



# *The Great Vigil of Easter*

March 30, 2024

7:45 P.M.

THE SERVICE BEGINS OUTDOORS  
THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Priest may address the people in these or similar words*

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 Priest says*  
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 prepared by the Priest saying*

Christ yesterday and today the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega. His are the times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity. Amen.

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard us and keep us. Amen.

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, saying*

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

*The Priest bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the front of the church, pausing three times and singing or saying*

*Priest*            The light of Christ.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

*Individual congregational candles may be lit at this time. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time.*

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

THE EXSULTET

*Priest*

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.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*Answer* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Answer* 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 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

*Priest*

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.

Genesis 1 — The Creation <sup>1</sup>

*Alexis*

I Sing The Almighty Hymn 398

Blue Hymnal

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.

Genesis 6:9 — Noah's Ark <sup>2</sup>

*Victor*

<sup>1</sup>*Children of God Storybook Bible by Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

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Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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.

Genesis 22:1-18 — **Don't Hurt Isaac** <sup>3</sup>

*Alex*

When In The Night I Meditate Presby 165

Insert

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exodus 7-15 — Let My People Go <sup>4</sup>

*Oliver*

Let My People Go Hymn 648

Blue Hymnal

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.

Ezekiel 33 v. 21-33, Chapter 36 — Two Messages <sup>5</sup>

*Christian*

As Longs The Deer Hymn 658

Blue Hymnal

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

Ezekiel Chapter 37 v. 1-14, Chapter 48 v. 30-35 — Bones, bones, bones! <sup>6</sup>

*Charlotte*

Psalms 43 PP 33

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Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old

<sup>2,4</sup> *Children of God Storybook Bible* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

<sup>3</sup> *Bible Stories of the 40 Days*; Melissa Musick Nussbaum; Illustrations by Judy Jarrett

<sup>5,6</sup> *The Pilgrim Book of Bible Stories*. Mark Water. The Pilgrim Press. Cleveland OH. 2003

are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Priest*

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.

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Priest* 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.

*Priest* 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.

*Priest* 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.**

*Priest* 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.**

*Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

*Priest* 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 Priest*

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.

## AT THE EUCHARIST

*The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle*

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gloria In Excelsis Hymn S 280

Blue Hymnal

*Bells may be rung during the Gloria.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray.

*Priest*

**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.***

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

*Leader* The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

Alleluia, Alleluia Hymn

Blue Hymnal

GOSPEL Luke 24 & John 20 — Jesus is Alive <sup>7</sup>

*Before the Gospel Reading*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*After the Gospel Reading*

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Rev. Cathy Carpenter

<sup>7</sup> *Children of God Storybook Bible by Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

*The Priest adds a concluding Collect.*

PEACE (all stand)

*The Priest says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 199

Blue Hymnal

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people remain standing.*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Priest proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

*Priest and People*

Sanctus Hymn S 130

Blue Hymnal

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Priest continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

**Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.**

*Priest and People*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Priest continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

*People and Priest*

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

Fraction Anthem Hymn S 164

Blue Hymnal

*Priest* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. For gluten-sensitive, there is a gluten-free alternative offered at the center of the altar-rail opening. For blessings only, please come to the altar rail with your arms folded.*

I Greet You, Sure Redeemer NCH 251 (Choir)

**At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing** Hymn 174

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and Voices Hymn 191

Blue Hymnal

Blue Hymnal

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*The Priest says*

Let us pray

*Priest 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.*

#### BLESSING FOR EASTER

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.*

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! Presby 104

Insert

#### DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



In celebration of His glorious Resurrection,  
the flowers around the baptismal font are given to the Glo-  
ry of God and in thanksgiving for her family, Jeff, and



Tatiana

by Nancy Seeley

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by the following parishioners:

*Gwyn Cline for Tom Johnston.*

*Stuart and Megan Summers in thanksgiving of their family.*

*Linda Halas in memory of Paul and Virginia Halas.*

*Barb Claypool in memory of Jim Claypool.*

*Pam Harris in thanksgiving for her grandson Everett's 9th birthday .*

*Jeff & Michelle Klemczak in loving memory of Jeff's father Richard Klemczak, Michelle's father  
Joseph Brown, and their daughter-in-law Sara Pugh.*

*Kandyce Hannon in memory of George and Helen Kraus, and Dave and Mary Hannon.*

*Katy Hamilton in memory of her parents.*

*Valerie Schlink and family in memory of Shirley Slingsby.*

*Jon Holmer & Cathy Carpenter in memory of Paul & Phyllis Holmer and Helen Carpenter.*

*Tina Flynn in thanksgiving for many blessings and family.*

*Tom Wheeland in memory of Judith Leatherman, Susan Wilson, and Bill Wheeland.*

*Robert Jacobs in memory of Patricia Hart.*

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