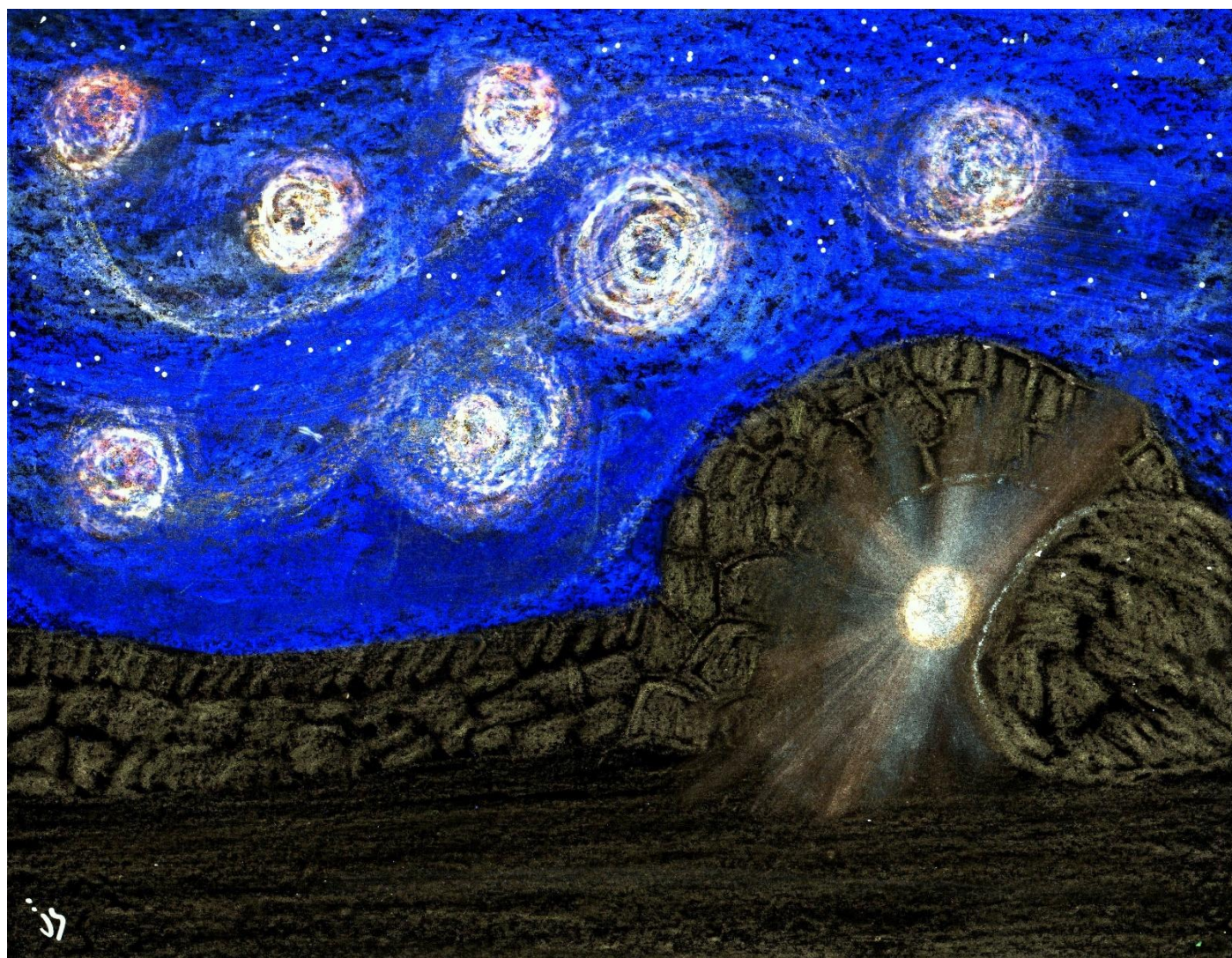


THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday, April 19, 2025
8:00 p.m.



