

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

8:00 p.m.

April 11, 2020



The Baptism of the Christ, Daniel Bonell (1999) Saint George's Cathedral in Jerusalem

Welcome to St. James'

Welcome

The Rev. Canon Anne Tumilty

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle is marked, symbolizing the wounds of Christ and then, in the darkness, the New Fire is kindled.

Officiant

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.

The Rev. Gethin Wied

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people this 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 lit from the newly kindled fire and processed into the church.

The Rev. Dr. Michelle Baker-Wright



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

The Exsultet

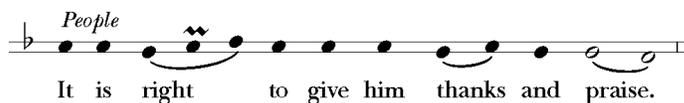
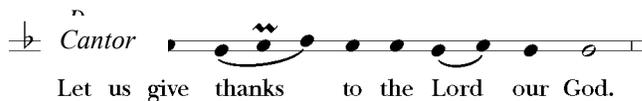
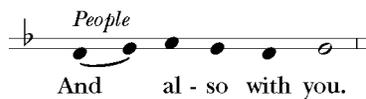
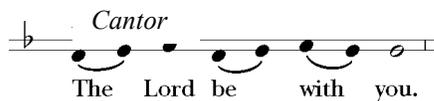
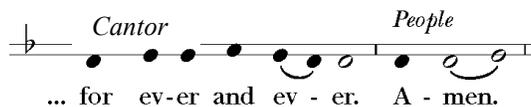
The Cantor sings this ancient Christian hymn, which has been sung at the Great Vigil since the Seventh Century.

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 Cantor 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.

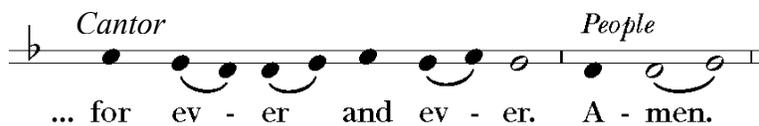
This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

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 all are 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



The Word of God

The Rev. Canon Anne Tumilty

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

The First Lesson: Genesis 1:1–22 *The story of Creation*

Greg Richardson

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he 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 vault between the waters to separate water from water.” So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. 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 vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung by Sarah Gonzalez



1 O blest Cre - a - tor, source of light,
 2 You joined the morn and eve - ning ray;
 3 Lest we, be - set by doubt and strife,
 4 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, help us rise
 5 De - fend us, Fa - ther, through the night,



1 you gave the day with splen - dor bright,
 2 you found it good and called it 'day.'
 3 for - get your bless - ed gift of life,
 4 and strive to gain the heaven - ly prize;
 5 and with your Son, and Spi - rit bright



1 when on the new and liv - ing earth
 2 But now the threat - ening dark - ness nears -
 3 and an - guished and in mind dis - tressed,
 4 for you a - lone can make us strong
 5 the Tri - ni - ty whom we a - dore -



1 you brought all things to glo - rious birth.
 2 we pray you, Fa - ther, calm our fears.
 3 be crushed by guilt, by sin op - pressed.
 4 to turn from sin and cease from wrong,
 5 be with us now and ev - er - more.

Officiant

Let us pray.

The Rev. Canon Anne Tumilty

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: Genesis 22:1-3, 9-18 *The Sacrifice of Isaac*

Pamela Scott-Johnson

Sometime later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung by Sharon Kunde

1 O sor - row deep! Who would not weep
 2 The Pas - chal Lamb, like I - saac's ram,
 3 Blest shall they be e - ter - nal - ly
 4 O Je - sus blest, my help and rest,

with heart - felt pain and sigh - ing!
 in blood was of - fered for us,
 who pon - der in their weep - ing
 with tears I pray thee, hear me:

slightly slower

God the Fa - ther's on - ly Son
 pour - ing out his life that he
 that the glo - rious Prince of Life
 now, and e - ven un - to death,

in the tomb is - ly - ing.
 might to life re - store us.
 should in death be - sleep - ing.
 dear - est Lord, be near me.

