



GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Holy Communion: Rite Two

The First Service of Easter

April 19, 2025 | 7:30 PM

*People, servers and clergy gather in the Courtyard.
Hospitality Ministers distribute unlit candles to the people.
In the darkness, fire is kindled.
The church is darkened when the Vigil is ready to begin.*

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

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.

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 new fire is kindled. The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire. People are released to move into the church with unlit candles.

The Celebrant, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the church, pausing three times and singing:



The people "light" their candles as the Paschal Candle passes.

THE EXSULTET

is sung by a cantor. The People's part is sung to a single tone.

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

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

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

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

The Lord be with you.

Answer And also with you.

Cantor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Answer 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; 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 lovingkindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son 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.

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

The people sit.

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.

The Creation Story: Genesis 1:1-2:2

Hymn 405, *seated*

All things bright and beautiful

Collect, *please stand as you are able*

Let us pray.

Silence

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

All are seated

The Flood: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13

Hymn J-257, *seated*

There is a river

Collect, *please stand as you are able*

Let us pray.

Silence

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

All are seated

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea: Exodus 14:10-15:1

Hymn J-43, *seated*

Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

Collect, *please stand as you are able*

Let us pray.

Silence

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

All are seated

Salvation offered freely to all: Isaiah 55:1-11

Hymn J-44, *seated*

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Collect, *please stand as you are able*

Let us pray.

Silence

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

All are seated

The Valley of the Dry Bones: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Hymn 508, *seated*

Breathe on me, breath of God

Collect, *please stand as you are able*

Let us pray.

Silence

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

All are seated

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.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

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

Congregation is sprinkled with water

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

The people ring bells during the following canticle.

*The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.
When the altar candles are lit, the congregation may extinguish their candles.*

Refrain, sung three times

women: men:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

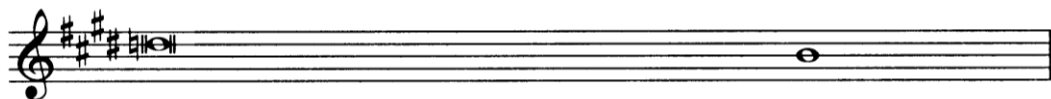
1. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
2. Christ being raised from the dead will never die a - gain;
3. Christ has been raised from the dead,

1. therefore let us keep the feast,
2. death no longer has dominion over him.
3. the first fruits of those who have fallen a - sleep.

1. Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
2. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
3. For since by a man came death,

1. but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (*Refrain*)
2. but the life he lives, he lives to God.
3. by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

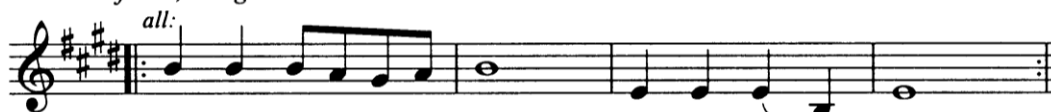
2. So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
3. For as in Adam all die,



2. and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. (*Refrain*)

3. so also in Christ shall all be made a - live. (*Final Refrain*)

Final Refrain, sung nine times



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

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

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24: 1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

After the Gospel procession returns to the chancel, all sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem: *Alleluia*

William Boyce, arr. Mark Schweizer

Offertory Hymn 174, v1-2

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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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.

The Celebrant sings a Proper Preface.

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:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-

san - na in the high - est.



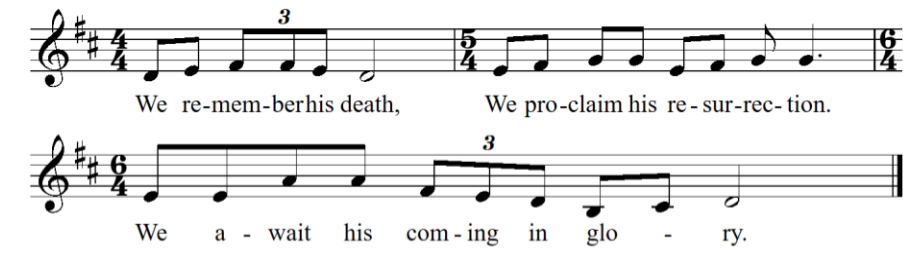
The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People