The Cathedral Church of St. Paul
Detroit, Michigan

The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan
The Very Reverend Timothy True, Interim Dean of the Cathedral

CONCERNING THE SERVICE

The **Great Vigil of Easter** is one of the oldest celebrations in Christendom, dating back to the first or second century. When the Great Vigil is observed, it is the first service of Easter.

The early Church saw itself as the Body of Christ in the world, the community called into being by God's Messiah, Jesus. The first Christians thus understood the Paschal Feast (Easter) to be the accomplishment of the "old feast" which was begun in the Jewish Passover and now made full in Christ's Resurrection and victory. The Feast was associated with baptism, and a remembrance of the Passover, Exodus, and entrance into the Promised Land by the Jewish people.

The service consists of four parts:

- **The Lighting of the New Fire.** The New Fire is lighted in the back of the darkened Cathedral by the Bishop. The Paschal Candle is then lighted and carried into the Cathedral. The ancient hymn, the *Exsultet*, telling the story of the importance of this night, is then chanted.
- **The Telling of Salvation History.** Lessons from the Hebrew Scriptures (including canticles and collects) are read in the dimly lit church, as the people listen and wait in anticipation of the Resurrection.
- **Christian Initiation.** Those prepared in the Christian Faith over the course of Lent are now Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into this Communion of Christ's Church.
- **The Holy Eucharist** with the sharing of Easter Communion.

About Receiving Communion – Please know that this is God's table and any person seeking to be fed from it will not be turned away. To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands and it will be placed in your palm. Should you choose to receive the consecrated wine, you may guide the chalice gently to your mouth taking a small sip. Those desiring gluten-free Communion should ask the clergy when coming forward for Communion. Communion is offered at the High Altar, and in Grace Chapel, a barrier-free location to the left of the pulpit.



Presented for Baptism and Confirmation

Garek Henry
The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit

Presented for Confirmation

Greg Maynard Davis
St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor

Rodney Nailer
Grace Episcopal Church, Detroit

Kathryn Hudson
The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit

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THE LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE AND THE PASCHAL CANDLE

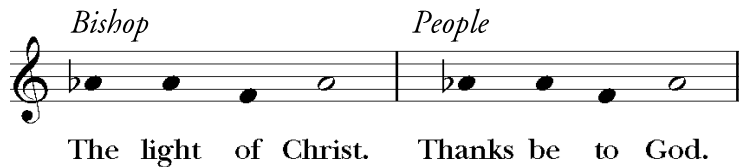
Please stand. In the darkness, fire is kindled, after which the Bishop addresses the people:

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

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 Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Bishop, bearing the candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing,



When the procession reaches the chancel, the Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. The Cantor then begins the Exsultet.

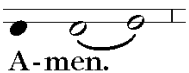
REJOICE now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

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.

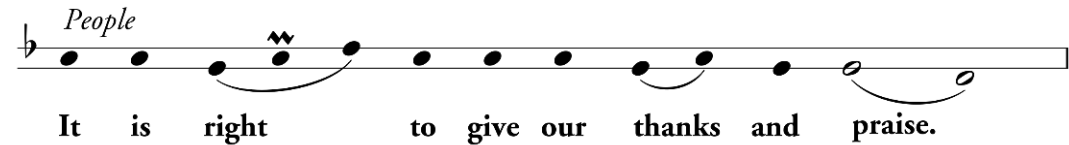
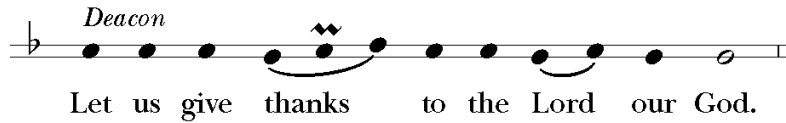
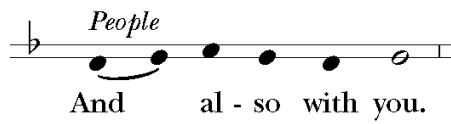
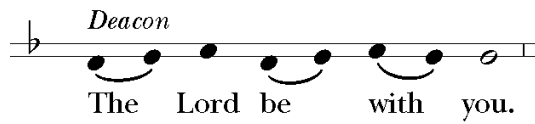
All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People



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The ancient hymn, the Exsultet, telling the story of the importance of this night, is then chanted.



