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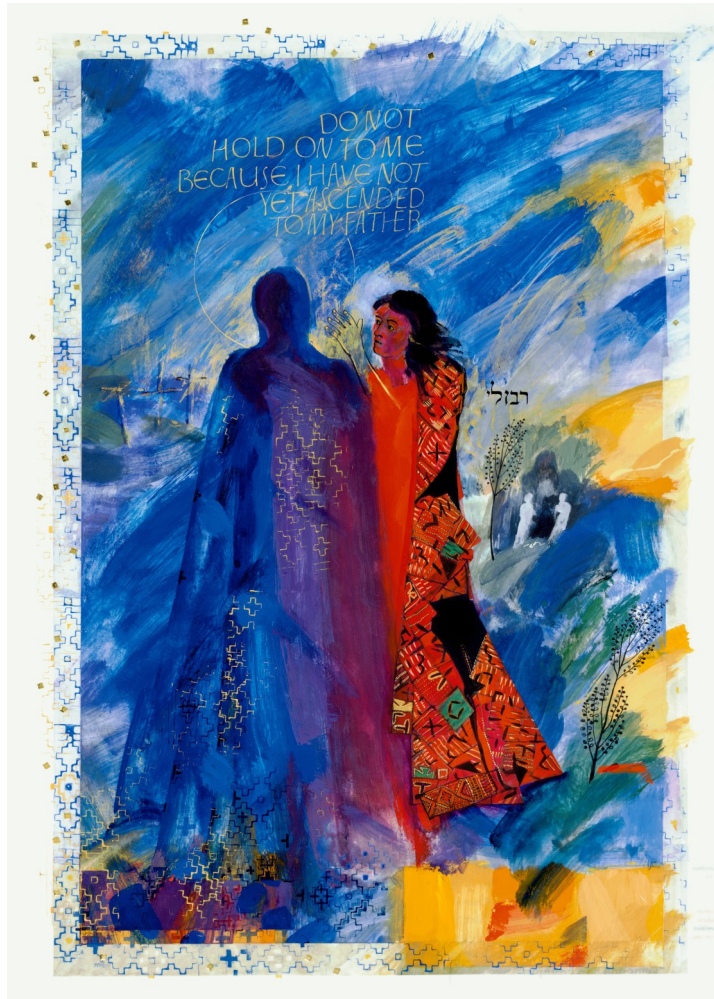
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & DAY SCHOOL

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The Great Vigil of Easter

The Blessing Of the New Fire | The Lighting of the Paschal Candle
The First Eucharist of Easter | Holy Baptism
April 8, 2023 + 7:00pm

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The Choir of All Saints'



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The Liturgy of Easter Eve

This service on Easter Eve is the most ancient Easter celebration of the Church. Long before anyone ever thought about observing Christmas, Christians were meeting before dawn to celebrate the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. At one time the whole of what we now call Holy Week was commemorated during this service. Our ancestors began the Vigil in the darkness of night to recall the darkness of death, and by the time the Vigil and Eucharist were finished, the sun had risen - a sign of new life.

Over the centuries the liturgy developed: the other days of Holy Week took their separate forms, and the Easter Vigil became focused on the resurrection. Still, Christians gathered in darkness, and then a fire was lit. Fire is a universal symbol of life, and from that fire each one took a flame. The story of salvation was rehearsed, the resurrection proclaimed, and the Eucharist, which had not been celebrated since Thursday evening, was celebrated again with great thanksgiving and solemnity.

By the early third century, this service was also closely associated with baptism, and it became the normal time for the admission of new Christians to the Church. This is because of the close association in Christian understanding between baptism and the death and resurrection of Jesus. When we are baptized, we become participants in Jesus' death and resurrection, and this was once powerfully symbolized when baptismal candidates, descending into the baptismal pool (as if in death), were baptized, and ascended to be clothed in white (as if to resurrection).

Notable in this service is the Paschal, or Easter Candle. "Paschal" is simply another word for Easter, and it comes from the Greek word pascha, which means "passover." For Easter is the Christian Passover. Indeed this service is properly called the "Paschal Vigil." The Paschal Candle is both a sign of resurrection, and a sign of the presence of the risen Christ himself. It remains in a prominent position in the church throughout the Easter season until Pentecost. Because of its close association with Easter and with baptism, the Paschal Candle is then used throughout the year at baptisms and funerals.

Easter is the "Feast of Feasts," a declaration that nothing is more powerful than the love of God. By celebrating Easter in this very dramatic fashion, we allow the truth of this declaration to speak to us not just in an intellectual way, but in a way that also engages the senses and the emotions.

