The Great Vigil of Easter

8:00 PM

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WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

We’re glad you’re here!
All are welcome at the table, and everyone’s voice is needed to share the Good News of God’s love in Christ. If you are visiting, please ask someone around you for help! Technical details (nursery, restrooms, parking, etc.) are found in the back of this bulletin. More information? Check our website: www.htrit.org or fill out a card in the pews.

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VISION

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STRATEGIC CORE VALUES

RADICAL WELCOME
You are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal 3:28
All are welcome in this place.

CREATIVE EDUCATION
Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4
Learning and growing is essential in the life of faith – God never stops being relevant in our lives and we can always learn more about him!

INSPIRING WORSHIP
Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thess. 5:11
Worshiping in the Episcopal style, we strive to connect tradition with the spiritual needs of all who join us and discover the beauty of worship!

SERVICE
Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brethren you did it to me. Matthew 25:40
Service to others, especially those in need, is one of the most important parts of our life as Christians. God wants us to take care of each other and to treat our neighbor as someone who is loved and needed in this world.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone… Galatians 6:10
We connect to the community around us, welcoming groups of all faiths and community groups to use our space, and offering space for entertainment and artistic groups to showcase their art in our neighborhood.
ABOUT THIS SERVICE
The Great Vigil of Easter is one of the oldest known rites of the Christian church, dating back to the second century, moving from darkness into light. The service is comprised of four parts: the kindling of the new fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle; Lessons which recount the ways God has saved and restored his people; remembering our Baptism through Baptismal Vows; and celebrating the first Eucharist of Easter. The Exsultet chant invites us to rejoice in Christ’s triumph over death and redemption of the world; and the word alleluia (“Praise the Lord”) — which has not been spoken during the past 40 days of Lent—is proclaimed enthusiastically, and will remain in acclamations, fractions, hymns, and dismissals throughout Eastertide.
Sources: An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, churchofengland.org

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THE SERVICE OF LIGHT
THE KINDLING OF THE NEW FIRE
In the darkness, fire is kindled.

Celebrant  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.

Celebrant  Let us pray.
O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
THE LIGHTING OF THE PASchal CANDLe
The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and a Minister bearing the Candle leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing.

Cantor

The light of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

During the procession, candles and lamps in the church, including those of the people, are lighted. The Altar remains dark. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

THE EXsULTET

Cantor

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

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

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

People

A-men.
Cantor

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Cantor

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Cantor

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

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

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

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

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

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

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
People

A-men.

Hand candles may be extinguished. The Paschal Candle will continue to burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Please sit for the readings

THE 1st READING The Story of Creation Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Reader: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let
them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.
PSALM 33: 1-11

1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
2 Praise the Lord with the harp; *
   play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
4 For the word of the Lord is right, *
   and all his works are sure.
5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
   the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
   by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
   and stores up the depths of the sea.
8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
   let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
   he commanded, and it stood fast.
10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
   he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
   and the designs of his heart from age to age.

Celebrant Let us pray.
Silence

Celebrant O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the
dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who
humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE 2nd READING Israel’s deliverance at the Red Sea Exod. 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Reader As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the
Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the
Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that
you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us,
bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians.
So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.’

Please stand as able

HYMN

All

When Israel was in Egypt’s land

Go Down, Moses

Hymnal 648

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Silence

Celebrant

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

THE 3rd READING

The valley of dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.” So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four
winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

**PSALM 30**

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.
3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime.
6 Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning.
7 While I felt secure, I said, I shall never be disturbed. * You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
8 Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear.
9 I cried to you, O LORD; * I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper."
12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * 
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * 
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence

Celebrant Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE 4th READING Salvation offered freely to all Isaiah 55: 1-11

Reader Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
CANTICLE 9: The First Song of Isaiah

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

Let us pray.

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you
renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who
thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious
kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Reverend John Gardner

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by
Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon
you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the
solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced
Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

_Celebrant_ Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

_People_ I do.

_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 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.

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

_People_ I will, with God’s help.
Celebrant  Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the
dignity of every human being?

People  I will, with God’s help.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The candles at the Altar are lit from the Paschal Candle and the lights in the church are raised.

Celebrant  Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People  The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant  Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People  The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant  Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People  The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

During the singing of the Gloria, hand bells may be rung. One of the clergy will sprinkle the congregation
with blessed water as a reminder of their baptism and commitment to the work of Christ.

THE GLORIA  Robert Powell  Hymnal S-280

All  Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord
God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only
Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone
are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.

People  And with thy spirit

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.

People  
Amen.

Please be seated.

THE EPISTLE READING  
Romans 6:3-11

Reader  
A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader  
The Word of the Lord.

People  
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able

Sequence Hymn  
Christians, to the Paschal victim  
Victimae Paschali laudes  
Hymnal 183

THE GOSPEL

Minister  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Please remain standing.

Leader On this holy night of resurrection and joy, let us pray for the church and the world.
People Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

Leader O God, we give thanks for the goodness of creation, for the victory of resurrection, and for the grace of redemption. We praise you for leading us from darkness into light, and for bringing us through the waters of death into new life in you.
People Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

Leader That the church throughout our world that we, celebrating the resurrection with joy, may bring the light of Christ into the world.
People Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

Leader That the newly baptized, buried and raised with Christ, may grow in trust and hope: Lord, in your mercy,
People Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

Leader That our community, renewed this night through word and sacrament, may care for one another in love that surpasses understanding: Lord, in your mercy,
People Where there is darkness, let us sow light.
Leader That the people of the world, remembering the source of creation, may care for the waters of the earth and for all living things and recall that we are all connected to God who created us all: Lord, in your mercy.

People Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

Leader That the leaders of nations, knowing their power, may bring peace and justice to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

Leader That all who have commended themselves to us for any need, [fill in the prayer list] and that all who suffer, recalling the mystery of Christ crucified and risen, may be comforted. Lord, in your mercy,

People Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

Leader In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs, for the witnesses of the resurrection, and for all who have passed over from the darkness of death into the glorious light of Christ [especially N.]. Lord, in your mercy,

People Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

Celebrant Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

The PEACE
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

The minister and the people greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. Chronicles 29:11
Please be seated

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM  Alleluia  Michael Hydn

Please stand as able

THE OFFERTORY HYMN  Jesus lives!  Hymnal 195

Mowsley

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  Eucharistic Prayer A

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

Celebrant  It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SACNCTUS  Robert Powell  Hymnal S-129

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

Celebrant  Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

All AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM  
Alleluia
Ambrosian Chant

All  
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; 
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant  The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We welcome all to God’s Table today – Those who are baptized in any faith are invited to receive communion, including children. We offer bread, gluten-free wafers and wine. Please indicate gluten-free by crossing your palms downward. Bread can be dipped in the wine, or you may sip from the cup, if you wish to receive the wine.

COMMUNION HYMN  
Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Noel nouvelet

POST COMMUNION MOTET  
The Word of God  
Kile Smith

The Word of God, the Father’s Son, shines brightly in the darkest night. To earth He came to be the One to bring us into His own light. Upon the cross the Savior died, has risen, now is glorified. The Word of God, the Father’s Son.

The Word of God proclaimed to all. How beautiful the herald’s feet! Salvation comes to those who call upon the Lord with heart’s belief. To farthest shore of earth will reach the Gospel that our Lord did preach. The Word of God proclaimed to all.

The Word of God forever stands. May we, His children faithful be like saints of old from many lands, who weep no more and God now see. Let us confess His holy name. Christ is from age to age the same. The Word of God forever stands.

Please stand as able

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

THE BLESSING

Celebrant  The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through 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 upon you, and remain with you always.

People  Amen.

THE DISMISSAL HYMN  Come, ye faithful  Hymnal 199

St. Kevin

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant  Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE  Resurrection Dance  Adrian Vernon Fish
PARTICIPANTS:

PREACHER
The Reverend John Gardner

CELEBRANT
The Reverend Rachel Wenner Gardner

LECTOR
Gail Caruso

READINGS
1st Reading - Emily Casey
2nd Reading - Sally Griffith
3rd Reading - Ben Leiby
4th Reading - Peter Ryker

PRAYERS
Sally Griffith

ALTAR GUILD
Don McKenzie

USHERS
Annie Thomas & Peter Ryker

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Dr. John French, Organist/Choirmaster
Dr. Benjamin Leiby, Assistant Organist

STAFF
The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, Rector
The Rev. John Gardner, Rector
Sooz Chung Sa Rankin, Program Director
Margaret DiPinto, Director of Operations
Ella Floyd – Rental Manager
Angela Costigna – Wedding Coordinator
Leda Milazzo, Administrative Receptionist
Dr. John French, Organist
Dr. Benjamin Leiby, Assistant Organist
Kile Smith, Composer-in-Residence
Dr. Stephen Framil, Musician in Residence

VESTRY
Accounting Warden – Jim McElwain
Vestry Members: Esha Bhatia, Gail Caruso, Mike Castiglione, Sally Griffith, Oscar Guenther, Amy Perkins, Nancy Rasmussen, Rick Seifert, Michael Uftring, Madelyn Mignatti, Gordon P. Henderson

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome Table Join us in the back of the church to meet some of our folks, get some information, sign up for enews, or ask a question.

How we worship. This leaflet contains the full text of our worship service. Hymns and service music are found in the blue 1982 Hymnal unless otherwise noted. Hymn numbers that begin with “S” are located at the beginning of the hymnal.

Communion: It is tradition in the Episcopal Church that baptism (of any denomination) comes before communion. However, it is also acknowledged that Jesus offered himself for all people, and salvation is offered to all, so you are invited to join us at the table today, even if you are not baptized. We will offer God’s blessing upon you and remind you of God’s love. We are also available to talk to you about baptism, if you are interested.

Receiving Communion: If you would like to receive communion, you will be given a piece of consecrated (blessed) bread, and be offered wine from a common cup. You may drink from the cup, dip the bread into the wine, or you may abstain from the wine. In our tradition, we believe that you receive the whole of communion in one form – bread or wine. Children who are baptized can, at the discretion of their parents, receive either bread and wine or only the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available for communion, please let the clergy know if you would like one.

Wheelchair Accessibility is available through the gate to the left of the front doors, please ask an usher first if you need help.

Restrooms are accessible and located at the front of the church, through the left swinging doors and to the left.

Cell phones: We understand that we live in a digital world, and we carry cell phones with us. You can use them during the service (tweet the sermon, Instagram the procession, post a review on Facebook or Yelp). We ask that you put your devices on silent while you are in the church, so as not to disturb other.

Discounted parking is available in the lot adjacent to the church (on Walnut and 20th St) with a validation stamp from the church. The cost is $4.00 per car. You can text “4” to (215) 309-9223, which will send $4.00 electronically to the church, or you can put cash in the plate. Validation stamps are in the entry way of the church.

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Please note, Church Offices will be closed Monday, April 22- Friday April 26th. Thank you!