The Deacon continues

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

Cantor

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 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.

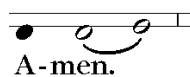
How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and we are reconciled to God.

Deacon

Holy God, 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.

People



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Bishop introduces the Scripture readings:

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

The congregation is seated.

The First Lesson

The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

as paraphrased by James Weldon Johnson in God's Trombones

Silence is kept.

Please stand as you are able. The congregation joins the hymn at verse 2.

Hymn

Creator of all time and space

Conditor alme siderum



1 Cre - a - tor of all time and space, we read your im -

2 We thank you for the hu - man mind, in mys - tic har -

3 O God of plan - et, moon, and sun, we won - der, know -

4 For mir - a cles as large as space, as small as cells,



age on each face. Great Spir - it of the

mo - ny de - signed, for word and im - age,

ing all you've done, that you be - friend the

as deep as grace, we of - fer you our



cos - mic whole, you made us bod - y, mind, and soul.

dream and thought, for les - sons learned and an - swers sought.

hu - man race, and fill our lives with love and grace.

thanks and praise, and pledge to serve you all our days.

Words Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); paraphrase of *The First Song of Isaiah*

Music Thomas Merton, Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

***The Telling of
Salvation History.***

*Lessons from the Hebrew
Scriptures (including
canticles and collects) are
read in the dimly lit
church, as the people
listen and wait in
anticipation of the
Resurrection.*

*Silence is kept.**Please stand as you are able and sing***Canticle***Ecce, Deus**metrical version*

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

Words Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); paraphrase of *The First Song of Isaiah**Music* Thomas Merton, Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)*The congregation is seated.***The Third Lesson**

The valley of dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

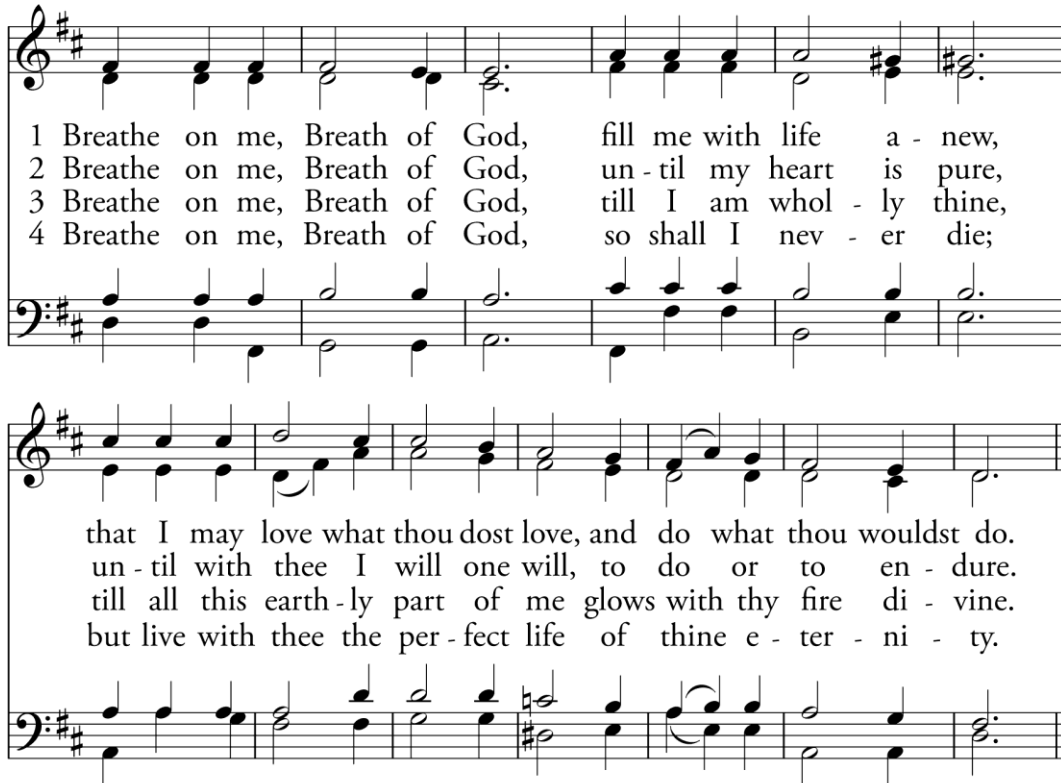
Silence is kept.

