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The Great Vigil of Easter
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Saturday, March 30, 2024, 8:00 p.m.

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

BCP 285

In the back of the church, the celebrant addresses the people and the Paschal Candle is lighted. The celebrant then processes the Paschal Candle to the front of the church, pausing three times to chant The light of Christ, to which the people respond, in the same tones, Thanks be to God. As the celebrant processes, the people light their candles from the Paschal Candle.

The Exsultet

BCP 286

Twice during the Exsultet, the celebrant chants for ever and ever, to which the people respond Amen. After the first "Amen," the following exchange takes place:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The chants of these responses may be found on S-69 in the Hymnal.

The Liturgy of the Word

BCP 288

After an introduction, the lector will read five lessons from Hebrew Scripture. At the conclusion of each, the reader will say The Word of the Lord, to which the people respond Thanks be to God, after which the celebrant will offer a collect to which the people respond Amen.

The Flood: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13

Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac: Genesis 22:1-18

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Learn Wisdom and Live: Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6

The Valley of Dry Bones: Ezekiel 37:1-14

After the final collect, the altar candles are lit, lights in the Church are turned on, and all stand. The celebrant proclaims:

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The people sit

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome (6:3-11).

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

"Sunset to Sunrise Changes Now"

Hymn 163

The people stand

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark (16:1-8).

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Celebrant

BCP 292

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

Standing

BCP 292

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 bread, and in the prayers?

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

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People Form III

Standing or kneeling

BCP 387

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People *That we all may be one.*

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Reader We pray for Bishop Mark and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader We pray for Joe and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Anna Bowe Wells.

People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Reader We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; especially Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Leandra, Betsy, Tom, Steve, Mary Ruth, Morgan and Barbara, Thomas, Tammy, Dorothy, Amelia, Celia, Timmy and Baylie.

All may offer their prayers and thanksgivings at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements.

Offertory Anthem

“Lachrymosa”

Howard Goodall

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer D

Standing

BCP 372

Sursum Corda *Chanted*

Hymnal S 120

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, 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 say,

Celebrant and people

Hymnal S 124

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant *Standing or Kneeling*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again

you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Celebrant and people

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

Celebrant

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Stephen and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Concluding Amen

Chanted

Hymnal S 142

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.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and people

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.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

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

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 at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant

“Let us keep the feast”

1 Corinthians 5, Psalm 118

Communion Hymn

“Christians, to the Paschal Victim”

Hymn 183

*Once all have received, the celebrant says
Let us pray.*

Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling

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 Celebrant blesses the people

Recessional Hymn *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!”* Hymn 207

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

The Closing Voluntary *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Healey Willan

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Bob Bushnell, Hank Long

Chalicer: Bob Bushnell, Hank Long

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher’s Choir

Counters: Jay Dickens, Natalie Coleman

Altar Guild Team #3: Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Nancy Spilman,
Ellen Maxwell, Ben Beeler, Kaye Woodz (Susan Critz – flower substitute)

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