

Holy Eucharist

The Great Vigil of Easter

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A note about the unique features of tonight's service.

The Great Vigil of Easter is rooted in very ancient practices of the church, and uses symbol and story-telling to bring us into the whole story of God's salvation in unique ways. The service begins with the lighting of a fire as the sun sets (or, ideally, in the dark of night, a schedule we adapt at Trinity to the needs and clocks of the modern era). This fire symbolizes the light of God, a gift of life, sparked in the middle of the world's darkness.

We light the Paschal Candle from this fire, a candle that will burn at all of our Easter services from now until the day of Pentecost, and at every baptism and burial all year long. This candle is meant to remind us that the light of Christ is kindled in each of us, and in our community, and is not extinguished even by death. When the candle is placed at the front of the church, we hear an ancient (4th or 5th century) hymn of praise to God for the victory over death in which we share, and the gift of light and salvation. Listen for how the stories of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures come together in the multitude of reasons we have to give thanks to God tonight, and let your heart answer the repeated call to "Rejoice!"

Nine traditional readings from the Hebrew Scriptures are suggested for reading at the Vigil, stories and prophetic words chosen to show the whole arc of God's work of salvation that begins with creation and continues to this day. In some communities, people literally keep vigil, telling these stories throughout the hours of darkness. At Trinity, we read four of the recommended stories. Listen for the drama of God's work and God's promises, and let them resonate in your heart where you need re-creation, freedom, or hope.

The lights remain low as we tell these stories, then burst into brilliance at the Easter proclamation, as we shout the news that Christ is risen! The ALLELUIAs return, and you are encouraged to ring bells and join the Great Noise as we sing God's praise. We turn our attention then to the stories of Easter, hearing from the letters of Paul and the gospel narratives of resurrection, rejoicing in the way light is breaking in to all the places where we have waited in shadow.

In the light of the resurrection gospel, we celebrate and remember our own "death and resurrection" experienced in our baptism. The Easter Vigil is one of the four occasions in the year when the church bids us pay special attention to the baptized life, and so we renew the covenant of our baptism and are sprinkled with blessed water for a physical remembrance of the water poured over us as we were born into Christ.

Finally, we turn to the table for the first Eucharist of Easter, sharing the feast of the risen Christ's body and blood with Christians and saints in all times - past, present, and future - and across all the world.

Weather permitting, the service begins in the memorial garden. It is our hope that some or all of the prayers in the garden will be audible on the livestream. If not, please be patient until the congregation enters the church during the procession with the Paschal Candle.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Book of Common Prayer, page 285

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

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

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the people's candles are lighted. The priest bearing the Candle, leads the procession into the church, 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 a step higher.

Then the priest, standing near the Candle, sings the Exsultet, as follows:

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light, through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



A - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And al - so with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.


The Celebrant continues:

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people. This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son. How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.


A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Book of Common Prayer, page 288

The Celebrant says:

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

The people are seated.

A Reading from the book of Genesis

1:1-2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps

upon the earth." So God created humankind in God's image, in the image of God, God created them; male and female God created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that God had done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that God had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 409

Creation

Unison or harmony

1 The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high,
2 Soon as the eve - ning shades pre - vail,
3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all

with all the blue e - ther - eal sky,
the moon takes up the won - drous tale,
move round the dark ter - res - trial ball?

and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,
and night - ly to the lis - tening earth
What though no re - al voice nor sound

their great O - rig i - nal pro - claim.
re - peats the sto - ry of her birth:
a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found?

The un - wea - ried sun from day to day
whilst all the stars that round her burn,
In rea - son's ear they all re - joice,

does his Cre - a - tor's power dis - play;
and all the plan - ets in their turn,
and ut - ter forth a glo - rious voice;

and pub - lish - es to ev - ery land
con - firm the ti - dings, as they roll
for ev - er sing - ing as they shine,

the work of an al - might - y hand.
and spread the truth from pole to pole.
"The hand that made us is di - vine."

Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719); para. of Psalm 19:1-6. Music: *Creation*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); adapt. *Dulcimer*, or *New York Collection of Sacred Music*, 1950, alt.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from the book of Exodus

14:10-31; 15:20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the

Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Carol of the Exodus, G. H. Woodward

Moses sing unto Christ thy King, who hath won the victory. And hath laid low haughty Pharaoh underneath the deep Red Sea. *Yea, merry, merry, merry, merry, merry may we be, As bird upon the berry of the may or cherry tree, While as we stand with harp in hand On the shore of the Red, Red Sea.* God perforce overthrew the horse, Rider, car, and axletree. They sank as lead, and their men lie dead, dead as stone, so mote it be! *Yea, merry...* His right hand, and his staff's command, did divide at his decree. The surging wave, and thereby did save us and ours from slavery. *Yea, merry...* Thou didst blow, and entomb our foe, in the bottom of the sea. And if dry-shod, we went o'er by God, be ascribed the praise to thee! *Yea, merry...*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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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.**

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah

55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that 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 labor 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. See, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



- 1 Surely, it is ¹God who ¹saves me; *
- I will trust in ¹him and ¹not be a ¹fraid.
- 2 For the Lord is my stronghold and my ¹sure de ¹fense, *
- and ¹he will ¹be my ¹Savior.
- 3 Therefore you shall draw ¹water with re ¹joicing *
- ¹from the ¹springs of sal ¹vation.
- 4 And on that ¹day you shall ¹say, *
- Give thanks to the ¹Lord and ¹call upon his ¹Name;
- †5 Make his deeds known a ¹mong the ¹peoples; *
- see that they re ¹member that his ¹Name is ex ¹alted.
- 6 Sing the praises of the Lord, for ¹he has done ¹great things, *
- and this is ¹known in ¹all the ¹world.
- 7 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ¹ring out your ¹joy, *
- for the great one in the midst of you is the ¹Holy ¹One of ¹Israel.
- Glory to the Father, and ¹to the ¹Son, *
- and ¹to the ¹Holy ¹Spirit:
- As it was in the be ¹ginning, is ¹now, *
- and ¹will be for ¹ever. A ¹men.

