

*The* RESURRECTION *of* OUR LORD  
EASTER  
VIGIL



SATURDAY, *the* FOURTH *of* APRIL, *in the* YEAR *of* OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX  
at EIGHT O'CLOCK *in the* EVENING

The peoples' responses are in bold.

The Great Vigil of Easter is one of the oldest known rites of the Christian church, dating back to the second century. It brings worshippers, literally and symbolically, from darkness into light. The service is comprised of four parts: The Service of Light (kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle, the Exsultet); The Service of Lessons (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers); Christian Initiation (Holy Baptism) or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist. After weeks of penitence, preparation, and reflection, more joyful elements return to the liturgy. The Exsultet, a chant almost as old as the Easter Vigil itself, invites us to rejoice in Christ's triumph over death and redemption of the world; and the word alleluia ("Praise the Lord")—which has not been spoken during the past 40 days of Lent—is proclaimed enthusiastically, and will remain in acclamations, hymns, and dismissals throughout Eastertide.

Sources: Common Worship: Times and Seasons, An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, TCWS liturgical staff

The focal point of the Easter Vigil is the light of the Risen Christ. The paschal candle, a symbol of Christ, shares its flame with all those present.

## The OPENING ADDRESS

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.

Let us pray.

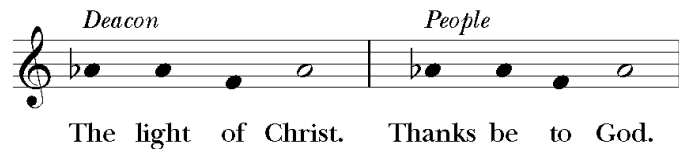
O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The BLESSING of the PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Cantor leads the procession into the Nave.

## The PROCESSION

All follow the procession into the church, pausing three times to sing.



The people light their candles as they enter the church.

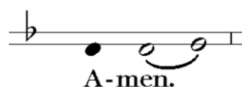
## The EXULTET

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, forever and ever.



The Lord be with you.

*People*  
And al - so with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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 loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this 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 we are 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 with you, for ever and ever.

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## *The* LITURGY *of the* WORD

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

*The* FLOOD • GENESIS 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

*The people  
are seated.*

The people  
stand as able.

## HYMN 637 • *How Firm a Foundation* • LYONS • VERSES 1-3

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.

### *The* COLLECT

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE *at the* RED SEA • EXODUS 14:10-31; 15:20-21

The people  
stand as able.

## HYMN 199 • *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* • ST. KEVIN SEE NEXT PAGE.

### *The* COLLECT

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.**

Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.

The VALLEY of DRY BONES • EZEKIEL 37:1-14

HYMN 508 • *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* • NOVA VITA

The people stand as able.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

## The COLLECT

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The people  
are seated..*

The HOMILY • The Reverend Ruth Pattison • ASSOCIATE RECTOR

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# HOLY BAPTISM

*Julia Foster Alston & Jane Elizabeth Horner*

## The PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION of the CANDIDATES

*Celebrant*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the younger child.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

*The congregation now stands, and the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

**We will.**

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 renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*The people remain  
seated as the parents  
and godparents bring  
their candidate to the  
front of the church.*

## *The* RENEWAL of BAPTISMAL VOWS

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

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

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

**I will, with God's help.**

## *The* PRAYERS of *the* CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them, with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The' THANKSGIVING over the' WATER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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.

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 Candidate is presented by name to the priest who pours water upon the candidate.*

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross.*

## The' BAPTISM

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

N, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*The clergy asperge the people with baptismal water as a reminder of our baptisms. It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross at this time.*

## The' ASPERGES

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## The' EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The candles at the altar are now lighted, the lights are turned on, and bells rung to mark the Resurrection of our Lord. Together we sing the Gloria and make a joyful noise to celebrate Christ's victory over death.*

The HYMN OF PRAISE • Gloria • WILLIAM MATHIAS

The people stand as able.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:  
re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 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 of the DAY

The people are seated.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 EPISTLE • ROMANS 6:3-11

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

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

## CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The GOSPEL • LUKE 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

### **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Risen Christ and then are seated.

## The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

### **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# The HOLY COMMUNION

## The OFFERTORY

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. Our Easter offering directly supports our various outreach ministries in Sandy Springs and beyond. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or with the QR code. We are grateful for your generosity.



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM • "Hallelujah!" from *Messiah* • G. F. HANDEL

PRESENTATION HYMN • LAßT UNS ERFREUEN

*The people stand as able.*

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly  
 Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*The* GREAT THANKSGIVING • EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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 • S128 • WILLIAM MATHIAS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please notify a minister. Receiving the bread is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, rather than the Eucharist, indicate this by placing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

ANTHEM • *"I Know Thy My Redeemer Lives" from Messiah* • G. F. HANDEL

ALEXIS LUNDY, SOPRANO

*The people  
stand as able.*

### *The* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. **Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,  
and the bread of life to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,  
that we may show your glory to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

### *The* BLESSING

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.

