christ is
Risen Today,
Alleluia”*

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. Please fill out the visitor's card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and having you worship with us again soon.

Announcements

Post-Service Reception in the Church Hall

Please join us in the Church Hall at the conclusion of the service for a Reception.

Easter Day Service and Egg Hunt

Service is at 9 a.m.

Egg Hunt is immediately after service.

There is no Fellowship Brunch following the Easter Service. We resume our Fellowship Brunch on April 7, 2024 (church-sponsored Coffee Hour).

Happy Easter

*From Fr. Russell, the Wardens, and the Mission Committee, we wish you, the Good Shepherd Family, a **Holy, Happy, and Peaceful Easter!***

Prayer List (please let us know when your loved one should be removed).

Current Military Service:

Aiden Borden	Keith Taylor
Andrew Miller	Mason Smiley
Charles Devoll	Reed Mikkelson
Dalton Anders	Ruben Costelano-Gomez
David Daniels	Ted Chavis

Dave Niglio

Felix Perez

Jacob Listman

Jamie Berry

Jimmy Sheridan

John Kirkbride

Jonathan DeMaria

Joseph Hodges

Expectant Mothers and their Babies

Theresa Rugletic (June)

Comfort & Healing

Albert Spinelli	Joseph Wright	Tom Knott
Barbara Hill	Joyce Foster	Sheila Williams
Barbara MacLeod	Lisa Gallagher	Steven Ireland
Barbara Peters Villari	Lori Gantz	Victor Kayati
Betsy Richards	Mackenzie Wister	
Carlos Guemes	Mary Corson	
Celiann Santiago	Mary McGrath	
Christopher Knott	Meredith Del Rosi	
Dave McMichael	Mr. & Mrs. Moe	
Dona Smith	Mrs. Simon	
Donna Vandy	Norman Rogers, Sr.	
Doris Elaine Philips	Patricia Hubel	
Edna Krug	Paul Williams	
Gary Spinelli	Pauleen Williams	
Jasmin Mulero	Regina Listman	
Jason	Richard Mealey	
John Collier	Ricky Beam	
John Rankin	Robert Bratty	