

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2025 + 9 PM



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Episcopal Urban Partnership

Calvary Church
Church of Our Merciful Saviour
Saint George's Church
Christ Church Cathedral

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

- *in the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the celebrant may address the people in these or similar words:*

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

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

- *the celebrant continues*

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end. Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age for ever.

Amen.

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

Amen.

- *the celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

- *the deacon leads the procession with the Pascal Candle into the nave*
- *the congregation follows behind the bishop*
- *the procession will pause three times each time the deacon chants:*

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

- *the congregation may take their seats as they enter the nave*
- *choir members will assist in lighting the congregation's candles*

The Exsultet

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.

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is for the deacon and the people, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the deacon, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The third staff is for the people, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and melismatic, with long horizontal lines indicating sustained notes.

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.

- *the celebrant introduces the Scripture readings saying:*

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading • *Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea*

A paraphrase of Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21 from Liturgy for the Whole Church by Susan K. Bock

Why is this night different from all other nights?

This is the Passover of the Lord, when God led us out of slavery in Egypt, through the Red Sea, onto dry ground. We remember . . .

how we were slaves for four hundred years in Egypt, where we were treated harshly.

We cried out to the Lord and he heard us, and sent our Father Moses to deliver us! God said to Moses "Tell old Pharaoh . . .

Let my people go!"

I was afraid. I didn't know how to speak to Pharaoh. and how to prove God had sent me. So God sent plagues upon the Egyptians to make his point! There were frogs, and lice, and flies.

There were boils, and hail, and locusts, and there was a darkness so heavy it could be felt!

Then came the worst and saddest plague of all, the death of every firstborn in all of Egypt land. God said, "Have the people eat their last meal in Egypt. Tell them to take one lamb for every family and roast it, and eat it in haste.

We ate it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs, with our sandals on our feet and our walking sticks in our hands. We remember . . .

how we took the blood of the lamb and smeared it on our doorposts, so the angel of death would pass over our homes. And then we rose up and left the land of our oppression! We left so quickly . . .

our dough was still rising, our kneading bowls were wrapped on our shoulders, our sleeping children were nestled in our arms! We remember . . .

how happy we were . . . until we came to the shores of the sea! And then, of course, we forgot how God had brought us this far, and we began to weep, and wail, and whine! We said . . .

**Were there no graves in Egypt, Moses, that you brought us out here to die?
We should never have left! Better to live as slaves than to die in freedom!**

Imagine being so afraid that you'd rather be slaves to, well, anything, no matter how bad it is! But God said: "Moses! Tell the people, "Do not be afraid! Stand firm! For you will never see these Egyptians again. The Lord will fight for you and you have only to stand firm!"

"Lift up your staff, Moses, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the Israelites will go through on dry ground!"

**The Lord drove back the sea with a strong east wind that blew all night,
and turned the sea to dry land! We remember . . .**

how the pillar of cloud went before us and behind us, and when Pharaoh's army came after us, at the morning watch, the Lord looked down and threw them into panic! God said: "Moses, stretch out your hand again so the waters of the sea may return to their place." So I did, and Pharaoh's army was drowned in the sea.

Then we feared the Lord, and believed in his servant Moses!

And when we came safely to the shore, we remember how our mothers danced and sang, all through the night . . .

**because God had brought us out of slavery and led us through the sea, to
bring us home to the land of promise.**

It is the Passover of the Lord . . .

and we remember!

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn LEVAS 143 *Wade in the Water*

Wade ___ in the wa - ter, ___ wade ___ in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Fine

Wade ___ in the wa - ter, ___ God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. ___

1. See ___ that ___ host all dressed in ___ white, ___
2. See ___ that ___ band all dressed in ___ red, ___
3. Look ___ o - ver yon - der, what do I see? ___
4. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed, ___

- wa - ter. ___
1. The lead - er ___ looks like the Is - ra - elite, ___
 2. Looks like ___ the ___ band that ___ Mo - ses led, ___
 3. The Ho - ly ___ Ghost a - com - ing on ___ me, ___
 4. Just fol - low me down to ___ Jor - dan's stream, ___

D.C.

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. ___

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*, Copyright © 1992.

Collect

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.

Second Reading • *Salvation offered freely to all* Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be

found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9 • *The First Song of Isaiah*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Let us pray.

• *silence*

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.

Third Reading • *A new heart and a new spirit* Ezekiel 36:24-28

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 un-
cleannesses, and from all your idols I will
cleansing 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 ob-
serve 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.

