



# THE GREAT VIGIL AND FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER MARCH 30, 2024

The service begins outside the Church doors with the lighting of the Paschal Candle from newly kindled fire.

## *The lighting of the new fire*

*Presider*

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.

*Presider*

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 Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

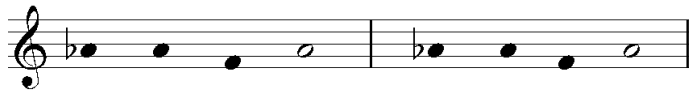
*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying*

At the first pause.



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second pause



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the third pause



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted.*

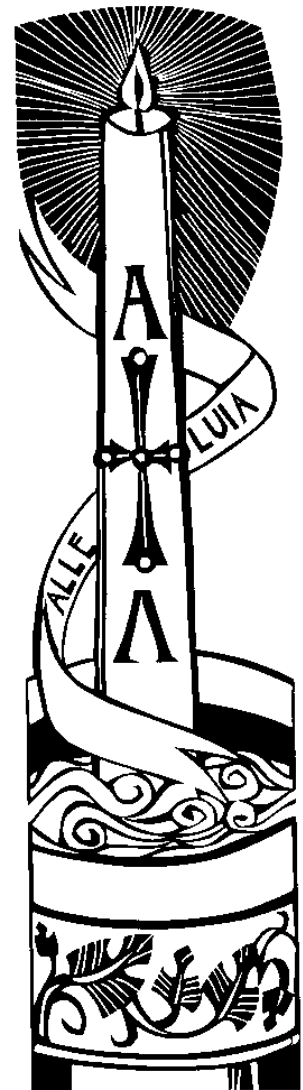
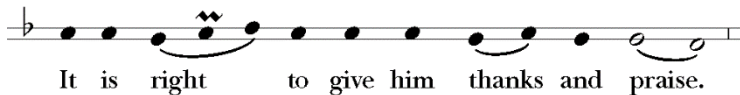
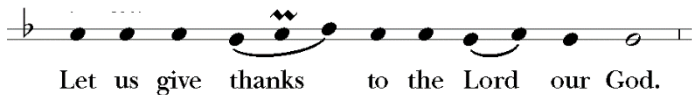
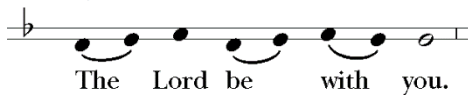
*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the Exsultet is sung.*

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.*



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.

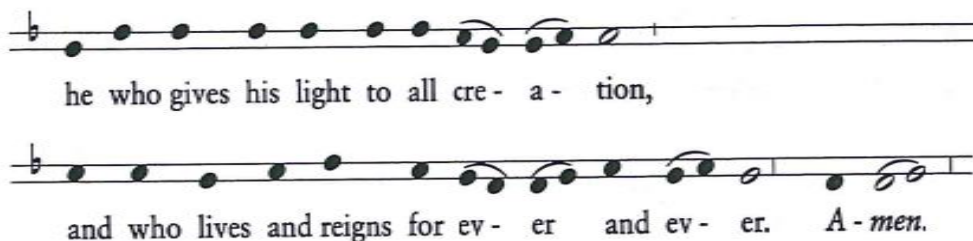
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

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--



## The Liturgy of the Word

*Presider*

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

### The Story of Creation: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

**Reader: Erica White**

*Our first lesson is the story of creation. The Spirit of the Lord hovers like a great mother bird over the shapeless world. God then forms the heaven and the earth and all its creatures in six days, and the seventh day is set aside as a day of rest. God's ultimate creative act is human life, made in God's image, to whom responsibility over all other life is given.*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### **Hymn 385 "Many and great, O God, are thy works"**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

*Presider*

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.**

### **The Flood: Genesis 7:1-5,11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13**

**Reader: Matthew Cashen**

*The second reading this evening is the story of Noah and the Ark. God uses the waters of a flood to purify the world, and puts the rainbow in the sky as the sign of his covenant, a sign of his love, for his people.*

Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind--every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of

life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh--birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth--so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 46**

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

*Presider* 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.**

**Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea: Exodus 14:10-15:1**

**Reader: Scott Thompson**

*Our third reading from the Old Testament is the story of the deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt. The Lord brings the people safely through the waters of the Red Sea. This story helped shape what the Christian Church teaches about Baptism, that in the water of Baptism we pass from slavery to an old way of life to the freedom of our new life in Christ.*

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.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 648 "When Israel was in Egypt's land"**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

*Presider* 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.*

**The Valley of Dry Bones: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**Reader: Margaret Hvatum**

*The prophet Ezekiel has a vision of the bones of a dead and hopeless people being restored to new life in their homeland. The people who have experienced exile and hardships will live again. The Spirit of the Lord restores their spirit and breath, and they rise from the dead.*

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.

*Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn 508 "Breathe on me, Breath of God"**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

*Presider 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.*

**Mary Anoints Jesus: John 12:1-8**

**Reader: The Rev. Dr. Pamela Stuerke**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

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 tranquility 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 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.**

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Presider*

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.

