



**Grace & Holy Trinity Church**

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



**The Great Vigil &  
First Eucharist of Easter**

**March 30, 2024 • 7:30 PM**

## Concerning this Service

The Great Vigil of Easter is the liturgy intended as the first and the primary celebration of Easter in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), pages 284-295. It is also known as the Great Vigil. The service begins in darkness, sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter, and consists of four parts:

1. **The Service of Light** (kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal Candle, the Exsultet);
2. **The Service of Lessons** (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers);
3. **Christian Initiation** (Holy Baptism) or the **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**;
4. and the **Eucharist**.

Through this liturgy, the BCP recovers an ancient practice of keeping the Easter feast. Believers would gather in the hours of darkness ending at dawn on Easter to hear scripture and offer prayer. This night-long service of prayerful watching anticipated the baptisms that would come at first light and the Easter Eucharist. Easter was the primary baptismal occasion for the early church to the practical exclusion of all others. This practice linked the meanings of Christ's dying and rising to the understanding of baptism.

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## Welcome

**Welcome to Grace & Holy Trinity.** Ever aspiring to be more like Christ, we strive to be a warm and welcoming Episcopal parish, ever mindful of the needs of others. We seek to be inclusive to all, including the LGBTQIA+ community. We hope you will find a family here with us, whether you are a college student, Richmond newcomer, out-of-towner, or a long-time resident looking for a new church home. We open our arms and our hearts to you! **If you are visiting**, please fill out the **Connect Card** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during the service. Sign up for the **Weekly News** with the Connect Card or at [ghtc.org/news](http://ghtc.org/news).

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### Today's Worship Participants

The Reverend Paul Evans, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Gregory Bezilla, *Preacher*

The Reverend Stephen Y. McGehee, *Deacon*

Sita Lewis, John Lewis & Burn Bradshaw, *Acolytes*

Abigail Stinnett, Chase Peak & Jodie Pully, *Chalice Bearers*

Barbara Davenport, Kay Gray, Cary Lee Henderson & Jean Jumet, *Altar Guild*

# The Word of God

*Please silence your devices.*



## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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*Weather permitting, the congregation gathers outside the door by North Laurel Street.*

*Members may also sit in the Church in anticipation of the procession of the Paschal Candle.*

*In the silence and darkness, the fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the people in these words.*

*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 Christ's victory over death.

*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 Paschal Candle is then lit from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the Chancel, pausing three times and singing,*

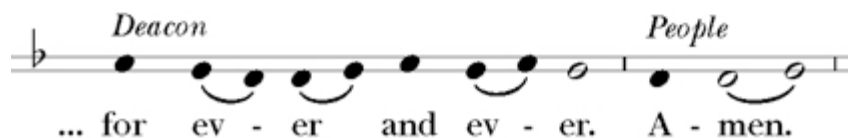
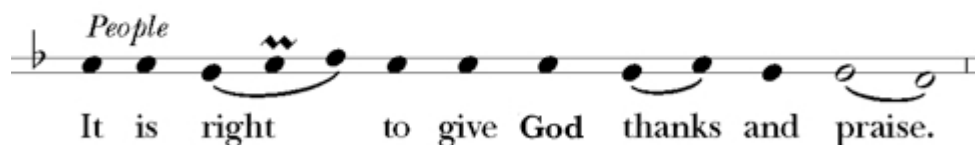
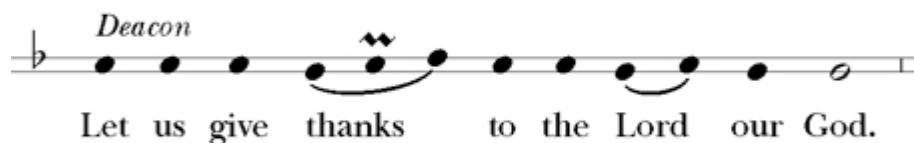
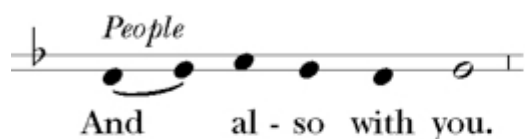
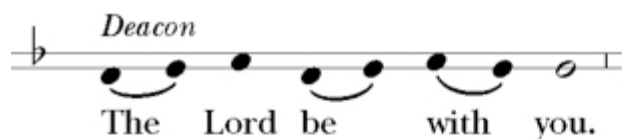


The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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

*After the Paschal Candle is placed in its stand, candles are lit throughout the congregation, as acolytes carry a flame from the Paschal Candle down the center aisle. The Deacon, standing near the Paschal Candle, sings the following proclamation of the resurrection, known as the Exsultet. All remain standing as you are able.*

*Deacon* 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.