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.

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.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 207 • *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* • EASTER HYMN



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!

*The* DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE • *Jubilate Deo* • ALFRED SILVER

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## We are here for you.

If you have a pastoral emergency at any time, please call the church office and follow the prompts. You will immediately be connected to Bill, Stewart or Ruth, who take turns being on-call. The word "pastor" is the Latin word for shepherd. The Community of Hope at Holy Innocents is a community of lay persons in the parish who have been deeply and thoroughly trained in the care and practice of being a pastor. If you would like to talk or pray with a lay pastoral caregiver, please email [CoH@holynnocents.org](mailto:CoH@holynnocents.org)

# The Easter Flowers are Given in *Loving Memory of*

*Claire and Vern Vines*  
by Julie Burroughs

*Prue Waters*  
by Julie Burroughs

*Nancy, Ed, and Sherry Kerr*  
by Bonnie and Dan Connors

*Those Who are No Longer with Us*  
by Charles & Wendy Corbett

*Angie Cox, Betty (Mom) Cox, &  
Edna (Nonnie) Barton*  
by John Cox

*Clare Eanes*  
by Bob Eanes

*Towechi Ebere*  
by Esther Ebere

*Kim Ellis*  
by Beth Ellis

*Helen & Sharman Dennard and  
Lilla & Wamon Faulk*  
by Susan and Dan Faulk

*Evelyn Comer, Douglas Comer,  
and Tommy Goodman*  
by Sandy Freeman

*Jack Hamilton*  
by Ellen Hamilton

*Michelle P. Minor*  
by Craig and Kayla Hodges

*Tama Powers*  
by Silas House

*Buck Kinsey*  
by his family

*My mother, Margaret Scott Larson*  
by Maggie Menkus

*J. Bart Miller*  
by Carol Miller

*My Aunt Skippy, who loved flowers*  
by Christine Pfeiffer

*Don & Donna Rash and Paul Brandt*  
by John & Nicole Rash

*Earlene Dorsey and Earnest Simmons*  
by Ursula Simmons

*Elizabeth Flannagan Edwards*  
by Lizanne Stephenson

*Bill & Collie Sugg*  
by John & Allison Sugg

*Bill, Janelle, & Herschel Lovett*  
by Joe & Anne Sullivan

*Joe Sr. and Sarah Sullivan*  
by Joe & Anne Sullivan

*Marilyn Lyons Thomas  
and Alice Autrey Thomas*  
by Pat Thomas

*Barry Thomas, Helen & Sharman Dennard; Lilla  
& Wamon Faulk; Dorothy & Lyndell McKibbin;  
Jane & Barry Thomas*  
by Marie, Brian, Anna & Will Thomas

*Jack*  
by Molly-O Wagner

*Robert & Anelle Whitaker*  
by Robin Whitaker

*Thomas E. Winslade*  
by Peter Brinker-Uys & Charles Wingo

*Carolyn O. & Percy C. Wingo*  
by Charles Wingo and Peter Brinker-Uys

# The Easter Flowers are Given in *Thanksgiving* for

*Will and Louie Cantrell*  
by Jenny Pittman Cantrell

*Our family*  
by Bill & Diane Clark

*Susan Faulk; Jeannie, Jim, Sidney, and Madeline Roberts; Marie, Brian, Anna, and Will Thomas;  
Leigh, John, and Chip Cummings*  
by Dan Faulk

*My family and friends*  
by Sandy Freeman

*Our grandchildren*  
by Jane & Bill Gurley

*Our family, Connor, Sarah, and Stephen and our granddaughter, Elsie*  
by Paul and Maddie Hamill

*Family and friends*  
by Curtis & Marilyn Kimball

*The staff and clergy of Holy Innocents*  
by Lester and Jeannie Longley

*Andy and Dan Orchik*  
by Doug & Kim Peterson

*Carolyn Brandt and Alexander Rash*  
by John and Nicole Rash

*My children and grandchildren*  
by Kit Reedy

*Gordon & Darcy McDonald*  
by John & Allison Sugg

*Anna & Will Thomas, Susan & Dan Faulk; Sharron Thomas; Jeannie, Jim, Sidney & Madeline  
Roberts; Lisa, Michael, Taylor & Kate Mallady; Leigh, John & Chip Cummings*  
by Marie & Brian Thomas