Please stand as you are able and sing

Hymn

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Nova Vita



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

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

Words Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.

Music *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

The congregation is seated.

The Fourth Lesson

The still small voice

I Kings 19:4-13

Silence is kept.

The Choir then sings

Psalms 139:1, 6-13

Domine, probasti

tone V

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; * your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

The Sermon often presents a central theme from the readings as it relates to our daily living.

Those prepared in the Christian Faith over the course of Lent are now Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into this Communion of Christ's Church.

Please stand as you are able. The Celebrant continues
Let us pray.

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

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry

Following the Sermon, you are invited to extinguish your candles.

HOLY BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Candidate Do you desire to be baptized?
I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

When there are others to be presented the Bishop says

The other Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenters I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

Or I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

Or I present *these persons* who *desire* to reaffirm *their* baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil.

Candidate I do.

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate

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

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

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

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

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

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions.

<i>Leader</i>	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Send them into the world in witness to your love.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Lord, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in

joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Lord, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God.

Confess the faith of Christ crucified,

proclaim his resurrection,

and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

At Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation

The Bishop says to the congregation

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

Silence may be kept.

Then the Bishop says

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 the 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.**

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

For Confirmation

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

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God, let your heavenly 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.*

Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

All sing

Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Gloria in excelsis, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high- est, and
peace to his peo- ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might - y God and Fa- ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-

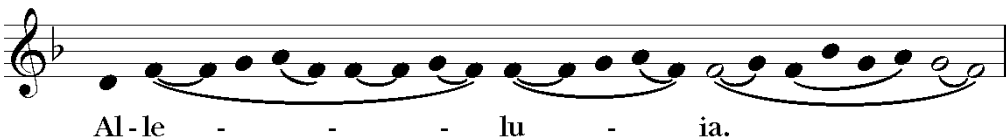


Celebrant Let us pray.

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 forever. *Amen.*

The Alleluia is sung three times by the Cantor, the Congregation repeating it each time.

The Great Alleluia



The Gospel

Saint Luke 24:1-12

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

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 the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Great Alleluia is the song of gladness and victory used to here to greet and welcome the Gospel. It is sung three times, each time at a higher pitch.

Gospel means "good news." This reading comes from one of the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John – recounting the life, work, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are now prepared for the miracle of the Holy Communion. The Offertory gives us a chance to offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, in the money we give, and spiritually in the offering of ourselves.

During the Offertory, the Choir sings an anthem. A hymn is then sung by all as the offering is presented at the High Altar.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