*Deacon* 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.

*People*  
*All*   
A - men.

## The Liturgy of The Word

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

*The congregation extinguishes their candles. Please be seated.*

### Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 13:10-31; 15:20-21

*Lector* 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 the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

*Lector* Here ends the reading.

**Canticle 8: The Song of Moses**

*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18 | BCP p. 85*

*Said by all in unison.*

*Cantemus Domino*

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.

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.



*Silence is kept. Please stand as you are able.*

*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.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Salvation Offered Freely To All**

Isaiah 55:1-11

*Lector* Hear, everyone who thirsts;  
come to the waters;  
and you who 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 earnings 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.  
Now 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.

*Lector* Here ends the reading.

**Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah**

*Said by all in unison.*

*Isaiah 12:2-6 | BCP p. 86*

*Ecce, Deus*

**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.  
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.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated.*

### **A New Heart and a New Spirit**

Ezekiel 36:24-28

*Lector* 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 uncleannesses, 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.

*Lector* Here ends the reading.

### **Psalm 42**

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*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Quemadmodum*

*Lector* As the deer longs for the water-brooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

**All** **My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?**

My tears have been my food day and night,  
while all day long they say to me,  
"Where now is your God?"

**I pour out my soul when I think on these things:  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,**

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,  
among those who keep holy-day.

**Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?  
and why are you so disquieted within me?** *(continues on next page)*

Put your trust in God;  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**My soul is heavy within me;  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.**

One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts;  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.  
**The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime;  
in the night season his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.**

I will say to the God of my strength,  
"Why have you forgotten me?  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"  
**While my bones are being broken,  
my enemies mock me to my face;**

All day long they mock me  
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"  
**Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?  
and why are you so disquieted within me?**

Put your trust in God;  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**Psalm 43**

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

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*Judica me, Deus*

*Lector* Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people;  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

**All For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you?  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy  
oppresses me?**

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling;

**That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness;  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

**Put your trust in God;  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

*Silence is kept. Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Valley of Dry Bones**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Lector* 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, "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[a] 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.”

*Lector* Here ends the reading.

**Psalm 143**

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*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Domine, exaudi*

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

**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.**

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD,  
for I flee to you for refuge.

**Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake;  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

**Of your goodness, destroy my enemies  
and bring all my foes to naught,  
for truly I am your servant.**

*Silence is kept. Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **God's Presence in a Renewed Israel**

Isaiah 4:2-6

*Lector* On that day the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and glory of the survivors of Israel. Whoever is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, once the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning. Then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over its places of assembly a cloud by day and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night. Indeed, over all the glory there will be a canopy. It will serve as a pavilion,

a shade by day from the heat and a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

*Lector* Here ends the reading.

**Psalm 19**

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

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*Cæli enarrant*

*Lector* The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**All** **One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

**Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**



By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

*Silence is kept. Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who led your ancient people into freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we who walk in the light of your presence may rejoice in the liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The First Eucharist of Easter**

### **The Easter Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*The organ and bells sound, the Altar candles are lit, and the following hymn is sung by all, during which the people will be sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of our own baptism and new life in Christ.*

Pascha Nostrum

All sing.

“Christ our Passover”

Wonder, Love, and Praise #880

*Descant*

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** 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 for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

*Lector* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 114

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*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*In exitu Israel*

*Lector* When Israel went out from Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

**All** Judah became God's sanctuary,  
Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled;  
Jordan turned back.

**The mountains skipped like rams,  
the hills like lambs.**

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?  
O Jordan, that you turn back?

**O mountains, that you skip like rams?  
O hills, like lambs?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
**who turns the rock into a pool of water,  
the flint into a spring of water.**

### The Great Alleluia

*The Hymnal 1982 S 70*

*All stand as you are able and sing.*

Brendan Landes, *Cantor*

*After the Epistle, this Alleluia is traditionally sung three times by the Celebrant or by a Cantor, at successively higher pitches, the Congregation repeating it each time.*



### The Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

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

**All** **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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Gregory Bezilla

*Please stand as you are able.*

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

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*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.

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

**All** I do.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**All** 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?

**All** 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?

**All** 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?

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

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

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

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

**All** 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?

**All** 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.

**All** Amen.

**The Peace**

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

**All** And also with you.

**Welcome and Announcements**

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Sentence**

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Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

*1 Chronicles 29:11*



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**Offertory Anthem**

Parish Choir

“Christ the Lord is Risen Again” | John Rutter

Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Christ hath broken ev'ry chain!  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
Singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,  
Who for us endur'd the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb today!  
We too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss  
Comfortless upon the Cross,  
Lives in glory now on high,  
Pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad  
How the lost may be restored,  
How the penitent forgiv'n,  
How we too may enter heav'n. Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, today thy people feed;  
Take our sins and guilt away,  
That we all may sing for ay, Alleluia!

