

Worshiping Jesus Christ, Living in His Truth, & Blessing others in His Name.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER March 30, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE BCP 582-583

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant says

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 may say the following prayer

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire, we pray, and so set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and kindled affections we may attain to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If the Paschal Candle is to be marked, it is done at this time (see BCP page 595).

The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the newly kindled fire, and says

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

THE BEARING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

When the Deacon (or the Celebrant if there is no Deacon), bears the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying



The light of Christ.



Aff Thanks be to God.

Once the Paschal Candle is processed, the Exsultet is sung or said.

If candles have been distributed to members of the Congregation, they are lit from the Paschal Candle. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lit.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

Then the Deacon, or other person appointed, standing near the Candle, customarily sings or says the Exsultet.

THE EXSULTET

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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.**

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People And with your spirit.
Deacon Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up to the Lord.
Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, the very Lamb of God, whose blood marks the doorposts of believers and makes us holy.

This is the night when you brought our forebears, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night when with a pillar of fire you banished the darkness of our iniquity.

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.

Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed.

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.

O wonderful providence of Adam's sin destroyed completely by the death of Christ. O happy fault, which gained for us so great and glorious a Redeemer. This is the night of which it is written: the night shall be as bright as the day.

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.

Therefore, O holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, the gift of your most holy Church. May it mingle with the lights of heaven, and 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 LESSONS

BCP 586-590

The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture readings in these or similar words

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, remembering how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that God may bring to completion in each of us the saving work he has begun.

THE FALL: GENESIS 3 (NIV)

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.""

⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock

and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly

and you will eat dust

all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;

he will crush your head,

and you will strike his heel."

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

"I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children.

Your desire will be for your husband,

and he will rule over you."

¹⁷ To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,'

"Cursed is the ground because of you;

through painful toil you will eat food from it

all the days of your life.

¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow

you will eat your food

until you return to the ground,

since from it you were taken;

for dust you are

and to dust you will return."

"²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

²¹ The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²² And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." ²³ So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life."

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32^

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- 1 Blessed is the one whose unrighteousness is forgiven, * and whose sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed is the one to whom the LORD imputes no sin, * and in whose spirit there is no guile.
- 3 For while I held my tongue, my bones wasted away; * I ceased not from groaning all the day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night, * and I was dried up and withered, as in the drought of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin unto you, * and I did not hide my iniquity.

- 6 I said, "I will confess my sins unto the LORD"; * and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.
- 7 For this reason shall all the godly make their prayers unto you at a time when you may be found; * when the great floodwaters rise, they shall not reach them.

- 8 You are my hiding-place; you shall preserve me from trouble; * you shall encompass me with songs of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go, * and I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like the horse and mule, which have no understanding, * whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not come near you."
- 11 Great troubles remain for the ungodly; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, O you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * and be joyful, all who are true of heart.

COLLECT^

BCP 586

Let us pray. Silence

O God, you sent your blessed Son, the seed of the woman, that he might crush the serpent's head and make all creation new: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA: Exodus 14:10-15:1 (NIV)

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹ 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, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ 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."

²⁶ 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." ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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.

²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ³⁰ That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. ³¹ 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.

¹ 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."

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MOSES^

Supplemental Canticle 5, BCP 83

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
The Lord is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
EXODU

EXODUS 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

COLLECT^ BCP 588

Let us pray. Silence

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, by the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation offered to 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.**

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT: Ezekiel 36:24-28 (NIV)

²⁴ "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. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. ²⁸ Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SURELY, IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME^

Supplemental Canticle 8, BCP 85-86

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ISAIAH 12:2-6

COLLECT^ BCP 589

Let us pray. *Silence*

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you promise your faithful people new life in the water of Baptism: Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE THREE YOUNG MEN IN THE FURNACE: Daniel 3:1-28

¹King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. ²Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ³Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁴And the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵ that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.⁶And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace." ⁷Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worship the pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace." ⁷Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of musics, and languages fell down and worship down and worship the pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of musics, and languages fell down and worship down and wor

the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

⁸Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. ⁹They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! ¹⁰You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. ¹¹And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. ¹²There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰ And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. ²²Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." ²⁵He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. ²⁸Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A SONG OF CREATION^

Supplemental Canticle 10, BCP 87-88

Please stand and turn with me to page 87, as we say Canticle 10, A Song of Creation... (give time for folks to turn to the page) together...

INVOCATION

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

I. THE COSMIC ORDER

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *

O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

II. THE EARTH AND ITS CREATURES

Let the earth glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, * O whales and all that move in the waters. All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, * and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

III. THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever. You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

DOXOLOGY

Let us glorify the Lord: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; * praise him and highly exalt him for ever. In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

SONG OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN, 35-65

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

JONAH AND THE FISH: Jonah 1:1-2:10 (NIV)

"¹ The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

³ But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

⁴ Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.

But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. ⁶ The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish."

⁷ Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"

⁹ He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

¹⁰ This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the Lord, because he had already told them so.)

¹¹ The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?"

¹² "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

¹³ Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. ¹⁴ Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, Lord, do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, Lord, have done as you pleased." ¹⁵ Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ¹⁶ At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.

