

April 3, 2021 The Great Vigil of Easter, 8:00 p.m.

Welcome to our Good Friday service. Please worship as you feel comfortable. As a reminder, there is no congregational singing at this time. The cross sign (†) indicates customary times to cross oneself if you wish to do so.

In the darkness, the new fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant takes a small candle, lights it with the new fire and lights the Paschal Candle.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Easter Lights will be distributed to the congregation as they enter the nave. The people remain standing.

The Celebrant and Cantor chant The Light of Christ.

The Exsultet, an ancient 7th century hymn of praise to Christ, the Light of the world is sung.

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,

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The celebrant and cantor chant the preface.

Leader 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 lovingkindness 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.

The Word of God

Celebrant 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.

All are seated. You may extinguish your candle at this time.

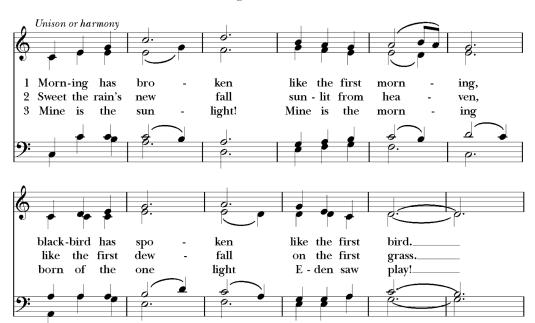
The First Lesson: The Story of Creation Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Celebrant

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.**

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Hymn 8

"Morning has broken"

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

Anthem

Carol of the Exodus

Traditional English Carol Harm. G.R. 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!

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.

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!

Celebrant 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 Third Lesson: The valley of dry bones Ezekiel 37:1-14

Celebrant 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.**

Following the lesson, the cantors chant:

Psalm 114 In exitu Israel

When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion. The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went back. The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep. What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? * O Jordan, that you turned back? You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * you little hills like young sheep? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob, Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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.
	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.

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

The Easter Proclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

At the Easter proclamation, bells ring, and the organ sounds a fanfare.

"God's Paschal Lamb"



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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People 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.**

The Solemn Alleluia

Plainsong

Sung three times by the cantor and repeated by all, each time at a higher pitch.



Standing.

The Holy Gospel

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Constance Hammond

The Peace

We invite you to share the peace with each other either in the comments online or by bowing, waving, or by holding someone in your heart with intentions of peace.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Easter Anthem

William Billings

The Lord is ris'n indeed, Hallelujah.
Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah.
And did He rise? Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead: He rose, He burst the bars of death, and triumph'd o'er the grave.
Then I rose, then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light, and seiz'd eternal youth.
Man, all immortal hail, hail, Heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man, Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

All

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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 Breaking of the Bread

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;AllTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

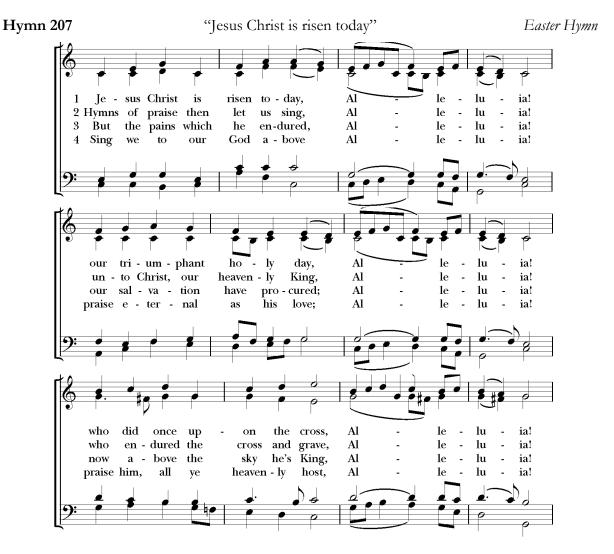
Everyone is invited to come forward to receive Communion at this time. Please return to your pew to consume it. Gluten free bread is available upon request. To receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that preference. There is a tray at the back for empty Communion cups.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing





Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia. **People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Gaudeamus

Sidney Campbell

Announcements

In-Person Services Coming: Starting Sunday, April 11, we will be starting reduced capacity inperson services at 10:15 a.m. Please watch your ENews for the RSVP form.

What Death Can Teach Us About Living Workshops with Rev Andria & Liz Klein MD The sessions will be broken down as follows 1) End of Life Spirituality, Advance Directives and POLST, Hospice and Palliative Care 2) Funeral Planning and other important preparations. Sunday, April 18 & 25 at 9:00am to 10:00am on Zoom. RSVP to office@allsaintspdx.org so we can send you the materials

Stations of the Cross Prints Available: We're offering prints as a fundraiser for the PreTeen Youth Ministry. Just drop off a check or make a donation online for \$20 and note "PreTeen" and which print you'd like when you do so.

Woodstock Pantry: We've made tremendous progress! Help us raise the remaining funds for a long-term, sustainable space that can properly store food for the Woodstock Food Pantry! If you are interested in making a special Easter donation, please consider this special project. You can give online or give a check with a special notation. Jesus called us to feed the hungry in our midst and said that whenever we do it to the "least of these" we do it for him. Together we can answer his call and eliminate food insecurity in our neighborhood.

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