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 658 *As longs the deer for cooling streams*

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in
 2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my
 3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -
 still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.
 hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
 is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.
 was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Words: *New Version of the Psalms of David*, 1696, alt.; para. of Psalm 42:1-7

Music: *Martyrdom*, melody and bass Hugh Wilson (1764-1824); adapt. and harm. Robert Smith (1780-1829)

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Collect

Let us pray.

- *silence*

Almighty and everlasting 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.

Fourth Reading • *Learn wisdom and live* Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4

Hear the commandments of life, O Israel;
give ear, and learn wisdom!
Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies,
that you are growing old in a foreign country,
that you are defiled with the dead,
that you are counted among those in Hades?
You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom.
If you had walked in the way of God,
you would be living in peace for ever.
Learn where there is wisdom,
where there is strength,
where there is understanding,
so that you may at the same time discern
where there is length of days, and life,
where there is light for the eyes, and peace.
Who has found her place?
And who has entered her storehouses?
But the one who knows all things knows her,
he found her by his understanding.
The one who prepared the earth for all time
filled it with four-footed creatures;
the one who sends forth the light, and it goes;
he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling;
the stars shone in their watches, and were glad;
he called them, and they said, "Here we are!"
They shone with gladness for him who made them.
This is our God;
no other can be compared to him.
He found the whole way to knowledge,
and gave her to his servant Jacob
and to Israel, whom he loved.

Afterwards she appeared on earth
 and lived with humankind.
 She is the book of the commandments of God,
 the law that endures for ever.
 All who hold her fast will live,
 and those who forsake her will die.
 Turn, O Jacob, and take her;
 walk towards the shining of her light.
 Do not give your glory to another,
 or your advantages to an alien people.
 Happy are we, O Israel,
 for we know what is pleasing to God.

Anthem *O Lux Beatissima*

Howard Helvey

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| O lux beatissima, | O Light most blessed, |
| Reple cordis intima | Fill the inmost heart |
| Tuorum fidelium, | Of all thy faithful. |
| Sine tuo numine, | Without your grace, |
| Nihil est in homine, | There is nothing in us, |
| Nihil est innoxium. | Nothing that is not harmful. |

Collect

Let us pray.

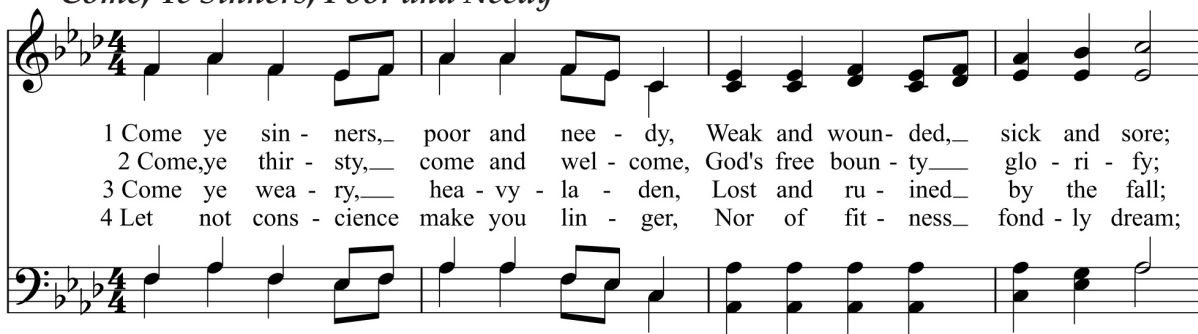
- *silence*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on
 your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual
 working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation;
 let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are
 being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new,
 and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through
 whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

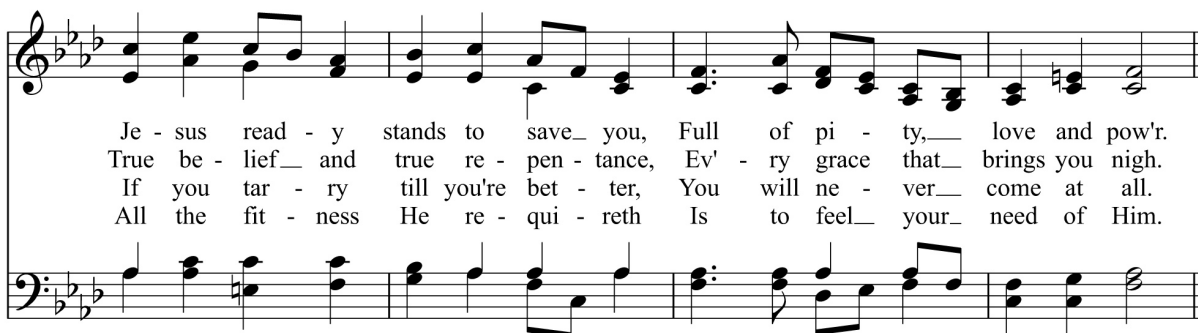
CONFIRMATION

- the Paschal Candle leads the way to the font
- people file into procession after the clergy while singing:

