

Welcome to
SAINT MARK'S

The Great Vigil of Easter

March 30, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

Please silence all cell phones



THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant 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.

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 (the Celebrant if there is no deacon) bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying

Celebrant The light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE EXULTET

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people. All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant 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.*

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 WORD OF GOD

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 people sit.

EXODUS 14:10-15:1

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

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."

*I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.*

*This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.*

*The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.*

*Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.*

*With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.*

Celebrant

Let us pray. (Silence)

○ 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 36:24-28

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

CANTICLE 9 THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH—*Ecce, Deus*

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.*

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.*

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

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, prophecy, 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 prophecy, 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.

PSALM 143 *Domine, exaudi*

¹ LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.

² Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

³ For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; *
he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

⁴ My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate.

⁵ I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands.

⁶ I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

- ⁷ O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
- ⁸ Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; *
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.
- ⁹ Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, *
for I flee to you for refuge.
- ¹⁰ Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- ¹¹ Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; *
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.
- ¹² Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, *
for truly I am your servant.

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 people now stand. The remaining candles at the altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.

Celebrant + Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Small bells are now rung

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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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 FOR THE VIGIL OF EASTER

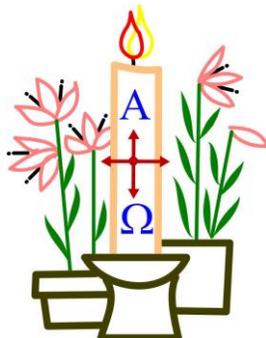
Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, 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 people sit.



A reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

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.*

PSALM 114 *In exitu Israel*

- ¹ Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
 the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- ² Judah became God's sanctuary *
 and Israel his dominion.
- ³ The sea beheld it and fled; *
 Jordan turned and went back.
- ⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, *
 and the little hills like young sheep.
- ⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
 O Jordan, that you turned back?
- ⁶ You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
 you little hills like young sheep?
- ⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- ⁸ Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
 and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The people stand.



1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!



E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide
 through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb
 bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night



flows the tide sev - ering us from bond - age past, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!
 brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

+ *May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.*

The people sit.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Celebrant says

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.

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

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.***

Celebrant 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.***

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THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant 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.***

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 ASPERGES

The celebrant sprinkles the people with the newly blessed baptismal water.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant:

In the radiant splendor of this most holy night, let us pray to the God whose mighty deeds we have seen in the deliverance of God's people through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, saying: *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

LEM:

For the Church, especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, GERALYN, Daniel, and William our Bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Long Island, and for Chris our Priest. May we be signs of Christ's light for all who have lived in darkness, of hope for all who know pain and suffering, and of love for all who have been rejected, let us pray to the Lord. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we may be strong in faith, confident in hope, and abounding with love for God and neighbor. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all the human family, and especially the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Armenia, and Haiti, that God will keep them safe, and bring them to a springtime of hope and peace. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For the leaders of the nations, and all those in positions of public trust and leadership, that God will strengthen them with wisdom and patience. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all those who cannot be with family and loved ones, for those who are sick or suffering, remembering especially those on our Prayer List. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* We pray that as they hear the Good News of the Resurrection, they may be bound together in love. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For those who have died. *(The people may add petitions either silently or aloud)* May they live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all the blessings we have received. We give thanks this week for Gwynne Wolgemuth, Kate Gabrielsen, Kieran Quinn, Stephen Turner, Marjorie Kulesa, and Jason Andria who are celebrating their birthdays.

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Gwynne, Kate, Kieran, Stephen, Marjorie, and Jason as they begin another year. Grant that they will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1. See ___ that ___ host all dressed in ___ white, ___
 2. See ___ that ___ band all dressed in ___ red, ___
 3. Look ___ o - ver yon - der, what do I see? ___ God's a - gon - na trou - ble the
 4. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed, ___

1. The lead - er ___ looks like the Is - ra - elite, ___
 2. Looks like ___ the ___ band that ___ Mo - ses led, ___
 wa - ter. ___
 3. The Ho - ly ___ Ghost a - com - ing on ___ me, ___
 4. Just fol - low me down to ___ Jor - dan's stream, ___

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. ___ *D.C.*

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *The People Stand and say Together:*

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

As a symbol of Christ's Resurrection, you are encouraged to remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer during the entire fifty days of Easter.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</i>

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people remain standing

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.