†Second half of double chant.

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Celebrant Let us pray.

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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 Reading from the prophet Zephaniah

3:14-20

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Cantate Domino, Giovanni Croce

Cantate Domino canticum novum, cantate Domino omnis terra. Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomine ejus. Annunciate de die in diem salutare ejus. *Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his Name. Proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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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.**

All stand, as able.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!!**

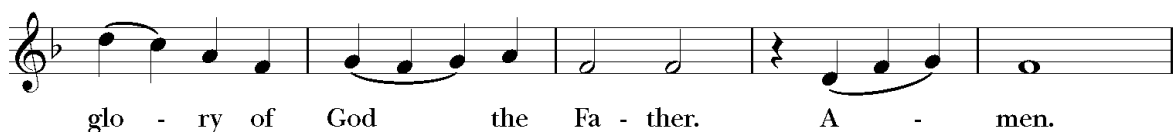
The candles at the altar are lit, and bells are rung as we sing:

Gloria in excelsis

S 280, Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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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 are seated.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

6:3-11

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 180

Unser Herrscher

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Reverend Emily Mellott

The Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

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The people stand, as able.

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

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

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Celebrant blesses the water in the font, saying:

Almighty God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into new life, and by the power of your life-giving Spirit ever cleanses and sanctifies your people: Bless, we pray, this water for the service of your holy Church; and grant that it may be a sign of the cleansing and refreshment of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people are sprinkled with blessed water in remembrance of our baptism as we sing:



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Prayers of the People

Alleluia! Our salvation is come, and Jesus is risen from the grave, just as he told us. In confidence and joy let us now pray to our Risen Lord.

For your church, that we may be filled with the wonder and hope of resurrection, and empowered to share that joy with all who need good news. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For your people throughout the world, that the power of death and evil may be defeated among us, and that we may put an end to oppression, violence, hatred, and indifference. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of this and every nation, that they may lead all people to abundant life and generous peace. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have need of the gift of new life; that illness may turn to health, despair to hope, grief to consolation, sin to reconciliation, loneliness to love, and that death may have no more power over us. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of resurrection, that according to your promises, they may be raised to life anew. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, that we may have the persistent faith of the women at the tomb, and be renewed and transformed in our witness to the resurrection. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer:

Risen Lord, hear the prayers we speak and the prayers we cannot voice, and grant us the faith and hope, courage and wonder, to receive your gifts and do your will, for the sake of the glory you call us to share, through the power of your resurrection. **Amen. Alleluia.**

Exchange of Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements may be made about matters of interest to the congregation

A collection of financial gifts for the work of the church is received during the singing of the anthem.

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Music at the Offertory

The Easter Song of Praise, Richard Shephard

Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing! Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave! Salute your king in glorious symphony. Sing
choirs of earth! Behold your light has come! The glory of the Lord shines radiantly, lift up
your hearts for Christ has conquered death! The night is past the day of life is here! Sing
church of God! Exult with joy outpoured. The gospel trumpets tell of victory won! Your
Savior lives: he's with you evermore! Let all God's people shout the long Amen.

Hymn at the Presentation

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer B *(expansive)*

Book of Common Prayer p 367, adapted

Celebrant *People*

God be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S 129, Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven 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._____

The people kneel or stand, according to personal preference, as the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

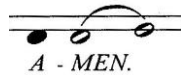
We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things under the authority of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



A - MEN.

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, then says
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Those worshipping remotely are invited to offer this prayer for "spiritual communion".

A prayer for Spiritual Communion

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life, until by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

(From Saint Augustine's Prayer Book, rev 2014., based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

Music at Communion

Anthem

Magdalen, Cease from Sobs and Sighs, Peter Hurford

Magdalen, cease from sobs and sighs; wipe the teardrops from off thine eyes: Simon the leper's feast is o'er; Christ today needs thy nard no more. Now thousand times may'st thou rejoice; now thousand times uplift thy voice. Alleluia. Magdalen, bind upon thee now garland of gladness o'er thy brow: Banished afar is grief and pain: welcome is sunshine after rain. For Jesu Christ the world hath freed, triumphing over death indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn 192

Vruechten

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

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 Music: *Vruchten*, melody from *Psalmen*, 1685, harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Hymn 211

Hilariter

1 The whole bright world re - joice - es now, Hi - lar - i - ter,—
 2 Then shout be - neath the rac - ing skies, Hi - lar - i - ter,—
 3 And all you liv - ing things make praise, Hi - lar - i - ter,—
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost— Hi - lar - i - ter,—
 — hi - lar - i - ter! — The birds do sing on ev - ery bough,—
 — hi - lar - i - ter! — To him who rose that we might rise,—
 — hi - lar - i - ter! — He guid - eth you on all your ways,—
 — hi - lar - i - ter! — Our God most high, our joy and boast.—
 — Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia! —
 — Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia! —
 — Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia! —
 — Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia! —

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Post communion prayer

Book of Common Prayer, p. 366, adapted

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 Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Easter Blessing

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 holy and undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 199

St. Kevin

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *St. Kevin*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

The Dismissal

The people are dismissed to go out into the world in faith.

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

Postlude

Christ lag in Todesbanden, J. S. Bach

*Thank you to all who offered a special gift to enhance our Easter worship services.
We offer our services with particular thanksgiving for all those listed on the next pages,
in whose honor or memory Easter gifts have been given.*

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