

# Easter Even

YEARS A, B, C, RCL  
16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening

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*Welcome to Saint John's! We're so glad you are here. Mask usage for Covid is optional.*

## THE GREAT VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER According to the Book of Common Prayer

### [The Lighting of The Paschal Candle](#)

*In the darkness, fire is kindled.*

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 Celebrant bearing the light, leads the procession, pausing three times and singing*

*Celebrant*            The light of Christ.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Paschal Praeconium - The Exultet**

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. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

*Answer*              **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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. **Amen.**

*It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services in Eastertide.*

## **The Prophecies**

*The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings in these words*

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 First Lesson:**

#### **The story of Creation**

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

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 he 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 his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he 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 he 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 he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Canticle *Deuteronomy 32:1-4* Anglican Chant, C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

**Give ear, O you heavens, and I will speak:**

**And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.**

**My doctrine shall drop as the rain:**

**My speech shall distil as the dew.**

**As the small rain upon the tender herb,  
And as the showers upon the grass:  
Because I will publish the name of the Lord.  
Ascribe greatness unto our God:  
He is the rock, his work is perfect,  
For all his ways are judgment.  
A God of truth and without iniquity:  
Just and right is the Lord**

Let us pray. (*stand*)  
Let us kneel.  
Let us stand.

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.**

### **The Second Lesson:**

#### **Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea**      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."

Canticle *The Song of Moses* Anglican Chant, Daniel Trott (b. 1984)

**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;\***  
**The LORD is his Name.**

Let us pray. (*stand*)

Let us kneel.

Let us stand.

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 Third Lesson:**

**A new heart and a new spirit**

Ezekiel 36:24-28

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.

Psalms 42 and 43 (choir only)  
From Gradual Psalms for RCL by Bruce Ford

*Mode 2*  
*Quemadmodum*

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
"Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things; \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the  
house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; \*  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; \*  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  
in the night season his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength,  
"Why have you forgotten me? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy  
oppresses me?"
- 12 While my bones are being broken, \*  
my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me \*  
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

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

Psalm 43

*Judica me, Deus*

1 Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.  
2 For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy  
oppresses me?  
3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling;  
4 That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

Let us pray. (*stand*)

Let us kneel.

Let us stand.

O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Fourth Lesson:**

### **The valley of dry bones**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then



he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Psalm 143

*Domine, exaudi*

- 1 LORD, hear my prayer,  
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; \*  
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, \*  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 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.
- 4 My spirit faints within me; \*  
my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the time past;  
I muse upon all your deeds; \*  
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I spread out my hands to you; \*  
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, \*  
for I flee to you for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; \*  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- 11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; \*  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.
- 12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies

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

Let us pray. (*stand*)  
Let us kneel.  
Let us stand.

O God, the exaltation of the humble and the strength of them that do stand, who by your holy servant Moses instructed your people in the chanting of your sacred song, that the repeating of the law by them might be profitable for our learning: stir up your power among all the fullness of the nations whom you have justified, and grant us gladness, assuaging fear; that the sins of all may be blotted out by your forgiveness, and that which was denounced of old in vengeance may turn to our salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Fifth Lesson:**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

#### **The gathering of God's people**

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.

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino* Anglican chant, George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.  
With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.  
The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in  
the sight of the nations.  
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to  
the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
victory of our God.  
Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.  
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.  
Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

Let us pray. (*stand*)

Let us kneel.

Let us stand.

*Celebrant:* 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 tranquility 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; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# The Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Hallowing of the Font

*The people gather at the font, following the Sacred Ministers in procession, while all join in chanting the Litany.*

## **Litany**

Kyrie elison. **Kyrie eleison.**

Christe eleison. **Christe eleison.**

Kyrie elison. **Kyrie eleison.**

O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, graciously hear us.**

O God the Father of heaven: **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Spirit: **Have mercy upon us.**