The Celebrant continues

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.

Ab Eb Fm Cm Db Ebsus4 Eb Ab

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Music: Traditional Danish.

Celebrant 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!



Communion Norms--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. Please notify Fr. Chris at the Communion Rail.

Descant

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

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (CHURCH OF ENGLAND)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE 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.

SOME EASTER CUSTOMS

The Great Fifty Days begins with Easter Day and concludes on the Day of Pentecost. The seven weeks that span the time between Jesus' resurrection and the sending of the Spirit are sometimes called "a week of weeks." Historically this was also the time when all the mysteries of the Christian faith were revealed to the newly baptized. During this time the lectionary texts help us explore the mysteries of faith expressed in sacrament, word, and life lived for others.

The Easter Greeting "Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!" is used at the beginning of all liturgies and before the sermon.

Alleluia (from the Hebrew Halleluya for "praise God") is restored to the liturgy and is used frequently as a superlative expression of triumph, thanksgiving, and joy.

The Paschal Candle symbolizing the light of the Risen Christ burns at all services through the Day of Pentecost.

Christ Our Passover (the Easter Canticle, BCP, p. 83) may be used as the Invitatory Canticle at Morning Prayer and as the Hymn of Praise at the Eucharist. (WLP 880 is a metrical version to a familiar tune).

The Penitential Order may be omitted.

Standing for Prayer was the universal position for prayer until late in the Middle Ages. The Council of Nicea (AD 325) forbade kneeling for prayer on Sundays and during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

EASTER MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS FOR 2024

Candace & Larry Andria in loving memory of the beloved people of our community

*Jason & Alicia Andria in loving memory of his father, Joseph Lopez & her mother,
Jean Palladino*

*Laura Bott in loving Memory of my husband, Geoffery Bott, & my parents,
George & Charlotte Mooney*

*Tony & Betty Ann Catanzaro in thanksgiving for all our blessings
Kate Gabrielsen in loving memory of my sister, Diane & my parents, Flora &
Fred Gabrielsen*

Dick Gardner in loving memory of Lyn Gardner & Frances Ryan

Jinny Gilmore in loving memory of family friends & pets on their eternal journey

Bill & Madeline Glover in loving memory of Doug & Fran Graham

Sue Hawkins in loving memory of loved ones

*Helen Horton in loving memory of my parents, Annetta & George Horton &
my cousin, Stephen Horton Collins and in thanksgiving for Michael Warner in
appreciation for driving me to church*

Carol Johns in thanksgiving for all my loved ones

*Ron & Jennifer Marwood in loving memory of Walter & Muriel Jones, Lou &
Bernice Marwood, David Maurice-Jones, David Marwood, & Tom & Judith Stroup
Catharine Nobiletti in loving memory of Michael C. Nobiletti, Clarke & Caroline Fitts,
Clarke C. Fitts, Jr., John C. Fitts, Ceasar & Eleanor Nobiletti & Caroline A. Chester*

Paul & Norma Jean Okula in thanksgiving for Allison, Gino, Lucy & Joseph Martuscello

Barbara Pettus in loving memory of Mary G. Crolius John S. Wyper & Katherine J. Wyper

John & Elizabeth Plate' in Thanksgiving for our family

*Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reidelberger, Mr. & Mrs. C. Arthur Wolgemuth, Mr. Bill Reidelberger,
Mr. Kirk Wolgemuth in loving memory of the Reidelberger Wolgemuth family
Carol Smith in loving memory of my husband, Leonard R. Smith & stepsons Gregory,
Kevin & Stewart Smith, my parents, Klaus & Elly Holsten & my aunt, Erna Mertlich*

Diane & John Stewart in loving memory of our parents, Andrew & Sophie Jelsik, & David & Rosemary Duncan