Officiant

Let us pray.

The Rev. Canon Anne Tumilty

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Lesson: Exodus 14:10-15:1 *Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea*

Todd Katzenstein

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.

After the reading

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sung by Timothy Morton

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
3 They jour-neyed on at his com-mand, let my peo-ple go;
4 Oh, let us all from bond-age flee, let my peo-ple go;

op - pressed so hard they— could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
to lead the chil-dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
and came at length to— Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.
and let us all in— Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Refrain

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

Officiant

Let us pray.

The Rev. Canon Anne Tumilty

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 Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-11 *Salvation offered freely to all*

Lucy Jones

“Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.
See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.
Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendor.”

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord.
“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

As the rain and the snow
 come down from heaven,
 and do not return to it
 without watering the earth
 and making it bud and flourish,
 so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
 so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
 It will not return to me empty,
 but will accomplish what I desire
 and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

After the reading

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 People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: 679

Surely it is God who saves me

THOMAS MERTON

Sung by Sharon Kunde

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
 2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
 fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
 help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
 vation's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
 liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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Celebrant Let us pray.

The Rev. Canon Anne Tumilty

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.**

The Fifth Lesson: Ezekiel 36:24-28 *A new heart and a new spirit*

Barbara Sinclair

“For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung by Aubree and Christopher Roney

1. As pant - ing deer de - sire the wa - ter - brooks
 2. Both day and night my tears have been my food,
 3. Why are you heav - y - heart - ed, O my soul?

when wan - dering in a dry and des - ert place, so yearns my thirst - y soul for
 while scof - fers taunt me, "Where is your God now?" My soul dis - solves as I re -
 And why are you so mired in deep dis - cord? Still put your hope and trust in

you, O God, and longs at last to see you face to face,
 call the throng whose pil - grim hymns I led to Zi - on's brow,
 God a - lone, whom I will praise, my Sav - ior and my Lord.

Officiant

Let us pray.

The Rev. Canon Anne Tumilty

Almighty and everliving God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sixth Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14 *The valley of dry bones*

Susan Isaacs

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

After the reading

Reader

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People

Thanks be to God.

Sung by Timothy Morton

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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Let us pray.

The Rev. Canon Anne Tumilty

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 Seventh Lesson: Zephaniah 3:12-13, 16-17, 20 *The gathering of God's people* Allison Rector

But I will leave within you
the meek and humble.
The remnant of Israel
will trust in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong;
they will tell no lies.
A deceitful tongue
will not be found in their mouths.
They will eat and lie down
and no one will make them afraid.”

On that day
they will say to Jerusalem,
“Do not fear, Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp.
The Lord your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.”

At that time I will gather you;
at that time I will bring you home.
I will give you honor and praise
among all the peoples of the earth
when I restore your fortunes
before your very eyes,”
says the Lord.

After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung by Aubree and Christopher Roney

1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to him who
 2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery
 3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the

has great won - ders done; awed by his love his
 in - stru - ment and voice; peal out the praise of
 Lord with wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones look

foes sur - ren - der and fall be - fore the Might - y One.
 grace a - bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
 up a - dor - ing and find a voice to praise his Name.

He has made known his great sal - va - tion which
 Trum - pets and or - gans set in mo - tion such
 Right - eous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, prais -

all his friends with joy con - fess; he has re - vealed to
 sounds as make the hea - vens ring; all things that live in
 es be his that nev - er cease; just is our God, whose

ev - ery na - tion his ev - er - last - ing right - eous - ness.
 earth and o - cean, make mu - sic for your might - y King.
 truth vic - to - rious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

Officiant

Let us pray.

The Rev. Canon Anne Tumilty

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 who all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The People sit for

The Reflection

The Rev. Canon Anne Tumilty

A brief period of silent reflection follows the reflection.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Rev. Dr. Michelle Baker-Wright

The Officiant then says

On this night as we renew our covenant and affirm our faith with the following questions.