O Holy Trinity, one God: **Have mercy upon us.**

Holy Mary: **Pray for us.**

Holy Mother of God: **Pray for us.**

Holy Virgin of virgins: **Pray for us.**

Holy Michael: **Pray for us.**

Holy Gabriel: **Pray for us.**

Holy Raphael: **Pray for us.**

All holy angels and Archangels: **Pray for us.**

All holy orders of blessed Spirits: **Pray for us.**

Holy John Baptist: **Pray for us.**

Holy Joseph: **Pray for us.**

Holy Elias: **Pray for us.**

All holy Patriarchs and Prophets: **Pray for us.**

Holy Peter: **Pray for us.**

Holy Paul: **Pray for us.**

Holy Andrew: **Pray for us.**

Holy John: **Pray for us.**

All holy Apostles and Evangelists: **Pray for us.**

All holy Disciples of the Lord: **Pray for us.**

Holy Stephen: **Pray for us.**

Holy Lawrence: **Pray for us.**

Holy Vincent: **Pray for us.**

All holy martyrs: **Pray for us.**

Holy Sylvester: **Pray for us.**

Holy Gregory: **Pray for us.**

Holy Augustine: **Pray for us.**

All holy Bishops and Confessors: **Pray for us.**

All holy Doctors: **Pray for us.**

Holy Anthony: **Pray for us.**

Holy Benedict: **Pray for us.**

Holy Dominic: **Pray for us.**

Holy Francis: **Pray for us.**

All holy Priests and Levites: **Pray for us.**

All holy Monks and Hermits: **Pray for us.**

Holy Mary Magdalene: **Pray for us.**

Holy Agnes: **Pray for us.**

Holy Cecilia: **Pray for us.**

Holy Agatha: **Pray for us.**

Holy Anastasia: **Pray for us.**

Holy Thérèse of Lisieux: **Pray for us.**

All holy Virgins and Widows: **Pray for us.**

All Holy, Righteous, and Elect of God: **Intercede for us.**

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*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.**

*The Celebrant says*

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**

*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**

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.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.*

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.**

*Then the Celebrant pours a little bit of the Oil of the Catechumens into the water, and says*

May this font be sanctified and made fruitful by the oil of salvation, for such as shall be born again therefrom, unto life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Then pouring Chrism, he continues*

May this in-pouring of the Chrism of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, be wrought in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

*Then pouring both oils together, he continues*

May this commingling of the Chrism of Sanctification and of the Oil of Unction and of the Water of Baptism be likewise wrought in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*With his hands he spreads the oil & water over the whole font.*

### **Litany** (*continued*)

*The people are sprinkled. During the singing of the continuation of the Litany, all return to their seats.*

From all evil: **Good Lord deliver us.**

From all deadly sin: **Good Lord deliver us.**

From everlasting damnation: **Good Lord deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy Incarnation: **Good Lord deliver us.**

By your Advent and Nativity: **Good Lord deliver us.**

By your Baptism and holy Fasting: **Good Lord deliver us.**

By your Cross and Passion: **Good Lord deliver us.**

By your precious Death and Burial: **Good Lord deliver us.**

By your glorious Resurrection and Ascension: **Good Lord deliver us.**

By the coming of the Holy Spirit the Comforter: **Good Lord deliver us.**

In the hour of death and in the day of judgment: **Good Lord deliver us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:

**Spare us, good Lord.**

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:

**Graciously hear us, good Lord.**

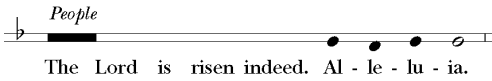
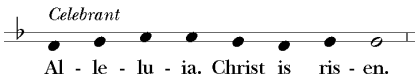
O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:

**Have mercy upon us.**

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

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

# At The Mass



*The candles at the Altar are now lighted from the Paschal Candle.*

## **Gloria in excelsis**

Hymnal S 280

*Powell Mass, Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

## **Collect of the Day**

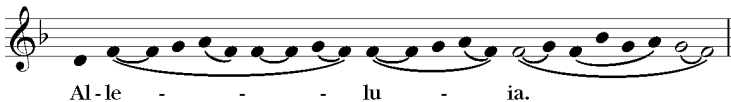
O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns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

## **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? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For 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 Great Alleluia**

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



## **Gradual (Psalm 114)**

*In exitu Israel*

Anglican Chant, David Hurd, after Peregrinus

1 When Israel came out of Egypt, \*



the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,  
2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.  
4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?  
6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

### The Holy Gospel

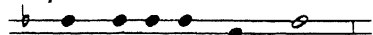
Luke 24.1-12

*Gospeler:* The Lord be with you.

*Response:* **And also with you.**

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

### *Response:*



*Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And 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, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And 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 and Jo-anna and 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.