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

*People* ***I do.***

*Deacon* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Deacon* 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.***

*Deacon* 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.***

*Presider* 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.***

*Presider* 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.***

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

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



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

*Presider* 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.***

*Presider*

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

## **The Eucharist**

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

*At the proclamation of the Resurrection, bells may be rung continuing through the Gloria.*

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

**Gloria Hymnal S278** *Mathias*

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

***Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,***

***Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;***

***you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,***

***with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Presider* 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**

**Reader: Amanda Cashen**

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

die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People* ***Thanks be to God***

**Sequence Hymn 296 “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

### **The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8**

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

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord

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

### **Homily**

**The Rev. Michael Dunnington**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Leader*

From the darkness of the grave, walking from the empty tomb, opening wide the gates of life, Christ the Lord is risen to-day

**ALL: Alleluia!**

From the triumph that is won over the power and fear of death, Christ the Lord is risen to-day

**ALL: Alleluia!**

Lord of life, You defeated death to show that we can rise from all that binds us to the world: pride, envy, anger, fear, the debt of sin that holds us here, Christ the Lord is risen to-day

**ALL: Alleluia!**

Lord of life, You defeated death to demonstrate a love that is beyond our understanding, that reaches out to all creation, Saving Grace to all who hear, Christ the Lord is risen to-day

**ALL: Alleluia!**

Lord of life we pray for all who bring your word of life as a light to those in darkness, for those who bring your word of peace to those enslaved by fear, for those who bring your word of love to those in need of comfort, Lord of love and Lord of peace, Lord of resurrection life, be known through our lives and through your power, Christ the Lord is risen to-day

**ALL: Alleluia!**

## **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

## **Offertory Hymn 210 “The day of resurrection!”**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

### **Eucharistic Prayer from Enriching Our Worship**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

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

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

*Presider* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

But chiefly we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ; you raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Presider and People*

**Holy, Holy Hymnal S 128** *Mathias*

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*During the Great Fifty Days of the Easter season it is customary to remain standing for prayer.*

*The Presider continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before his suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Presider continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*People and Presider*

***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.***

### **Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem Hymnal S155**     *Near*

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

***Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.***

***Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;***

***therefore let us keep the feast.***

***Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.***

### **The Ministration of Communion**

*All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. At the altar rail, please let the priest know that you require gluten free.*

### **Prayer After Communion**

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

### **A Blessing During the Easter Season**

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

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

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

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

### **Closing Hymn 199 "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain"**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

### **Dismissal**

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

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

### **Postlude "Plein Jeu"**

François Couperin (1668-1733)

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## **LEADING GOD'S PEOPLE IN WORSHIP**

**The New Fire is kindled by:** *Scott Thompson*

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**Usher:** Amanda Cashen

**Crucifer:** Scott Thompson

**Greeter:** Diane Nienkemper

**Altar Guild:** Jon Danieley

**Chalice:** Scott Thompson

**Lectors:** Erica White, Matthew Cashen, Scott Thompson, Margaret Hvatum, The Rev. Dr. Pamela Stuerke, Amanda Cashen

**Special Thanks to Lucy Danieley for playing percussion.**

Sequence Hymn "In Boldness, Look to God for Help"

Voices Found Hymn 94



1 In bold-ness, look to God for help, like wo - men folk who  
 2 In bold-ness, lean on God for strength, and heal - ing from dis -  
 3 In bold-ness, learn of God the truth of Ma - ry's bet - ter  
 4 In bold-ness, love, nor count the cost. Con - front the world's harsh



dared: to ask that Je - sus heal a child, that  
 ease, of mind and bod - y, heart and will, whose  
 part: by fear and cen - sure un - de - terred, de -  
 stare: like one who washed the feet of Christ, and



crumbs of grace be shared, that out - cast ones be  
 bond - age Je - sus frees. Reach out and touch the  
 ter - mined in her heart to kneel at Je - sus'  
 wiped them with her hair, poured per - fume to a -



wel - comed to the feast God has pre - pared.  
 hem of Christ, and gath - er spi - rit's ease.  
 feet and learn the wis - dom he im - parts.  
 noint her Lord, and left love's fra - grance there.

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In memory David Wiethop by Marilyn Wiethop  
In memory of Carl, Charlotte and Carl Jr. Hohenberger by Carol Hohenberger  
In Thanksgiving for our Grandchildren by The Rev. Michael and Leslie Dunnington  
In Memory of Maria Cashen by The Cashen Family  
In Memory of Mary and Harold Nienkemper by Diane Nienkemper  
In Memory of Robert and Dorothy Jeffery and Larry Lewis by Doug and Ellen Jeffery



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please join us tomorrow morning after the 10:00am service for an Easter Reception and Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome to attend.**

### Parish Survey

The new Parish Survey created by the Rector Search committee is now available. There are printed copies to fill out manually that will be distributed each week after service or you can go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JTPQDXQ> and fill it out electronically. We would like to have everyone fill out the survey, not just one per house hold. If you need a survey mailed to you, contact Melissa in the Parish Office.

### UTO Ingathering



Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings, and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. St. Mark's Episcopal Church will be having a United Thank Offering campaign during Lent. Our UTO Ingathering is scheduled for April 7th.

### St. Mark's Timeline

The St. Mark's rector search committee invites you to write in your St. Mark's events on the Parish Hall Timeline, which is posted in the Parish Hall. Events should include baptisms, weddings, confirmations, funerals, and when you and your family joined St. Mark's. Also please add in big events such as the start of our Community Garden, trips to Fast Eddie's, new rectors coming, new "parish dogs" and any other parish events. When you add in your event, please add in the event and its date. Our goal is to introduce us to our potential new rector so he/she/they knows who we were and who we are.

**Everyone is invited next door to the parish house to celebrate this first service of Easter with bubbly and bon-bons!**

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