Donna & Steve Turner in loving memory of Paula Small & Walter O. Taylor

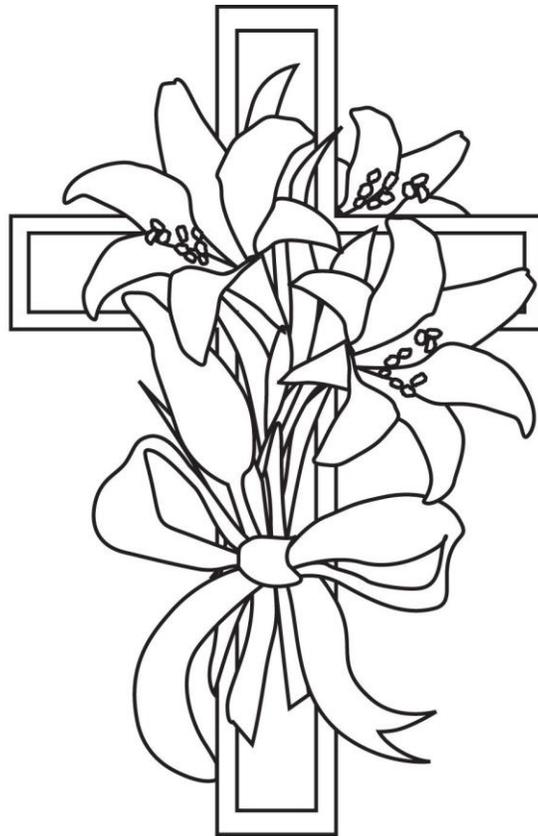
*Peter & Lori Williams in loving memory of Joseph Marullo & Ken & Ceil Williams
and in thanksgiving for all life's blessings*

Sandy Wyman in thanksgiving for my wife Geri, children and grandchildren

Dorinda Hawkins in loving memory of Rolano J. Hawkins, Eleanor Cox, Sandra DiRico, Kenneth R. Scharff, Robert K. Scharff

John Andren in loving memory of Emily Andren

Gillian Marie Jubinski (Fr. Chris and Carol's daughter), Dustin Joseph Kennedy, Jr. (Fr. Chris and Carol's grandson), Gwendolyn and William Jones (Carol's parents), Margaret and Willis Imes (Carol's grandparents), Dorothy and William Jones (Carol's grandparents), Hazel and Clarence Sinn (Fr. Chris' grandparents), Ann and Joseph Jubinski (Fr. Chris' grandparents), Gregory Sinn (Fr. Chris' uncle), Flowers In Thanksgiving For: Victoria, CJ and Ashleigh (our children), Brinleigh Faith Kennedy (our granddaughter), and Our parish family





March 31, 2024 – Easter (B)
The Presiding Bishop's Easter Message

Hello to my beloved family in Christ. I want to take this opportunity, first of all, on behalf of my wife, Sharon, and our family, to thank you. To thank you for your prayers, to thank you for your well wishes, your expressions of support and kindness. We are equally thankful for the blessing of remarkable medical care and pastoral support. As you may know, I've been working a bit from home—at a reduced level, to be sure, but I'm gradually increasing that.

Just two weeks ago, my medical team approved me to drive locally and to resume short domestic flights. I can't tell you how much your prayers have sustained me and my family through this medical journey. Prayer matters. We don't always know how. We don't always know or understand the outcome.

But prayer matters, and it makes a difference. Over the last several months, I have not known how this would all work out. But I've been very aware, and in some particular moments, consciously aware of being upheld in prayer by you. Without consciously deciding to do it, I actually found myself praying some words from Psalm 31, which says, "Into your hands, I commend my spirit."

Before surgeries and treatments, through some long nights, difficult days, "Into your hands, I commend my spirit." These words are part of a prayer that is Psalm 31 in the Hebrew scriptures. The late night service of Compline uses that psalm as a prayer before going to sleep at night.

Luke's Gospel records Jesus praying these very words, that psalm, on the cross, when he had a sense of what lay before him, but could not know the outcome. He didn't know with any certainty if and how God would act. He didn't know, as the old preachers used to say, Good Friday's always happened, but Sunday's always coming. He didn't know with any certainty that resurrection would become real and not a mere metaphor.

But as he died into the unknown, he did one thing: He threw himself completely into the hands of God. "Father, into thy hands, I commend my spirit."

And in that moment, after saying that, Luke's Gospel says, he breathed his last. And though he died, death did not have the last word, though he did die. He died into the hands of God and slipped out of the grip of death.

And as we now know, on the third day he rose again, and he lives. As William Cowper said in a poem that later became a hymn, "God moves in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform, he plants his footstep in the sea and rides upon the storm."

So God love you. God bless you. May the God who rides upon our storms and raised Jesus of Nazareth from the dead hold us all, the entire human family and all of God's grand and glorious creation in those almighty hands of love. Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church

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