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

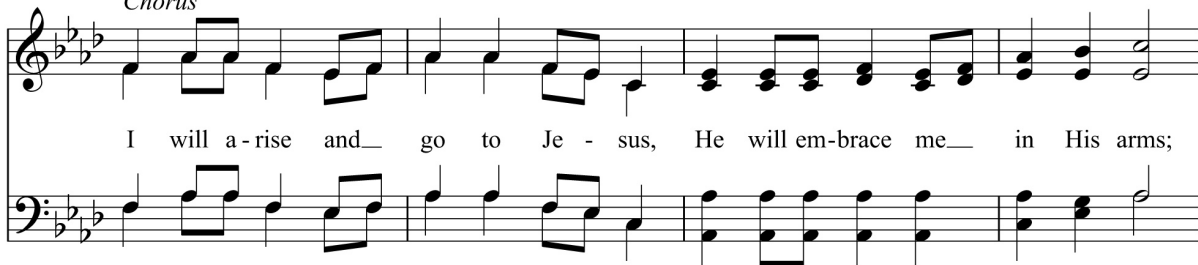


1 Come ye sin - ners, poor and nee - dy, Weak and woun - ded, sick and sore;
2 Come, ye thir - sty, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3 Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy - la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4 Let not cons - cience make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pi - ty, love and pow'r.
True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh.
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will ne - ver come at all.
All the fit - ness He re - qui - reth Is to feel your need of Him.

Chorus



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me in His arms;



In the arms of my dear Sa - vior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

Presentation and Examination of Candidates

I present these persons for Confirmation.

- *the bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

I do.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

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

- *after all have been presented, the bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

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

We will.

- *the bishop then says:"*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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

The Blessing of Water

- *the bishop says*

I saw water proceeding out of the temple, from the right side it flowed;
and all those to whom that water came shall be saved. Alleluia.

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

Amen.

I saw water proceeding out of the temple, from the right side it flowed;
and all those to whom that water came shall be saved. Alleluia.

Prayers for the Candidates

- *the bishop says:*

Let us now pray for for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

- *the deacon says:*

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

- *the bishop 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

The Confirmation

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life.

Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

- the people are sprinkled with water from the font as the following chant is sung.
- once the people are sprinkled with water, the congregation joins in procession back to their seats.

Taizé Chant *Bless the Lord*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name." and "Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life." The piano part features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.



Opening Acclamation

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
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.

refrain


Al - le - lu - ia! , Christ our Pass - o -
 - ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us
 keep the feast, Al - , pocorit. le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia! *refrain*

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
 death no longer has dominion over Him.
 The death that He died, He died to sin, once for all;
 but the life He lives, He lives to God.
 So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! *refrain*

Christ being raised from the dead,
 the first-fruits of them that have fallen asleep.
 For since by a man came death,
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
 For as in Adam all die,
 so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia! *refrain*

Collect for the Feast of the Resurrection



celebrant *people* *celebrant*

God be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

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



A - men.

Reading Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin

might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114 • sung by all



1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came¹ out of¹ Egypt, *

the house of Jacob from a¹ people of¹ strange¹ speech,

2 Judah be¹came God's¹ sanctuary *

and¹ Israel¹ his do¹minion.

3 The sea be¹held it and¹ fled; *

Jordan¹ turned and¹ wēnt¹ back.

4 The mountains¹ skipped like¹ rams, *

and the little¹ hills like¹ yōüng¹ sheep.

5 What ailed you, O¹ sea, that you¹ fled? *

O¹ Jordan, that¹ you turned¹ back?

6 You mountains, that you¹ skipped like¹ rams? *

you little¹ hills like¹ yōüng¹ sheep?