¹⁷ Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. ² ¹ From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. ¹ He said:

"In my distress I called to the Lord,

and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,

and you listened to my cry.

³ You hurled me into the depths,

into the very heart of the seas,

and the currents swirled about me;

all your waves and breakers

swept over me.

⁴ I said, 'I have been banished from your sight;

yet I will look again

toward your holy temple.'

⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me,

the deep surrounded me;

seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down;

the earth beneath barred me in forever.

But you, Lord my God,

brought my life up from the pit.

⁷ "When my life was ebbing away,

I remembered you, Lord,

and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.
⁸ "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them.
⁹ But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you.
What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.'"
¹⁰ And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land." The word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130^

BCP p. 446

¹ Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord; * Lord, hear my voice.

² O let your ears consider well * the voice of my supplications.

³ If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, * O Lord, who could abide it?

⁴ For there is mercy with you; * therefore you shall be feared.

⁵ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my trust.

⁶ My soul waits for the Lord, *

more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, * and with him is plenteous redemption;

⁸ And he shall redeem Israel * from all their sins.

COLLECT^

BCP 590

Let us pray. Silence

Almighty God, by the resurrection 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 GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE: Zephaniah 3:12-20 (NIV)

¹² But I will leave within you the meek and humble.
The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the Lord.
¹³ 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."
¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. ¹⁶ On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. ¹⁷ 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." ¹⁸ "I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. ¹⁹ At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame. ²⁰ 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." The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98^

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2	With his own right hand and with I
	for he has done marvelous things.
1	O sing unto the LORD a new song, *

2	With his own right hand and with his holy arm, *
	he has won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD declared his salvation; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5 Show yourselves joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the LORD with the harp; * sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and horns, *
 O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it, * the round world, and those who dwell therein.

- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, * for he has come to judge the earth.
- 10 With righteousness shall he judge the world, * and the peoples with equity.

COLLECT^ BCP 590-591

Let us pray. Silence

Almighty God, you called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: Give us boldness to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted high upon the Cross, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION BCP 591

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

A joyful fanfare may be played, and bells may be rung. The church is lighted, and the candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS BCP 591-592

1. Glo to God in the high earth 2.Lord peace God King and Fa ther thanks, we 3.Lord k give glo IV VOU praise YOU VOUI -SIL Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God Lambof God, 4. you world: have take the sin the a-way of mer cy 5.you are the the Fa- ther: seat-ed at right hand of on UK, re praver 6. For are the Ho One, ceive our vou a-lone the Lord 7.you the Most you a lone are a are High Christ. with the Ho in the God the Ea ther men.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you 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 LESSON: Romans 6:3-11

³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised

from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: "Christ Is Alive"

Hymnal 182

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. / The cross stands empty to the sky. / Let streets and homes with praises ring. / His love in death shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound / to distant years in Palestine, / he comes to claim the here and now, / and touching ev'ry place and time.

3. Not throned above, remotely high, / untouched, unmoved by human pains, / but daily in the midst of life, / our savior with Father reigns.

4. In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, / where color, scorn, or wealth divide, / he suffers still, yet loves the more, / and lives though ever crucified.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10^

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Saint Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ 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 Gospel, the Reader says

PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN CONT'D: "Christ Is Alive"

5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns / Through this and every future age, / Till all creation lives and learns / His joy, his justice, love, and praise

THE PASCHAL HOMILY

St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (d. 407 AD)

In the Eastern Church this homily is read each year at the Great Vigil. However, this sermon is not to be just "preached." Instead, it invites considerable participation by the congregants gathered (and at home). Every time the priest says "embittered," the congregation is to repeat it. Every time the priest says "risen," the congregation is to repeat it as well. And every time the word "dead" or "death" is spoken, the congregation stomps its feet, just like Jesus stomped on Hell. This mood of this

homily is not to be solemn or contemplative, but a joyous, exciting proclamation!

If anyone is devout and a lover of God, let them enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival.

If anyone is a grateful servant, let them, rejoicing, enter into the joy of his Lord.

If anyone has wearied themselves in fasting, let them now receive recompense.

If anyone has labored from the first hour, let them today receive the just reward.

If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let them feast.

If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let them have no misgivings; for they shall suffer no loss. If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let them draw near without hesitation.

If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let them not fear on account of tardiness.

For the Master is gracious and receives the last even as the first; He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has labored from the first.

He has mercy upon the last and cares for the first; to the one He gives, and to the other He is gracious.

He both honors the work and praises the intention.

Enter all of you, therefore, into the joy of our Lord, and, whether first or last, receive your reward.

O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy!

O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate the day!

You that have fasted and you that have disregarded the fast, rejoice today!

The table is rich-laden: feast royally, all of you!

The calf is fatted: let no one go forth hungry!

Let all partake of the feast of faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness. Let no one lament their poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn their transgressions, for pardon has dawned from the grave. Let no one fear **death** (stomp), for the Savior's **death** (stomp) has set us free. He that was taken by **death** (stomp) has annihilated it! He descended into Hades and took Hades captive!