The Choir sings

Anthem

from *Five Mystical Songs*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

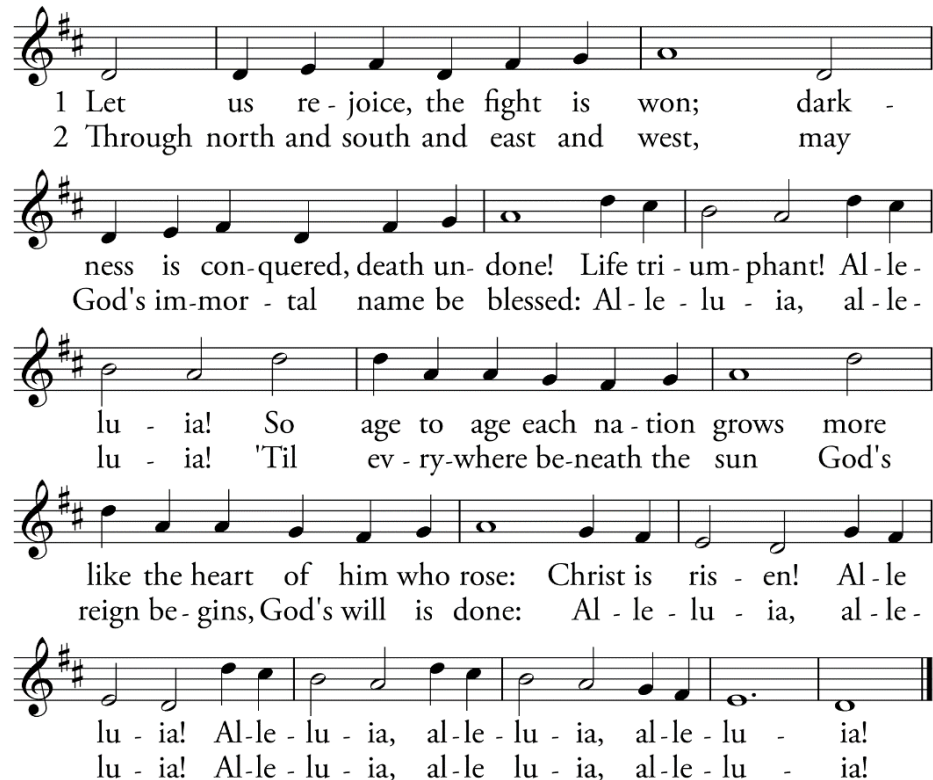
RISE heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is the best to celebrate this most high day.
Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long;
Or since all musick is but three parts vied
And multiplied.
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Please stand as you are able and sing

Hymn at the Presentation

Lasst uns erfreuen



1 Let us re - joice, the fight is won; dark -
2 Through north and south and east and west, may
ness is con - quered, death un - done! Life tri - um - phant! Al - le -
God's im - mor - tal name be blessed: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! So age to age each na - tion grows more
lu - ia! 'Til ev - ry - where be - neath the sun God's
like the heart of him who rose: Christ is ris - en! Al - le
reign be - gins, God's will is done: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words *Songs of Praise*, alt.

Music *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Ausserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

The service continues with

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer C)

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All sing
Sanctus

Mathias

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.

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a large prayer in four parts. Each of these corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8.

*The Celebrant says the
Words of Institution
that Jesus said at the Last
Supper.*

*At the Memorial
Acclamation we
remember Christ's death,
resurrection, and promise
to return at the end of
the age.*

*In the Great Amen, the
congregation, with a
unified voice, concurs
with all that the
Celebrant has prayed.*

*We then say together
The Lord's Prayer, the
prayer that Jesus taught
his disciples to pray. The
link between our daily
bread and the spiritual
food we receive in the
Eucharist is an ancient
connection.*

And so, Lord, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our forebears: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachael, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The People and Celebrant say

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. We then keep a period of silence.

The following refrain is sung once by the Cantor and then by all, as indicated.

Fraction Anthem

Carl MaultsBy (b. 1949)



Cantor Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. **Refrain**

The Choir sings

At the Communion, Motet

French carol, arr. David Terry (b. 1975)

NOW the green blade riseth of the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again.
Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

J.M.C. Crum (1872-1958)

The following hymn may then be sung by all, the congregation remaining seated.

Communion Hymn 178

Jesus is Lord

Alleluia No. 1

After Communion the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Please stand or kneel as is your custom. The Bishop then gives

The Easter Blessing

The Fraction Anthem follows and is a response to the breaking of the consecrated bread.

A Postcommunion

Prayer of thanksgiving after communion seeks God's help for Christian service. The eucharistic community is sent "into the world in peace" to love and serve God as witnesses of Christ. This prayer expresses the transition of the Christian's attention from the mystery of sacramental participation to the engagement of Christian ministry.