The Blessing of the New Fire And The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*The clergy and congregation gather for the lighting of the New Fire.
The fire lit, the Celebrant greets the People, saying*

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 blesses the New Fire, saying
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 Celebrant traces the cross and the alpha and omega onto the Paschal Candle, saying

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end.
The Alpha
and the Omega.
His are the times
and the ages.
To him be glory and dominion
through all ages of eternity. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then places nails, representing the wounds of the crucified Lord, into the candle saying


Through his holy
and glorious wounds
may Christ the Lord
guard us
and preserve us. **Amen.**

A taper is lighted from the New Fire and the Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle, saying

May the light of Christ gloriously rising
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. **Amen.**

The Procession with the Paschal Candle

The Deacon, bearing the Candle, leads the procession through the darkened church, pausing three times as the Deacon sings:



The Deacon and People sing the following melody:

The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

The Paschal Candle is then placed on its stand. The light of the Paschal Candle alone illumines the church.

The Exsultet

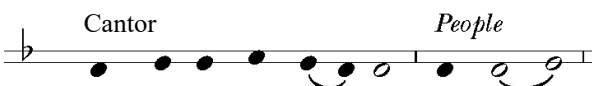
The Cantor sings

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.

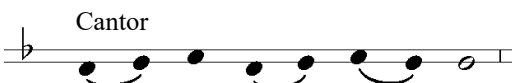
Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

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,




Cantor and People sing the following melody:

... for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.




Cantor sings the following melody:

The Lord be with you.



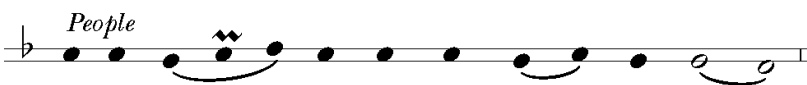
People sing the following melody:

And al - so with you.



Cantor sings the following melody:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



People sing the following melody:

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

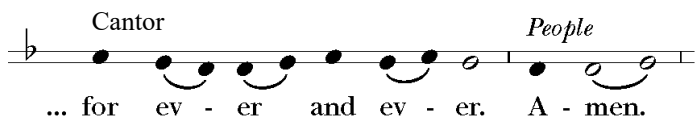
It is truly right and good, always and everywhere,
with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you,
the invisible, almighty, and eternal God,
and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true Paschal Lamb,
who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin,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

This is the night, when you brought our fathers and mothers, 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



A light is taken from the flame of the Paschal Candle and this light is passed among the People who light their candles and pass the light to one another. Other candles in the church are lighted, except for those on the Altar.

The Great Vigil

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.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST VIGIL READING

THE STORY OF CREATION

GENESIS 1:1-2:2

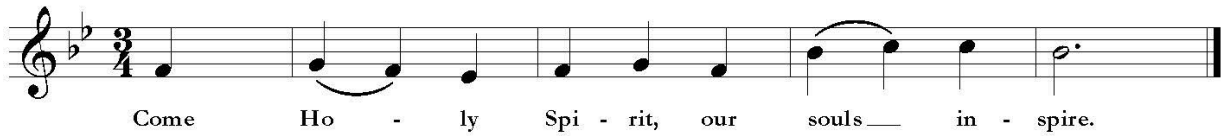
In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated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

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104

ANTIPHON: *The Choir sings the antiphon first the first time, then the congregation follows*



O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all!
The earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the great and wide sea
With its living things
Too many to number,
Creatures both small and great.
There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you made for the sport of it.
You bring forth your Spirit and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

ANTIPHON

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them, they gather it;
You open your hand,
and they are filled with good things.
You hide their face, and they are terrified;
You take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
You bring forth your Spirit and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

ANTIPHON

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
And so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
May the Lord rejoice in all his works.
You bring forth your Spirit, and they are created;
And so you renew the face of the earth.

ANTIPHON

Please stand.

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**

Please be seated.

THE SECOND VIGIL READING

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

EXODUS 14:10-15:1

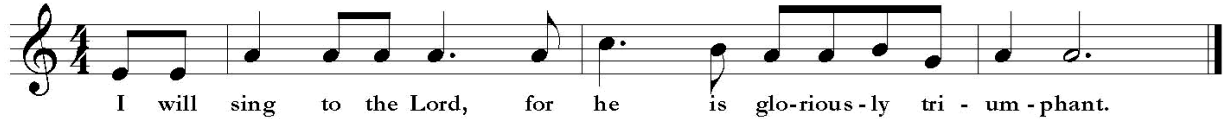
As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing 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 Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MIRIAM & MOSES

ANTIPHON: *The Choir sings the antiphon first the first time, then the congregation follows*



I will sing to the Lord, for he is gloriously triumphant;
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.
My strength and my courage is the Lord
the Lord has been my Savior.
He is my God, I praise him;
The God of my fathers, I extol him.

ANTIPHON

The flood waters covered them,
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right, O Lord, is magnificent in power;
your right hand, O Lord has shattered the enemy.

ANTIPHON

Who is like you among the gods, O Lord?
Who is like you magnificent in holiness,
awesome in splendor, and worker of wonders?

ANTIPHON

You brought in the people you redeemed
and planted them on the mountain of your inheritance,
the place where you made your seat, O Lord,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands established.
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever,

ANTIPHON

Please stand.

