Christ Episcopal Church

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The Great Vigil of Easter March 30, 2024 7:00pm



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Please stand and face the back of the church; the service begins in darkness

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Please be seated

The First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

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.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.



Celebrant: Let us pray

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 Second Reading: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

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.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.



Celebrant: Let us pray

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 Third Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

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 round 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, 'Prophesy 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, 'Prophesy 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.'

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand and face the back of the church

Refrain (sung twice)

"The Lord is my light"

Jacques Berthier



Celebrant: Let us pray

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 Lighting of the Paschal Candle

After the kindling of the first light of Easter, the Celebrant continues

Celebrant: Let us pray

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

The celebrant traces the cross, the Alpha, Omega and year saying:

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

As the incense nails are placed into the cross the Celebrant says

By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord, guards us and keep
us. Amen.

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Celebrant bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing. Individual candles will be lit from the paschal candle during the procession.

Deacon People

The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

Once the procession has reached the sanctuary and the candle is placed the following is sung:

The Exsultet sung by: Alison Whalen

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Answer And also with you.

Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Answer It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celerant 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.

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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The lights are turned on and jubilant noise is made.

The Gloria in excelsis

1. Glory be to God in heaven, Songs of joy and peace we bring, Thankful hearts and voices raising, To creation's Lord we sing, Lord we thank you, Lord we bless you, Glory be to God our King. 2. Lamb of God, who on your shoulders Bore the load of this world's sin Only Son of God the Father You have brought us peace within Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy Now your glorious reign begin.

Tune: Lauda anima (410)

3. You, O Son of God are holy You we praise with one accord None in heaven or earth is like you Only you are Christ the Lord With the Father, and the Spirit Ever worshipped and adored!

The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

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.**

Please be seated

The Epistle Reading: 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.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 180 He is risen, he is risen!

The Holy Gospel: Mark 16: 1-8

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Organ Fanfare Grand Chœur dialogue (extrait)

Eugène Gigout

Please be seated

The Homily

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.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your

commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

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 the 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.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows.

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 Prayers of the People

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The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you:

People And also with you

The Offertory Anthem A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton

Presentation Hymn: 174 (vs 1)

At the Lamb's high feast we sing, praise to our victorious King, who hath washed us in the tide, flowing from his piercèd side; praise we him, whose love divine, gives his sacred Blood for wine, gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B, page 361)

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Celebrant: People:

The Lord be with you:

Celebrant:

And also with you. Lift up your hearts:

People:

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

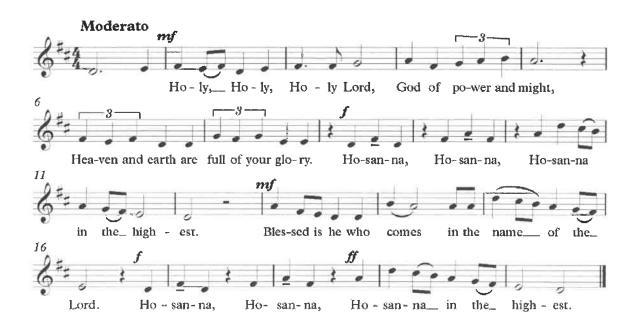
People:

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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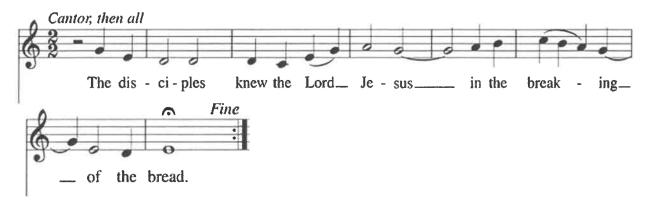
The Sanctus

David Thorne



The Lord's Prayer and the Fraction Anthem

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The Cantor sings the following verse and then all sing the Refrain again: The bread which we break, Alleluia, Is the communion of the Body of Christ.

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The Invitation to Communion

The Communion

Everyone is invited to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking).

The Communion Hymns 301 Bread of the world in mercy broken and 325 Let us break bread together

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised

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The Easter Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in the peace of the risen Christ!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

David Johnson

Service Participants

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Celebrant and Homilist\\ The Reverend Bryce Wandrey\\ \end{tabular}$

Communion Assistant Terry Rowles

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Usher Larry Whalen

Lectors
Jeffrey Morris, Lor Lowden,
Runette Gabrielle and
Anita Powell

Altar Guild Team Victoria Wilson, Charlotte Hoare, June Tull and Linda Jones

Intercessor
Terry Rowles

Easter Flower Donations 2024

In Memory of

Ida Mae Emes, Bernard E. Emes and Pamela C. Graul by David Emes Evelyn and Earl Faust, Naomi and Earl Naftzinger, Emma, Sarah, Irvin Faust, Audrey Hentrich, Jason Ehrlich, Cynthia Phillips by Sherry Faust Our daughter Sherry Feick Chandler and her husband Chuck by David and Judy Feick

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Jere L. Gabrielle by Runette Gabrielle

Deceased members of Flatt/Grimm family by Bev Flatt and Mary Grimm

Kip D. Frasso, missing you by Denise Frasso

Loved Ones by Priscilla and Jack Hirschenhofer

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yiengst, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar T. Weidner, The Rev. David T. Weidner by Brian and Fianna Holt

My parents, Luther and Dorothy Kunkle by Linda Jones

Our Loved Ones by Robert and Christine Keeler

Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes by the Estate of Charles and Grace Parkes

Joseph Powell, Chris Powell, Tom and Betty Buckwalter, Sandy, Nancy and Todd Buckwalter by Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter

The deceased members of the Donnelly and Rowles Family by Terry and Michael Rowles

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Mila and Zoe Mogajane by Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter

Daughters, Sons-in-Law and Grandchildren of Terry and Michael Rowles

My Christ Church Family by Doris Schilpp

Nichole, Caroline and Emily Wandrey by Revd. Bryce Wandrey