*Jane Elizabeth Horner*  
by Beth & Andre Touzet

*The Singletarys, the Teagues, and the Nicholases*  
by Molly-O Wagner

# The Easter Music is Given in *Loving Memory of*

*Jack Courtnay and in thanksgiving for 67 years of marriage*  
by Marilyn Courtnay

*Kelly and Bob Spratling*  
by Bob Eanes

*Amanda's mom, church musician*  
by Chris and Amanda Libbey

*J. Bart Miller*  
by Carol Miller

*Lucy and David Peterson*  
by Doug and Kim Peterson

*Warren Reedy*  
by Kit Reedy

*Marilyn Lyons Thomas and Alice Autrey Thomas*  
by Pat Thomas

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by Jenny Pittman Cantrell

*Our family*  
by Bill & Diane Clark

*Family and friends*  
by Curtis & Marilyn Kimball

*Our children, Logan and Liam*  
by Michael and Cynthia McDonald

*Precious friends*  
by Audrey Sumner

*Holy Innocents*  
by Molly-O Wagner

## Welcome

If this is your first time with us, scan the QR code to learn more about our community.



## Easter Offering

Our Easter offering directly supports our various outreach ministries in Sandy Springs and beyond. We are grateful for your generosity.



## GROUPS

### Prayer Shawl

APRIL 7, 7:00-8:30 PM

Join us in the Parlor as we knit and crochet shawls for those in need; but bring any project—needlepoint, cross-stitch, even mending, and enjoy the fellowship.

**Contact:** Cammie Ives ([cammieives@gmail.com](mailto:cammieives@gmail.com))

### Men's Third Friday Breakfast

APRIL 17, 7:30-8:30 AM

Enjoy warm hospitality, engaging discussions, and a fresh breakfast in the Frost Youth Center. Come for the conversation and stay for the fellowship.

**Contact:** Charles Crosby ([charles@corepm.net](mailto:charles@corepm.net))

### Women of HI: Spring Dinner

APRIL 23, 6:00 PM

We are honored to welcome Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe, Founder and Executive Director of Live Thrive, as our guest speaker. Peggy's story is an entrepreneurial journey—she saw a need in our community and quite literally filled it in tons. She founded Live Thrive and launched CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials), which has since diverted millions of pounds of waste from landfills and waterways. Her work beautifully connects with the spirit of Earth Day, reminding us of our shared calling to care for and steward our environment. Register online.

## BOOK CLUBS

### Bucket List Book Club

APRIL 7, 1:00 PM • PARLOR

The group will meet to discuss Part 1 of *The Master and Margarita* by Mikhail Bulgakova and on June 2 to discuss Part II. All are welcome to attend.

**Contact:** Audrey Sumner ([audreysum4833@gmail.com](mailto:audreysum4833@gmail.com))

## Reading Connections

APRIL 13, 6:00 PM • INGLETT HALL C

This month's book is *March* by Geraldine Brooks. The meeting begins with light refreshments and the book discussion begins at 6:30 PM.

**Contact:** Michelle Driscoll ([dris1296@yahoo.com](mailto:dris1296@yahoo.com))

## Men's Dinner and a Book

MARCH 10, 6:30 PM

The book is *Mattering: The Secret to a Life of Deep Connection and Purpose* by Jennifer Wallace.

Kevin Nuffer is hosting.

**Contact:** Jeremy Webber ([jhwwebber@gmail.com](mailto:jhwwebber@gmail.com))

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Youth Group

APRIL 12, 4:00-6:00 PM

All 6th–12th graders are invited to Paint War Night on April 12 from 4:00-6:00 PM. We'll head outside for an epic battle full of color, chaos, and fun you won't forget. Wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on, and bring a friend! Let's make it a night to remember!

**Contact:** Megan Atkinson ([matkinson@holynnocents.org](mailto:matkinson@holynnocents.org))

### GLOW

MAY 6, 6:00-7:00 PM

We will celebrate Easter with a fun scavenger hunt, sweet treats and a special craft. This is our last meeting before summer break so mark your calendars and join us for a fun evening! For kids ages PreK–5th grade.

All ages are invited to gather for dinner at 5:30 PM.

After dinner, kids will head to GLOW while parents are welcome to stay for wine and conversation. Friends are always welcome!

**Contact:** Renee Stephens ([rstephens@holynnocents.org](mailto:rstephens@holynnocents.org))

### VBS 2026: Knights of the North Castle

JUNE 1-5, 9:00 AM-12:15 PM

Children will step into a world of courage, faith, and fun as they learn what it means to "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power" (Ephesians 6:10). Optional aftercare is available until 3:30 PM for families who need a longer day of fun and supervision. The week will conclude with campers sharing their VBS song during the 10:15 AM service on Sunday, June 7, with a picnic lunch for everyone. Cost: \$85 per camper, \$85 additional for aftercare.

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