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.**

Please be seated.

THE THIRD VIGIL READING SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL ISAIAH 55:1-11

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

CANTICLE 9 THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH *Ecce, Deus* *sung by the Choir* *Anglican Chant*
Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Please stand.

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.**

Please be seated.

THE FOURTH VIGIL READING

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

EZEKIEL 37:1-4

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 42

Calvin Bower

ANTIPHON: *The Choir sings the antiphon first the first time, then the congregation follows*



My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life;
when can I enter and see the face of God.

ANTIPHON

How I would lead the rejoicing crowd into the house of God
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, the throng wild with joy.

ANTIPHON

Deep is calling on deep, in the roar of waters;
your torrents and all your waves swept over me

ANTIPHON

And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp. O God my God.

ANTIPHON

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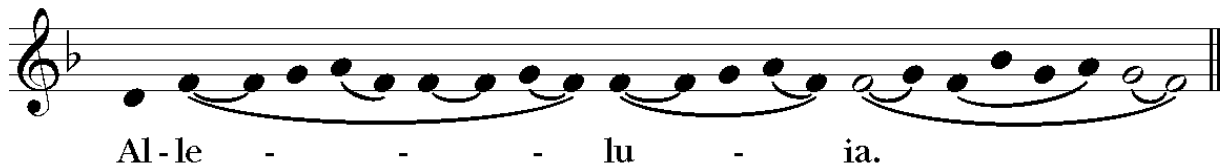
Celebrant: Let us pray. (Silence)

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 FIRST SOLEMN MASS OF EASTER

*In an instant, the lights of the church are lighted as the People extinguish their candles.
The candles on the Altar are lighted. The water stoops are filled. Bells are rung.*

The Alleluia is repeated after the Celebrant, three times, the tone gradually rising.



GLORIA

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Robert Powell

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 OF THE DAY

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.

People: Amen.

Please be seated for the Epistle and the Psalm.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE 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 also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 114

Fr. Chrysogonus Waddell

ANTIPHON: *The Choir sings the antiphon first the first time, then the congregation follows*



When Israel went forth from Egypt, Jacob's sons from an alien people,
Judah became the Lord's temple, Israel became his kingdom.

ANTIPHON

The sea fled at the sight, the Jordan turned back on its course,
the mountains leapt like rams and the hills like yearling sheep.

ANTIPHON

Why was it sea that you fled, that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?
Mountains, that you leapt like rams, hills, like yearling sheep?

ANTIPHON

Tremble, O earth, before the Lord, in the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who turns the rock into a pool and a flint like a spring of water.

ANTIPHON

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL HYMN

Christ ist erstanden

Hymnal #184

Christ the Lord is Risen Again



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.
takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:
is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia!



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 29:1-10

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ according to **Matthew**.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Deacon *People*

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Michelle Marie Gillespie Leavitt

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor: I present **Michelle Marie Gillespie Leavitt** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the candidate when presented

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate

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

Answer: I renounce them.

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

Answer: I renounce them.

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

Answer: I renounce them.

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

Answer: I do.

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

Answer: I do.

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

Answer: I do.

Question: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with this person who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own Baptismal Covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: 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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first singing

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: 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 touches the water

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 Congregation is seated.

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant: I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.**

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

PRESENTATION OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Celebrant: God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

People: Shine as a light to the world to the glory of God the Father.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: 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 Celebrant concludes

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.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated for the Offertory anthem.

THE OFFERTORY

Come, Ye Faithful

R. S. Thatcher (1888-1957)

Please stand when the offerings are brought forward to the altar.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The People stand as they are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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

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Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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

Celebrant: 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:

Celebrant and People:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

The People continue standing or kneeling.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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

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David Hurd (b. 1950)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The People are seated as the congregation makes their communion.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who hunger for God are invited to come forward to receive the sacrament. Follow the ushers' instructions when and where to go. Place one hand over the other to receive the bread. Wine is available via intinction into a chalice with a small amount of wine, so that fingers cannot come into contact with the wine. If you prefer, you may come forward instead for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Please let the clergy know if you need a gluten-free host.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Surrexit Pastor Bonus

Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

The good shepherd is risen, who laid down his life for his sheep, who was worthy to die for his flock.

Congregational Hymn

St. Kevin

Hymnal #199

Come, Ye Faithful Raise the Strain

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 - raoh'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.

The People stand or kneel as they are able.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People continue standing or kneeling.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN

Easter Hymn

Hymnal #207

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Organ Symphony No. 1 - VI. Final

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Easter at All Saints'



**EASTER DAY,
SUNDAY, APRIL 9**
7:00am Outdoor Easter Eucharist
in the Close Garden

9:00am Outdoor Easter Eucharist
in the Day School Pavilion

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt
for 3rd grade and younger
will be on the Day School campus
following the 9:00am service.

11:00am Easter Eucharist
in the Church

No incense at any Easter Day services

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