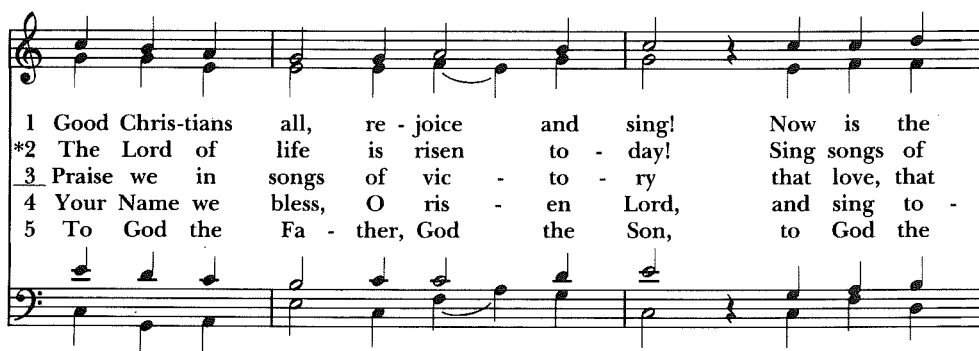
7 Tremble, O earth, at the¹ presence of the¹ Lord, *

at the¹ presence of the¹ God of¹ Jacob,

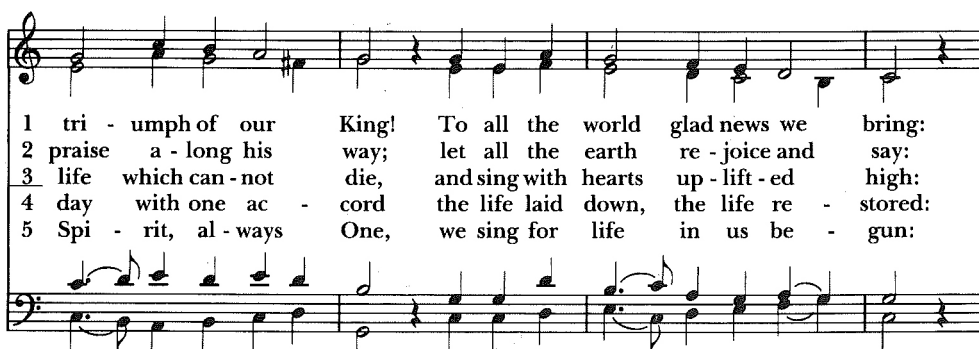
8 Who turned the hard rock into a¹ pool of¹ water *

and flint-stone¹ into a¹ flowing¹ spring.

Hymn 205 *Good Christians all, rejoice*



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (b. 1923)
 Music: *Gelobt sei Gott*, Melchior Vulpinus (1560?-1616)

888 with Alleluias

Gospel Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man

must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Deacon Dan Dykstra

The Peace • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Dean's Welcome

LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

Anthem *Sing!*

Owen Sammons

Sing! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
for he hath done marvelous things.
Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord,
all ye lands.
Sing! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

*In celebration of the 200th anniversary
of Christ Church Cathedral*

— based on Psalm 98

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D • BCP 372

celebrant *people*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

celebrant *people*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

people
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

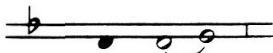
[Remember _____.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

The Great Amen



A - men.

The Lord's Prayer • BCP 364 • *contemporary version*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem • WLP 866

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*

An Act of Spiritual Communion • *for those attending virtually*

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Hymn 174 *At the Lamb's high feast*

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free soul's new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

