



ST. FRANCIS
IN THE FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We invite you to join us as an active participant in the same worship that Anglicans have been celebrating for centuries. Our service is from The Book of Common Prayer. Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services today.

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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
Saturday, April 16, 2022 ~ 8:00 p.m.

The people's responses are in bold.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

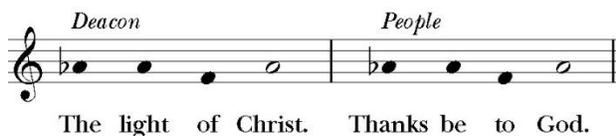
In darkness a fire is kindled, after which the Presider addresses the people.

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 a deacon bearing the Candle leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing



The Paschal candle is placed in its stand. Other candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle. The congregation remains standing.

THE EXULTET (*Sung by 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.

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...

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS

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

Please be seated.

THE STORY OF CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:4

The reader reads the lesson. After the lesson the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 136:1-9, 23-26 *(sung by the choir)*

Plainsong, Tone V.3

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of gods, for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his mercy endures for ever.

Who only does great wonders, for his mercy endures for ever;

Who by wisdom made the heavens, for his mercy endures for ever;

Who spread out the earth upon the waters, for his mercy endures for ever;

Who created great lights, for his mercy endures for ever;

The sun to rule the day, for his mercy endures for ever;

The moon and the stars to govern the night, for his mercy endures for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate, for his mercy endures for ever;

And delivered us from our enemies, for his mercy endures for ever;

Who gives food to all creatures, for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his mercy endures for ever.

Let us pray.

Silence

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.**

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

The reader reads the lesson. After the lesson the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MOSES *(sung by the choir)*

Plainsong, Tone I

I will sing to the Lord, for he has risen up in might.

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; 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.
I will sing to the Lord, for he has risen up in might.*

Let us pray.

Silence

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The reader reads the lesson. After the lesson the reader says

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 143 *(sung by the choir)*

Plainsong Tone I

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

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

*For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; he has made me live in dark
places like those who are long dead.*

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

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

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

*O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; do not hide your face from me or I shall be like
those who go down to the Pit.*

*Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; show me the road that I
must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.*

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

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

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

Of your goodness, destroy my enemies

and bring all my foes to naught, for truly I am your servant.

Let us pray.

Silence

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The people remain seated

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

I present *Reighanne Marie, Meredith Abigail, and Samuel Aaron* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Question: Do you desire to be baptized?

Answer: I do.

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 his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

Sponsors

I present *Charles, Davis, Marquenia, and Nancy* who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Question: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Answer: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Celebrant addresses the Congregation.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Please stand.

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 believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Reighanne Marie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Reighanne Marie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Amen.

Meredith Abigail, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Meredith Abigail, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Amen.

Samuel Aaron, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Samuel Aaron, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Amen.

THE REAFFIRMATION

The Celebrant lays hands on each candidate, saying

Charles, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Davis, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Marquenia, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Nancy, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Altar Candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Please stand.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMN 207 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

The Congregation is encouraged to ring bells during the Alleluias in the hymn.

The Celebrant sprinkles water on the Congregation in memory of their baptism.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

Please be seated.

THE EPISTLE

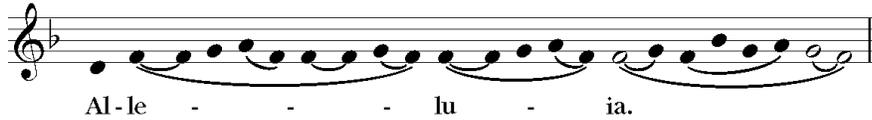
Romans 6:3-11

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.

THE ALLELUIA *(Sung by the cantor)*



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Barbara White

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand as you are able.

FORM III, BCP 387

On this night of Christ's triumph over the powers of Sin and Death, let us pray for the church and for the world

Please kneel as you are able.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

“Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.”

Matthew 28:5

OFFERTORY: “O Filii et Filiae”

Volckmar Leisring

*O filii et filiae! Rex celestis, Rex gloriae;
Alleluia! Christus surrexit hodie!*

*O sons and daughters! King of heaven, glorious King;
Alleluia! Christ is risen today!*

The people stand as representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine and money or other gifts, to the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP p. 372

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power...

...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.**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer

Lord, we pray...

... 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 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. A period of silence is kept.

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.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Our ushers will direct you to the altar rail at the appropriate time. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing; you may indicate you are not receiving communion by crossing your arms across your chest. Those desiring baptism are encouraged to speak to one of our priests. During the administration of communion, the people may be seated. For those who wish to have a gluten free wafer, please close your hands, and alert the priest when you are at the altar.

COMMUNION HYMNS: 185, 192

Please kneel, as you are able, for the prayer.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

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 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 Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 199 *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

ST. KEVIN

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.