The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Dunstan, St. Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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People and Celebrant

Four staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a 3/4 time signature change. The second staff ends with a 3/4 time signature change. The third staff has a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' above them. The fourth staff has a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' above them. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther, in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name. Your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,'

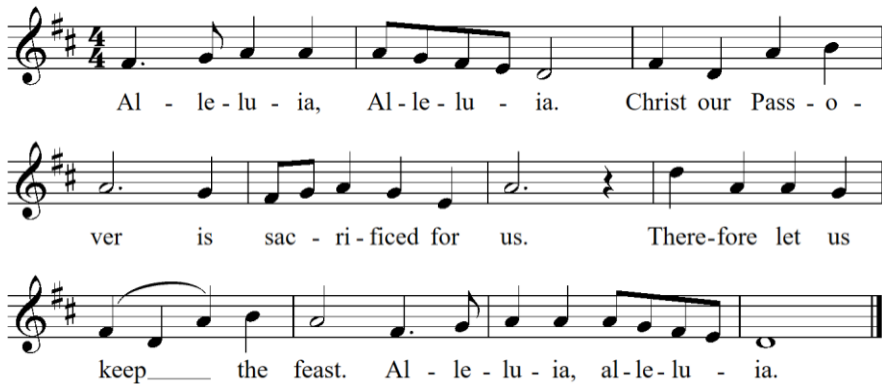


The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover



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

The Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of your church/ denominational background. Please extend 2 hands if you wish to have your bread dipped into the wine and extend one hand if you prefer to receive bread only and/or the common cup. If you need gluten free bread or prefer no wine, please indicate this. If you do not want Communion, you can come forward for a blessing instead, indicated by crossing your hands over your chest or simply remain in your seat.

Communion Handbells: O sons and daughters

Wayne L.Wold

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrate and People

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

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 among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn 199

Come ye faithful, raise the strain

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Let us go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Postlude

PARISH NOTICES

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 21st for Easter Monday.



ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy	The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen
Music	Gregory Funk, Parish Musician Ann Marie Marvic, cantor Jack Houghton, trumpet
Readers	Derek Vlasek, CJ Lowder, Thomas Gerhart Ray Sifton, Sandia Tuttle
Eucharistic Ministers	CJ Lowder & Sarah Mitchell
Altar Guild	Amy Lockwood & CJ Lowder
Acolytes	Sarah, Eve, Seth
Sunday Sexton	Ryan Sifton

Connect: The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen, Rector, rhansen@stdunstans.org

Church office hours: M-TH, 9am-3pm; Fridays 9am-12pm noon

INFORMATION FOR THE SERVICE

St. Dunstan's Pledge cards are available in the back of the church. You can mail a check to the office or donate online through ACS or on www.stdunstans.org or in person on Sunday morning.

If you wear **hearing aids with T-coil** you can hear our service directly through your hearing aids. If you do not have T-coil, or have hearing loss and are not yet ready for hearing aids, you can use one of our portable receivers and headset. A "**quiet room**" with streaming of the service is available in the back-east corner of this building and accessible seating options are marked and available throughout the church. Check with a Hospitality Minister for assistance.

Children of all ages are welcome in our services (noises and all). Our nursery is also open all morning for ages 0-3 (located on the east side of this building) and our "Pray-Ground" (front-left pew of the church) is open during the service with quiet children's activities. Christian education is at 9:00am for all ages (Sept-May) and during the 10:00am service children are welcome to come forward for a "Children's Moment" and may leave with teachers during the sermon for brief children's education and return just before Holy Communion. Children of all ages may receive Holy Communion at their parent's discretion.

Accessible bathrooms are located inside the church to the left and right of the main entrance. Please let a Hospitality Minister know if you need assistance with anything or have any questions.

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