**Doxology**

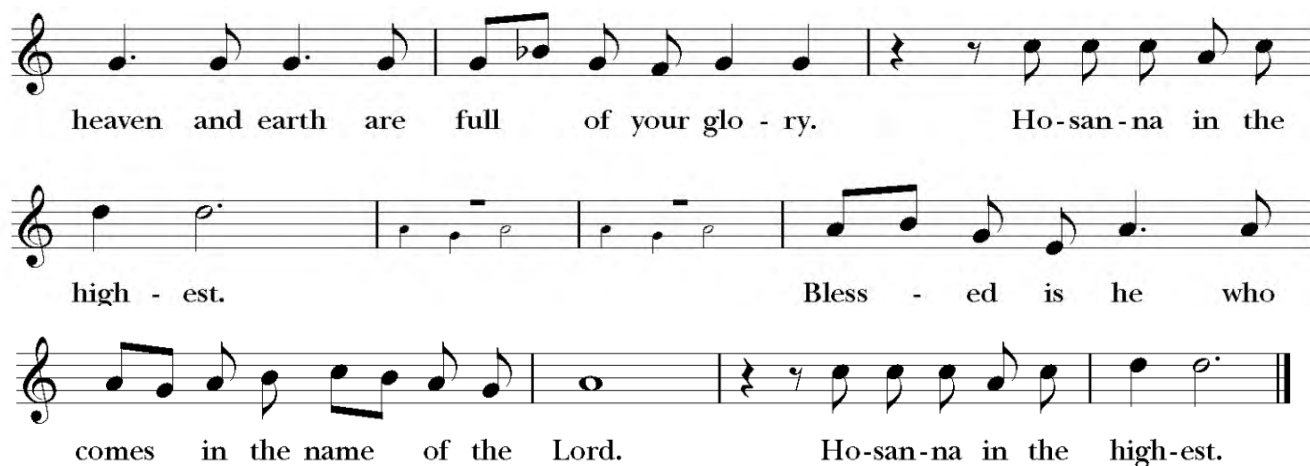
*The Hymnal 1982 #380 (vs. 3)*

*When the altar is set for communion, all stand as you are able and sing the following:*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**







heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer...*

*Please remain standing, as you are able.*

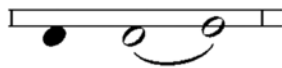
*Celebrant* Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we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

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

*The Celebrant sings,*

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.

*People*



**All** A - men.

# The Lord's Prayer

*Ecumenical Version | The Hymnal 1982 S 148*

*Celebrant*  
As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*  
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,  
now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

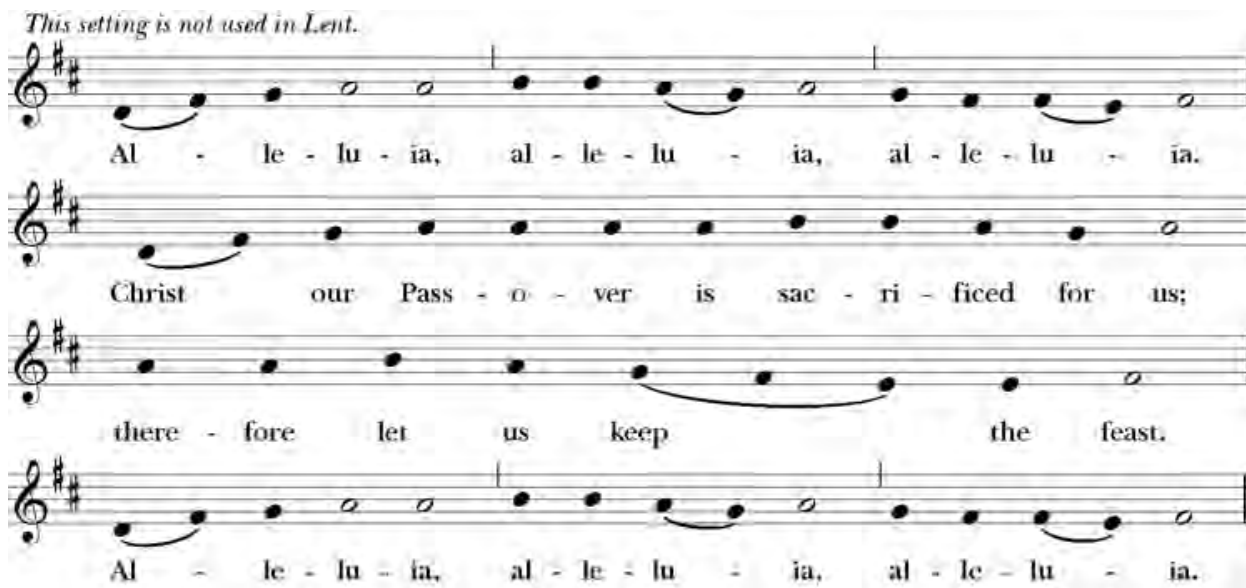
*A period of silence is kept.*

Please be seated.

