

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER  
APRIL 11, 2020

8:00 pm service



*Compelled by God's love, we are a Christian community of spiritual renewal and radical welcome with a commitment to help everyone grow in their journey. Our faith is deeply rooted in worship, scripture, prayer, and action.*

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*Opening our doors wider:  
All Are Welcome in This Place!*

## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*In the darkness, fire is kindled.*

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

Let us pray.

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

*The 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:*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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

*Candles distributed to members of the congregation are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

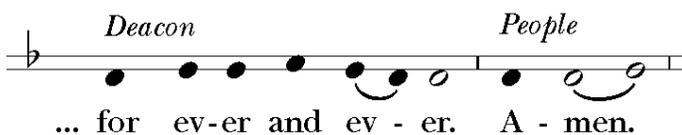
*Then the Deacon, standing near the Candle, chants the Exsultet.*

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

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

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

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



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



## The Liturgy of the Word

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

### **First Lesson**

### **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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Response: The Hymnal 1982 #S-209, Canticle 8, The Song of Moses: *Cantemus Domino***



- 1 I will sing to the Lord, for he is <sup>lofty</sup> and <sup>up</sup>lifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he <sup>hurled</sup> into the <sup>sea</sup>.
- 2 The Lord is my <sup>strength</sup> and my <sup>refuge</sup>; \*  
the <sup>Lord</sup> has be <sup>come</sup> my <sup>Savior</sup>.
- 3 This is my God and <sup>I</sup> will <sup>praise</sup> him, \*  
the God of my <sup>people</sup> and <sup>I</sup> will <sup>ex</sup>alt him.
- 4 The Lord is a <sup>mighty</sup> warrior; \*  
— <sup>Yahweh</sup> is his <sup>Name</sup>.
- 5 The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he <sup>hurled</sup> into the <sup>sea</sup>; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
<sup>drowned</sup> in the <sup>Red</sup> Sea.
- 6 The fathomless <sup>deep</sup> has <sup>over</sup>whelmed them; \*  
they <sup>sank</sup> into the <sup>depths</sup> like a <sup>stone</sup>.
- 7 Your right hand, O Lord, is <sup>glorious</sup> in <sup>might</sup>; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has <sup>over</sup>thrown the <sup>enemy</sup>.
- 8 Who can be compared with you, O Lord, a <sup>mong</sup> the <sup>gods</sup>? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in re <sup>nown</sup>, and <sup>worker</sup> of <sup>wonders</sup>?

- 9 You stretched forth your<sup>1</sup>right<sup>1</sup>hand; \*  
the<sup>1</sup>earth<sup>1</sup>swallowed them<sup>1</sup>up.
- 10 With your constant love you led the<sup>1</sup>people you re<sup>1</sup>deemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in  
<sup>1</sup>safety to your<sup>1</sup>holy<sup>1</sup>dwelling.
- 11 You will bring them<sup>1</sup>in and<sup>1</sup>plant them \*  
on the<sup>1</sup>mount of<sup>1</sup>your pos<sup>1</sup>session,
- 12 The resting-place you have made for your<sup>1</sup>self, O<sup>1</sup>Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O<sup>1</sup>Lord, that your<sup>1</sup>hand has es<sup>1</sup>tablished.
- †13 The<sup>1</sup>Lord shall<sup>1</sup>reign \*  
for<sup>1</sup>ever<sup>1</sup>and for<sup>1</sup>ever.

Glory to the Father, and<sup>1</sup>to the<sup>1</sup>Son, \*  
and<sup>1</sup>to the<sup>1</sup>Holy<sup>1</sup>Spirit:

As it was in the be<sup>1</sup>ginning, is<sup>1</sup>now, \*  
and<sup>1</sup>will be for<sup>1</sup>ever. A<sup>1</sup>men.

*Celebrant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

*Celebrant* 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.**

## Second Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that 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 labour 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.  
See, 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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Response: The Hymnal 1982 #S-214, Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah: *Ecce, Deus***



- 1 Surely, it is<sup>1</sup> God who<sup>1</sup> saves me; \*  
I will trust in<sup>1</sup> him and<sup>1</sup> not be a<sup>1</sup> afraid.
- 2 For the Lord is my stronghold and my<sup>1</sup> sure de<sup>1</sup> fense, \*  
and<sup>1</sup> he will<sup>1</sup> be my<sup>1</sup> Savior.

- 3 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
 – from the springs of salvation.
- 4 And on that day you shall say, \*  
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
 5 Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
- 6 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
 and this is known in all the world.
- 7 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
 and to the Holy Spirit:  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
 and will be for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

*Celebrant* O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* 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.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

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

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

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

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

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

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 Acclamation of Easter**

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



- 1 Alleluia, alleluia. \*  
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 2 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,
- 3 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 4 Alleluia, alleluia. \*  
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.
- 6 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 7 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 8 Alleluia, alleluia. \*  
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 9 Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 10 For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
- 11 For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 12 Alleluia, alleluia. \*  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*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 forever. **Amen.**

## The Epistle

## Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Hymn**            *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*

**The Hymnal 1982 #205**

## The Gospel

## Matthew 28:1-10

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 worshipped 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*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

*The Deacon reads the Gospel.*

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord

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

## The Sermon

**The Rev. Andy Lobban**

## The Prayers of the People

## The Peace

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

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

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **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 truly right to glorify you, Father...Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

## Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 #S-125



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.

*The Celebrant continues*

...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.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

...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 Celebrant*

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Distribution of Communion: all who desire to receive Christ are welcome!*

**Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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

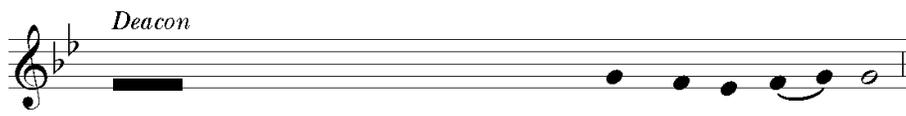
*The Celebrant offers a Benediction to which the People respond: Amen.*

**Closing Hymn**

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

**The Hymnal 1982 #207**

## The Dismissal



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



al - le - lu - ia.



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

## Organ postlude