He **embittered** ("**embittered**!") it when it tasted His flesh! And anticipating this, Isaiah exclaimed: "Hades was **embittered** ("**embittered**!") when it encountered Thee in the lower regions".

It was embittered ("embittered!"), for it was abolished!

It was embittered ("embittered!"), for it was mocked!

It was embittered ("embittered!"), for it was purged!

It was embittered ("embittered!"), for it was despoiled!

It was embittered ("embittered!"), for it was bound in chains!

It took a body and came upon God! It took earth and encountered Heaven! It took what it saw, but crumbled before what it had not seen! O **death** (stomp), where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory?

Christ is **risen** ("**risen**!"), and you are overthrown! Christ is **risen** ("**risen**!"), and the demons are fallen! Christ is **risen** ("**risen**!"), and the angels rejoice! Christ is **risen** ("**risen**!"), and life reigns! Christ is **risen** ("**risen**!"), and not one **dead** (**stomp**) remains in a tomb!

For Christ, being **raised** ("raised!") from the **dead** (stomp), has become the first-fruits of them that have slept.

To Him be glory and might unto the ages of ages. Amen.

HYMN: "The Lord of the Dance"

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, / And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, / And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, / At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: "Dance, then, wherever you may be; / I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. / "I'll lead you all wherever you may be, / I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, / But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me; / I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John; / They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, / The holy people, they said it was a shame; / They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, / And they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; / It's hard to dance with the devil on your back; / They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, / But I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, / I am the life that'll never, never die, / I'll live in you if you'll live in me; / "I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. [Refrain]

In the absence of Candidates for Baptism or Confirmation, the Celebrant leads the people in the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS^

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If there are no baptisms or confirmations at the Easter Vigil, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows takes place after the Service of Lessons or the Sermon. On other occasions, the Renewal of Vows follows the Sermon. The Nicene Creed is not said.

The people stand. The Celebrant addresses the Congregation in these or similar words

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to new-ness 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 the devil and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit yourself to keep them?

Bishop Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

People I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

People I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

People I renounce them.

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

People I do.

Bishop Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

People I do.

Bishop Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

People I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Celebrant continues

Let us now reaffirm our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

CelebrantDo you believe and trust in God the Father?

People I do.

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

CelebrantDo you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People I do.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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.

CelebrantDo you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People I do.

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. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity

of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE BCP 149-151

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OFFERTORY HYMN: "O God, In Raising Jesus"

Tune: Aurelia

1. O God, in raising Jesus that Resurrection Day, / You showed us you are with us and will not go away. / You give us bright tomorrows and free us from our sin; / You're with us in our sorrows and show us love will win. /

2. You give us hope of heaven and life to live in you. / The promise you have given is wonderful and true! / Yet resurrection glory is more than hope you give. / For this amazing story can change the way we live.

3. Through Jesus' resurrection, we find our courage grow / To risk and serve your kingdom, to go where some won't go. / Through Jesus' resurrection, we find we're called to be / new and hopeful people who help set others free.

4. So send us to the places where troubles still abound, / Where people face injustice, where grief and pain are found. / We pray we'll go with courage for we have peace to share; / Now help us live your message of new life everywhere.

THE DOXOLOGY^

Then, the people stand and may sing the doxology as follows







The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them, and to lead them into all truth; giving them boldness and fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel to all nations; by which we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of you, and of your Son Jesus Christ.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant and People will sing





THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People kneel as able. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here* may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

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

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here



Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. JOHN 1:29^T, REVELATION 19:9

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds...

Who Can Receive Holy Communion?

All persons who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, are repentant of their sins, and are living in charity with their neighbor are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this altar. We welcome all others to come to the altar and receive of prayer of blessing. Please signify you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest at the rail.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Jesus Lives and So Shall I"

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"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart / Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong / Let the poor say I am rich / Because of what the Lord has done for us (x2)

THE BLESSING FOR EASTER BCP 593

The Priest gives this alternate blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE at 9:30 a.m. TOMORROW



Josette Adams In thanksgiving for everlasting life because of His sacrifice

> David & Kristin Gilbert In loving memory of Alexander Ravetz

Rob & Jan Gilbert In thanksgiving for Kristin & David Gilbert

> Gay Hongo In loving memory of Randy Hongo

Bobbie & Dave Pagano In loving memory of Mildred Bartschat

> Janet Smith In thanksgiving for family

Fr Jim & Pam Stout In memory of Ruth Schmitt

The Suniga Family In memory of Bruno & Clydeene Cortese and Norman Suniga

Ray & Julie Von Savoye

Traci Yazembiak In loving memory of Manuel S Relvas

CLOSING HYMN: "This is the Feast" the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. This is 0 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu lu - ia, ia! le



THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words, omitting Alleluia during Lent and on other penitential occasions.DeaconLet us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Musical Settings are modified from the 1982 Hymnal. The Gloria in Excelsis (S-280) by Robert Powell, the Doxology (380, v.3) by Isaac Watts, the Sursum Corda (S-120) by James McGregor, the Sanctus (S-130) and the Agnus Dei (S-164) by Franz Peter Schubert.

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