A Blessing is a pronouncement of God's love and favor, addressed to one or more persons.

All sing

Processional Hymn

At the Lamb's high feast

Salzburg



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic -
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be -
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do



to - rious King, who hath washed us in the tide
sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
neath thee lie; thou hast con - quered in the fight,
sin de - stroy. From sin's power do thou set free



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side; praise we him, whose
through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose
thou hast brought us life and light: now no more can
souls new - born, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glo - ry,



love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine, gives his Bo - dy
blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i -
death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall; thou hast o - pened
songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise: ris - en Lord, all



for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

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

Music Salzburg, Jakob Hintze (1622-1702)

*The Deacon, or the
Celebrant ends by
dismissing the people.
The term comes from the
Latin Ite, missa est, "Go,
it is the sending."*

The dismissal is given and the people respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ

Final

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

from Première Symphonie, op. 14

IN THIS EVENING'S LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher
Deacon
Assisting Clergy

Vergers

Thurifer
Acolytes

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

Intercessor
Technology
Ushers

The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry
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The Very Reverend Timothy True
The Reverend Anthony C. Estes
David Maxwell
Emery Dumas
Steve Ott
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Michael McFarland
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Brandon Graves
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Prema Prabakaran
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The Cathedral Singers

Canon Jeremy David Tarrant, Organist and Choirmaster
Dr. Sarah Simko, Associate Organist and Communications Coordinator

EASTER DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer in Nativity Chapel

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist | Father True, Celebrant and Preacher

11:00 a.m. Festal Choral Eucharist | Father True, Celebrant and Preacher; Bishop Perry, Assisting
with the Cathedral Choir and St. Paul's Brass

An Easter Egg hunt follows the 11:00 a.m. service. Please note that Evensong is not offered on Easter Day.

EASTER FLOWERS

Flowers at Easter are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the glorious resurrection of our Lord.

in memory of Ray W. Chaney Jr., by Bettie Chaney

in memory of Wilbur and Laura Davis, and Stewart Davis, by Gale Davis

in memory of their mothers, Anna and Margaret, by Leonard Dimsa and Nicholas Tapler

in thanksgiving for Sarah Brown, by Elijah Brown and Dawn McDuffie

in memory of the Rev'd and Mrs. Charles A. Bryan, Mary Bryan, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard O'Brien, by John and Linda O'Brien

in memory of Gabriel Pagnani, and the birth of Baby Pagnani-Cobane, by Stephen Pagnani

in memory of Earl G. Swain, by Jeremy David Tarrant and Samuel Schaefer

in memory of Jack and Margaret Manko, and Jessica Manko, by Sister Margaret Ruth

in memory of Delores Ford, Stanley Mark Wenskay, Darnell Robinson, Coit Cook Ford III, Bernice Lawson, Betty and Cliff Currie, Jean Crittendon, Adam and Louise Mathews, Clarence Kyles, Donna Johnson, and Arthur Davidson, by Cheryl Currie Wenskay

in thanksgiving for their family, by Kathleen Chichester and Steve Akey

in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fidelis and Grace Ewujowoh, and thanksgiving for life, health, and the Lord's mercy, by Matthew Ewujowah

in memory of loved ones, by Prema and Clement Prabakaran

in memory of Leroy Gates, Jr., by Pat Gates

in memory of her parents, Eugene and Helen Chivis, and her brothers, Craig and Wendell Chivis, by Candace Chivis-Petty

in memory of Jerome and Eleanore Dumas, Judith Gail Pica, and Charles R. Revolt, by Emery J. Dumas

in memory of their parents, Manohar and Rahil, their brother, Dhankumar, their sister, Shaila, and their brothers-in-law, Kushal, Herman, and Jakarria, by Lily Dhan and Malti Khess

The candles on the High Altar burn to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gertrude Hendra.

The candles on the Grace Chapel Altar burn to the glory of God and in memory of Alice P. and Alexander B. Hooker, and in memory of Elwyn S. Davies.

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