

Holy Eucharist for Easter Sunrise with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday, April 4, 2021 Durham Parish Churchyard, 7:30AM Nanjemoy, Maryland



Happy Easter! This morning we gather, masked and socially-distanced, to remember together God's works of salvation throughout history culminating in Christ Jesus' marvelous triumph over death in the Resurrection.

Please check in at the Welcome Table first. You will be asked a few questions about your health today, and we will confirm that we have your regathering covenant and your contact-tracing details.

If you need to visit the restroom, you may access the Parish Hall via the ramp on the side of the building. Only the upstairs restroom is open for use. Please, only one person in the Parish Hall at a time.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine. In our Anglican tradition, we understand the entire assembled congregation to be the body whose prayers consecrate the elements of bread and wine; the priest does not consecrate the sacrament alone. Because we are required by infection control protocols to offer only pre-consecrated bread, the wafer you receive this morning may be a bit stale—consecrated when we last gathered as an assembly. While both wine and bread will be consecrated, only the Presider will receive the wine.

When it comes time to distribute the sacrament, please stay in your seating area. The Deacon will come to each household to distribute the bread. The Deacon will use tongs to place a piece of wafer in your hands. Once the Deacon has moved away from your seating area, you may remove your mask for a moment to consume the bread.

If you prefer not to receive Communion, you may cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer a prayer of blessing.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

As the service begins, a new fire is kindled. The Paschal Candle is lit from this new fire, and will burn during worship every day through the day of Pentecost. The Paschal Candle also burns during baptisms and funerals to remind us of our death and new life in Christ.



Once the fire is lit, the Presider offers prayers and then the Deacon proclaims the ancient 'Exsultet,' a song of joy.



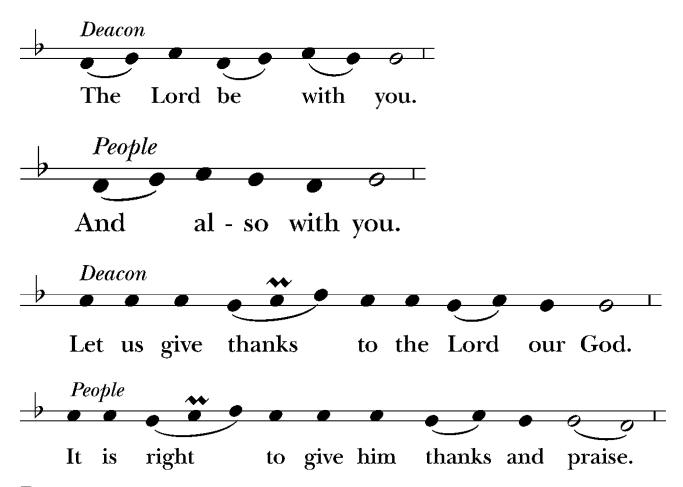
The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

Deacon

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

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



Deacon

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.

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**.

Salvation History

Now we turn to the remembrance of God's saving action throughout human history. When this service is observed as a full 'vigil'—a night of watching for the dawn—nine different Bible stories are told. These are in a way the 'campfire stories' of our faith. After each reading a song or canticle is offered, and a prayer made. Because we are not planning to be here for a whole night, we will hear only one of these 'campfire stories'—the amazing deliverance of God's people from slavery in Egypt.

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Scripture: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; * the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; * the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, * the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
The LORD is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea;* the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; * they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; * your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? * who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; * the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; * with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them * on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, * the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established. The Lord shall reign * for ever and for ever.

Collect

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**.



Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Encouraged by the stories of God's saving deeds in the past, those new converts who have been preparing for baptism with prayer, fasting, and study throughout Lent are now offered Holy Baptism. Those of us who have already been baptized are invited to renew the vows made at our baptisms.

Presider

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

People I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.



The Eucharist

Presider Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia.

PASCHA NOSTRUM (said by all together)

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; * therefore let us keep the feast,

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

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; * death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; * but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, * and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, * the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, * so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

COLLECT

EPISTLE: Romans 6:3-11

SEQUENCE HYMN: 'Jesus is Lord of all the earth' Hymnal 1982 #178



GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

HOMILY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Our offertory music this morning will be provided by God's good creation. Please enjoy a moment of reflection as the Deacon sets the table.

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord;

People and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

All say together

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.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All say together

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

DISTRIBUTION

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All say together
God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN



DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

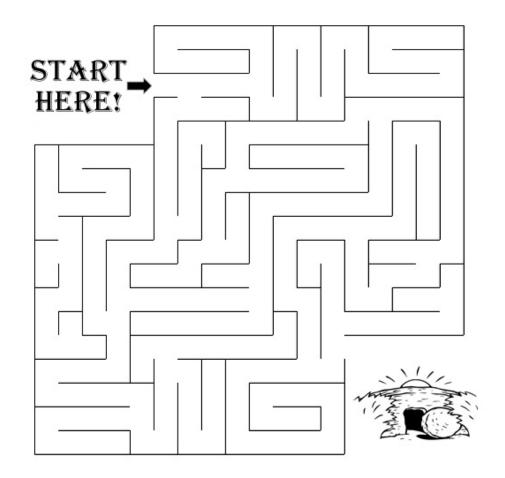


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He is not here! He has risen!

Can you find you way to the empty tomb?



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