The Baptismal Covenant

Officiant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

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

Officiant

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.

Officiant

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.

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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.

Officiant

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.

Officiant

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Officiant

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Officiant

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 Officiant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

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.**

Proclamation of the Resurrection

The Rev. Canon Anne Tumilty

Officiant ✠Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People **The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Bells and pots and pans are rung *during the singing of*

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect of the Day

The Rev. Canon Anne Tumilty

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant 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 Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Susanne Wright-Nava

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. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

After the reading

Celebrant Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

The Rev. Gethin Weid

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (28:1-10).
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "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. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

After the Reading

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn: 335

I am the bread of life

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE



1 I am the bread of life; they who
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
 4 I am the life. They who be -
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
 5 come in - to the world.

Descant

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 1-4

5 Yes, day. *Final Ending*

last day. 2 The

3 Un- day.

4 —

5 Yes, (2)

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

The Easter Blessing

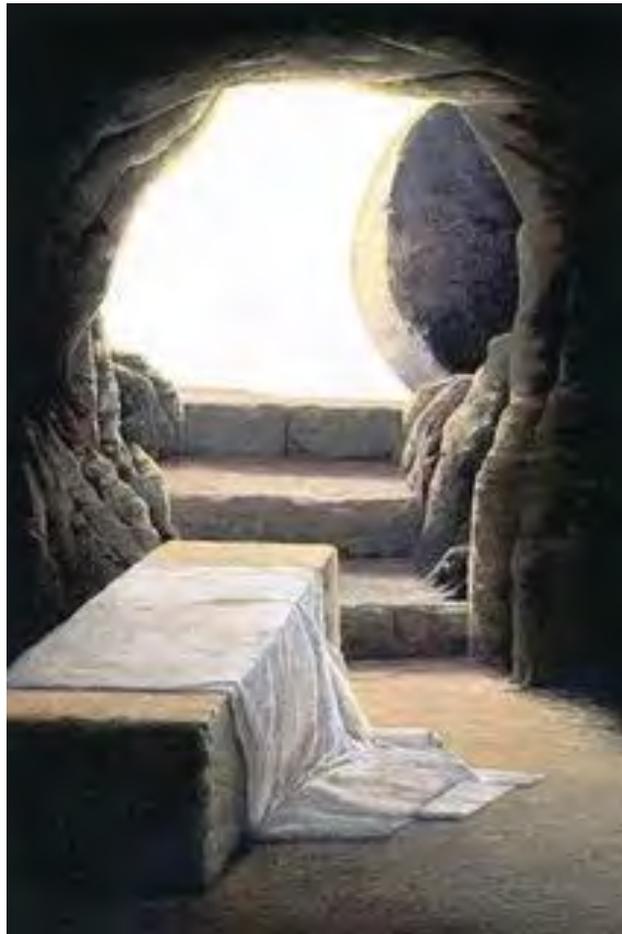
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Dismissal

The Rev. Dr. Michelle Baker-Wright

The Officiant concludes with

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



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Sharon Kunde

Timothy Morton

Aubree Roney

Christopher Roney

and additional members of St. James' Choir

Not the kingdom of death

Christ is risen!

We give thanks for the gift of Easter
that runs beyond our explanations,
beyond our categories of reason,
even more, beyond the sinking sense of our own lives.

We know about the powers of death,
powers that persist among us,
powers that drive us from you, and
from our neighbor, and
from our best selves.

We know about the powers of fear and greed and anxiety,
and brutality and certitude.
powers before which we are helpless.

And then you . . . you at dawn, unquenched,
you in the darkness,
you on Saturday,
you who breaks the world to joy.

Yours is the kingdom . . . not the kingdom of death,

Yours is the power . . . not the power of death,

Yours is the glory . . . not the glory of death.

Yours . . . You . . . and we give thanks
for the newness beyond our achieving.

Amen.

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