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Response:*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Father Solon

## **The prayers of the People Form IV**

BCP 388

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*  
The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

*People*  
And al - so with you.

### **Offertory Hymn 199**

St. Kevin

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness!

God hath brought his Israel  
into joy from sadness:  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.

2. 'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.

3. Now the queen of seasons, bright  
with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts,  
comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem,  
who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesus' resurrection.

4. Neither might the gates of death,  
nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal  
hold thee as a mortal:

but today amidst thine own  
thou didst stand, bestowing  
that thy peace which evermore  
passeth human knowing.

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### **Orate Fratres**

*Celebrant:* Pray brothers and sisters that this my Sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*Response:* **May the Lord receive the Sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

### **Secreta** *said by Celebrant in a low voice*

Accept, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayers and oblations of thy people; that this beginning of thy paschal mysteries may by the operation of thy grace be unto us a wholesome medicine unto everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God *Aloud* Throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

**Sursum corda** (Hymnal S 120) Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Page 361

**Sanctus & Benedictus** (Hymnal S 129, Powell) BCP Page 362

**Eucharistic Prayer - D** BCP Page 373

**Memorial Acclamation** (Hymnal S 140) BCP Page 375

Two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the lyrics: "We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks". The second staff contains the lyrics: "to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God." The music consists of a simple melody with quarter and eighth notes.

**The Great Amen** (Hymnal S 143) BCP Page 375

A single staff of musical notation in treble clef. The lyrics are: "A - men. A - men. A - men." The music features a long, flowing melisma with a series of eighth notes and rests.

**Ecce Agnus Dei**

*Celebrant:* ☩ Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him that takes away the sins of the world.

*Response:* **Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*All baptized Christians who may receive Holy Communion in their own churches are most welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament here also. Because of ongoing Covid precautions, you may do so in one of three ways:*

- 1. The Host alone, receive the Host into your outstretched hands, and then return to your seat.*
- 2. The Host and the Wine, by intinction. The ministers will place a Host which has been dipped into the Precious Blood directly on your tongue. Indicate this by simply resting your folded hands on the communion rail, and afterward return to your seat.*
- 3. The Host and the Chalice, by drinking: Receive the Host into your outstretched hands, then remain at the rail for the minister to present the Chalice.*

**Anthem at Communion**

*And I Saw A New Heaven*  
Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and first earth had passed away, and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying: 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them and be their God; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.' — Revelation 21:1-4

**Post Communion Prayer**

BCP Page 365/366

**Blessing and Dismissal**

*see next page*

*Priest or Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - - - lu - - - ia.

*People*

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - - - ia,

al - le - - - lu - - - ia.

## Hymn 207

## Easter Hymn

1. Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeemed and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## Postlude

*Toccata on Easter Hymn*  
Joyce Jones (1933-2022)

## WELCOME AND NOTICES

Please continue to join us each Sunday for Mass at 8:00 am and at 10:30 am EDT, both in-person and livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The Thrift Shop is open: Hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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Easter Reception: The Hospitality Committee is pleased to offer an Easter Reception after the 10:30 service to-day. All are warmly welcome!

Regular Coffee Hour: The Vestry warmly invites any and all parishioners to host Coffee Hour beginning on Sunday, April 24. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. For questions, please contact the Office.

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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN'S

All services are livestreamed to [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Day**

Low Mass at 8:00 am

Procession and Sung Mass at 10:30 am

Low Mass at 5:00 pm

**Each Day in Easter Week (Mon. - Fri.)**

Low Mass at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April

Thrift Shop, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Narcotics Anonymous, 8:00 pm

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Thrift Shop, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Low Mass at 12 Noon

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April

**Low Sunday**

Low Mass at 8:00 am

Sung Mass at 10:30 am

## MILESTONES FOR THE WEEK

Baptism Anniversary

Joseph Sean Rooney

Birthday

Chinue Ionia Thompson



the eight sanctuary lamps at the High Altar  
will burn this week in memory of  
Sybil Bailey, Elizabeth Bloom, Roy Bloom, Marion Cook, Jean  
Henry, Oliver Henry, Sophronia Hopper,  
Dorothy Kruitbosch, James Leach, Marie Leone,  
Marie Neilly, Johnsie Taylor, Mary Taylor,  
by  
Ernesto D. Muñoz



the lamp at the Altar of Christ the King  
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Wesley Emma Koffel  
and  
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