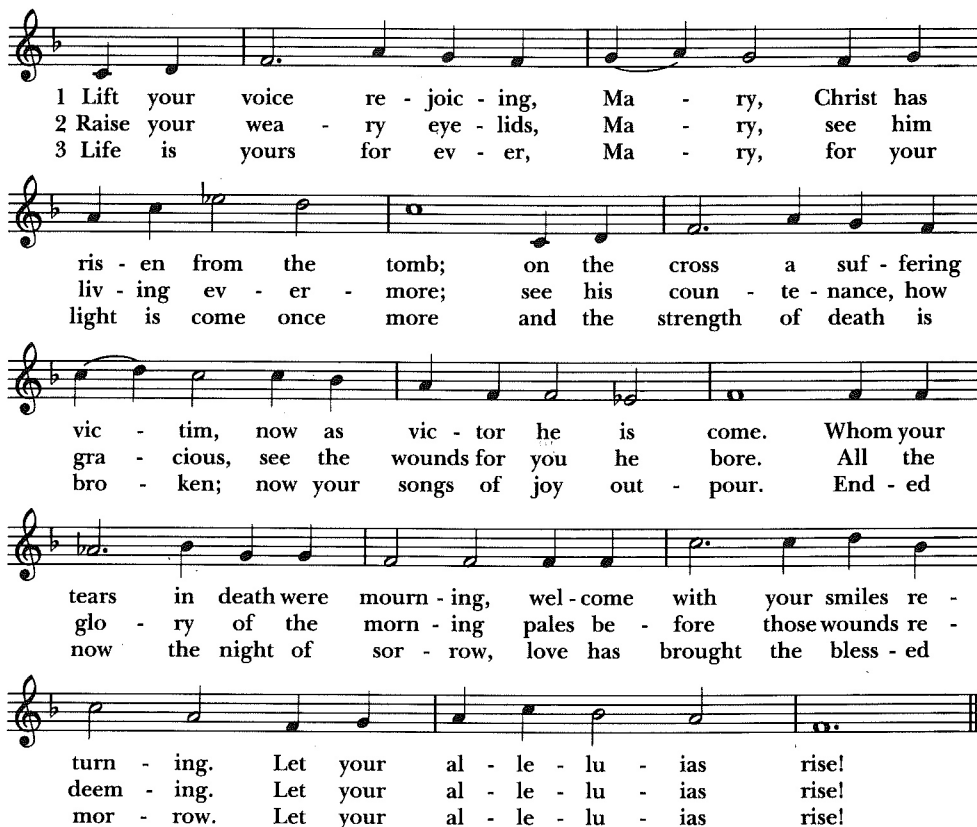
gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Hymn 190 *Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary*



1 Lift your voice re - joic - ing, Ma - ry, Christ has
 2 Raise your wea - ry eye - lids, Ma - ry, see him
 3 Life is yours for ev - er, Ma - ry, for your

ris - en from the tomb; on the cross a suf - fering
 liv - ing ev - er - more; see his coun - te - nance, how
 light is come once more and the strength of death is

vic - tim, now as vic - tor he is come. Whom your
 gra - cious, see the wounds for you he bore. All the
 bro - ken; now your songs of joy out - pour. End - ed

tears in death were mourn - ing, wel - come with your smiles re -
 glo - ry of the morn - ing pales be - fore those wounds re -
 now the night of sor - row, love has brought the bless - ed

turn - ing. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!
 deem - ing. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!
 mor - row. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!

Words: Latin; tr. Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1828-1896), alt.

Music: *Fisk of Gloucester*, Thomas Foster (b. 1938)

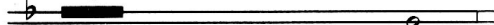
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Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

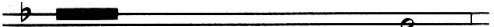
Episcopal Blessing

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.



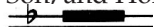
The maker of heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord.



From this time forth for evermore.

... the blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.



Amen.

Concluding Hymn 296 *We know that Christ is raised*

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____

Final Ending

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude



The Rt. Rev. Terry White, *celebrant*

The Rev. Canon Amy Coultas, *chaplain*

The Rev. Canon Jason Lewis

The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, The Rev. Tom Miller-Price,

The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, The Rev. Dan Dykstra, *deacons*

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Jacob Cook, James Rightmyer, *conductors*

Owen Sammons, *organist*

Hunter Lumbatis, Jerry Brown, *lectors*

Kim McDaniel, Graham Whatley, Henry Lawrence, *acolytes*

Susan Wettle, Jim Monin, Josh Edwards, Mitch Mattingly, *greeters/ushers*

Louise Isaacs, *bell ringer*

Frazier Marsh, Tim Tice, *live stream*



*We gratefully acknowledge
those who contributed to
Flowers and Music for Easter.*



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- *in memory of Mary and Bill Bryant*

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- *in memory of their parents*

Jim Walsh and Marie Eff

- *in memory of Erich Eff & Patrick Walsh*

Michael Ellis

- *in memory of Muriel K. Bass & Jan A. Ellis*

Vance & Bobbie Fritton

- *in memory of Ada Vance Fritton,
Ellen Fritton Sprinkle*
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Lea Ann Garbrough

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Kirt and Cinthy Jacobs

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Christ Church Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky gathers and stands on land which has been home, for over 11,000 years, to primarily Shawnee, Cherokee, Osage, Haudenosaunee Seneca, Hopewell and Adena peoples.

Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devastating legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people.

We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day.

We seek forgiveness.

We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky.

We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself.

We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.



Christ Church Cathedral

→ *a church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city* ←

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