

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



The Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter with Baptism

(Year C)

Rite Two

April 19, 2025 | 7:00 p.m.

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, **and inclusive to all, including the LGBTQIA+ community.** We hope you will find a community 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. **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. Children & Youth Sunday School is located on the second floor and grouped into classrooms for each Pre-K–1st grade, 2nd–4th grade, 5th–8th grade. A wonderful **nursery** staff is available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. should you wish to drop off your young children (up to age 3) during worship. If young children get restless, it is OK to stay in church and you are welcome to use our library, too. **Changing tables** are located in the family restroom in the choir room. A greeter can direct you. Information about **Complimentary Sunday Parking** can be found on the back of this bulletin or either of the two Connect Tables.

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.

Release Statement

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The Word of God

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Book of Common Prayer p. 285

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 while the Cantor is chanting,



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 Cantor, standing near the Paschal Candle, sings the following proclamation of the resurrection, known as the Exsultet. All remain standing as you are able.

The Exsultet

Book of Common Prayer p. 286

Brendan Landes, *Cantor*

Cantor 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. *(continues on next page)*

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

Deacon
The Lord be with you.

People
And al - so with you.

Deacon
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Deacon
... for ev - er and ev - er.

People
A - men.

Cantor 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.

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 14:10–31; 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 | *Book of Common Prayer* p. 85

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.**

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.**

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.

Hymn Paraphrase of Canticle 9

“Surely it is God who saves me” *The Hymnal 1982 #679*

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
 2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
 fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
 help is near. So re - jice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with
 va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the

liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of The First Song of Isaiah

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.**

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.

Hymn Paraphrase of Psalm 42

“As longs the deer for cooling streams” *The Hymnal 1982* #658

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in
2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my
3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope
4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

(continues on next page)

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -
 still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.
 hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
 is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.
 was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

New Version of the Psalms of David, 1696, alt.; para. of Psalm 42:1-7

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.**

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, "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[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, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain,

that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Lector Here ends the reading.

Psalm 143

Book of Common Prayer p. 798
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.

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

All **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.

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.**

The Gathering of God's People

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Lector Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.
The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Lector Here ends the reading.

Lector 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

All 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, ***
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."

4 **The LORD has done great things for us, ***
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 **Those who sowed with tears ***
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Book of Common Prayer p. 291

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Eucharist of Easter

The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The bells sound, the Altar candles are lit, and the following hymn is sung by all.

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

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics, a descant line, and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The descant is marked with a wavy line above the notes. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both the treble and bass staves.

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!

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The Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer p. 295

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.**

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

Book of Common Prayer p. 756

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.**

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

Luke 24: 1–12

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

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

The Presentation & Examination

Book of Common Prayer p. 301

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents &

Godparents We present [*Reed McGuire Zohab*] to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents &

Godparents We will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents &

Godparents We will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in Christ's grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey Jesus Christ as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *[Reed]* in their life in Christ?

All We will.

The Baptismal Covenant

Book of Common Prayer p. 303

Celebrant Standing, let us join with *[Reed]* who *is* committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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.

Prayers for the Candidates

Book of Common Prayer p. 305

Celebrant Let us now pray for [Reed] who *is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Book of Common Prayer p. 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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.

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 Baptism

Book of Common Prayer p. 307

Celebrant [*Reed*], I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Chrism

Book of Common Prayer p. 308

Celebrant [*Reed*], you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All Amen.

Welcoming the Newly Baptized

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
— *Ephesians 5:2*



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Offertory Anthem

“With a Voice of Singing” | Martin Shaw

Parish Choir

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Christ has risen!

Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Christ has risen! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honour of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing, declare ye this and let it be heard, Christ has risen!

Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Christ has risen!

Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer D

Book of Common Prayer p. 372

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

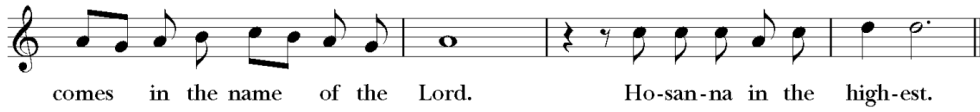
Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus & Benedictus

The Hymnal 1982 S 128

All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who



Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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 continues with the Eucharistic Prayer...

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say, (in the language of your heart.)

The Lord's Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

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.

Communion Instructions

*Communion from the Common Cup is available from the Main Altar only. Communion by intinction is available at the lectern station and for those who are seated in the pews. If you prefer to receive the sacrament while seated in the congregation, **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.*

- Communicants will drink from the Chalice at the Altar in the church. Alternatively, communicants who receive the Bread may refrain from drinking from the Chalice; those who refrain from drinking from the Chalice are encouraged to cross their arms and to say “Amen” when the Chalice is offered. The full grace of the sacrament is communicated through the Bread.
- **Intinction** will be offered only at the base of the chancel steps beneath the lectern. The Priest will intinct the Bread into the Common Cup, while the Chalice Bearer assists them. We will use a larger size wafer to facilitate intinction. After receiving, exit to the left to make your way back to your pew. **The same intinction method will be observed in the pews.**

Communion Hymn 1

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

Communion Hymn 2

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” *The Hymnal 1982 #199*

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

“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

Book of Common Prayer p. 366

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

“Rondeau” | Jean-Joseph Mouret

Stanley M. Baker, *Organist*

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Jon Scarffe, *Preacher*

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Karin Walker, Liz Bisset, Sandie Hale, Cathy Saunders, *Altar Guild*

Catherine Perrin, Jodie Pully, *Chalice Bearers*

The Season of Easter

This is a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and the Sundays that follow the Resurrection. Easter Sunday and Pentecost correspond to pre-existing Jewish feasts: The first day of Pesach and the holiday of Shavu'ot. This season is also called **Paschal Time**, because Easter is the Christian Passover. We return to Rite Two liturgy with its common language and take the confession out just for this season as we celebrate the Lord's resurrection. The color white is seen in our church hangings and in the clergy's vestments and the Paschal Candle is used. "Easter sets the experience of the springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ."

Source: An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church- Armentrout & Slocum 2000 p. 157

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Easter & Upcoming Events

- Sunday 04/20** **9:00 a.m.** **Easter Day** (*Church*)
- Sunday 04/20** **11:00 a.m.** **Easter Day** (Family Service with Children's Sermon | *Church*)
- Sunday 04/20** **12:15 p.m.** Easter Egg Hunt (Following 11:00 a.m. Worship | *Monroe Park*)
- Sunday 04/20** Office Closure Begins in Observance of Easter (Concludes on April 25th)
- Friday 04/25** **Cancelled:** Red Door Ministry
- Saturday 04/26** **9:00 a.m.** Pace Center Parish Work Day hosted by GHTC (*The Pace Center*)
- Sunday 05/04** **10:30 a.m.** **Holy Communion in Memoriam of the Rev. Hill Brown**
with *Gloria* by John Rutter & *I Was Glad* by C. Hubert H. Parry
(Parish Choir, Brass, Percussion & Organ with Reception to Follow | *Church*)
- Friday 05/09** **12:00 p.m.** Red Door Ministry with Shood (*Parish House*)
- Saturday 05/10** **6:00 p.m.** *unBelizable Dinner* hosted by Belize Mission Team
(Silent Auction, Dinner & Bingo | *Parish House*)
- Sunday 05/11** **10:30 a.m.** **Children & Youth Sunday** (*Church*)
- Sunday 05/18** **4:00 p.m.** Greater Richmond Children's Choir Spring Concert (Free Admission | *Church*)
- Monday 05/26** Parish Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Easter Lily Memorials

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