## The Fraction Anthem

*The Hymnal 1982 S 154*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion.

*If you would like to speak to a priest about baptism, please contact The Rev. Greg Bezilla at (804) 359-5628 x17 or email at [gbezilla@ghtc.org](mailto:gbezilla@ghtc.org).*

**“The Last Shall Be First.”**

*Matthew 19:30*

Those who prefer to receive the sacrament while seated in the congregation will be communed at the beginning of Holy Communion. **Please raise your bulletin and the Eucharistic Ministers will bring the sacrament to you.**

For a **gluten-free wafer**, please bring a blue gluten-free card from the pew rack to the altar rail. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you may come forward for a blessing.

All remain seated.

### Communion Solo

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” *Messiah*  
George Frideric Handel


Caroline Whisnant, *Soprano*

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though worms destroy this body,  
Yet in my flesh shall I see God,  
I know that my Redeemer liveth.  
And though worms destroy this body,  
Yet in my flesh shall I see God.  
I know that my Redeemer liveth.  
For now is Christ risen from the dead,  
The first fruits of them that sleep.

### Communion Hymn

All sing.

“I am the bread of life”  
*The Hymnal 1982 #335*



1 I am the bread of life; they who  
2 (The) Bread that I will give is my  
3 (Un-) less you eat of the  
4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,  
5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -  
2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who  
3 Flesh of the Son of Man and  
4 I am the life. They who be -  
5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
2 eat of this bread, they shall live for  
3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
4 lieve in me, e - ven if they  
5 Son of God who has

(continues on next page)



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.  
2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.  
3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
4 die. they shall live for ev - er.  
5 come in - to the world.

*Descant*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

*Refrain*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 5 Yes, day.

last day. 2 The  
3 Un- day.  
4 —  
5 Yes,  
( )

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

Suzanna Toolan (b. 1927); adapt. of John 6

Music: *I Am the Bread of Life*, Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); arr. by Betty Pulkingham (b. 1928)

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

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**All**      **Almighty and everliving God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**  
**of the most precious Body and Blood**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**  
**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**  
**that we are living members of the Body of your Son,**  
**and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**  
**And now, Father, send us out**  
**to do the work you have given us to do,**  
**to love and serve you**  
**as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**  
**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Easter Blessing**

*Celebrant* 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 among you, and remained with you always. **Amen.**

# Recessional Hymn

All stand as you are able and sing.

“Jesus Christ is risen today”

The Hymnal 1982 #207

*Descant*



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!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
 Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749. Alt;  
 desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950

**Dismissal**

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

**All** Thanks be to God. **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

“Fanfare-Rondeau on *Victory*” | Brenda Portman

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Organist*

## Easter Day Services

### Easter Day, Rite One

with Brass Quintet

9:00 a.m.

(Choral | Church)

### Easter Day, Rite Two

with Brass Quintet

10:30 a.m.

(Choral | Church)

### Easter Egg Hunt

11:45 a.m.

(Following Worship | Monroe Park)

Complimentary parking is available in the VCU W. Main Street Parking Deck for all Easter services.

**Reminder:** The Parish Office will be closed from April 1st - April 5th, 2024.

## Save the Dates

### Second Sunday of Easter

with Introduction to The Rev. Russ Kerr, *Campus Minister*

April 7

8:00 a.m.

(Spoken | Chapel)

10:30 a.m.\*

(Choral | Church)

### Bishop's Visitation

with Confirmation, Reception & Reaffirmation

April 28 | 10:30 a.m.

(Choral | Church)

### Centennial Celebration\*

June 2 | 10:30 a.m.

(One Service Only | Choral | Church)

\*Livestream Available

## Easter Lily Memorials

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Ada Belle  
Mr. and Mrs. James Austin  
Bill  
Mr. James Blackwell, Sr.  
Grace Broaddus  
Mrs. E. M. Blackwell Brockenbrough  
Jerry Burke  
Ches  
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## Sunday Services

**8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist (Spoken | Chapel)  
**10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist\* (Choral | Church)

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