



The Great Vigil
A diocesan wide Zoom event
In the midst of COVID-19
8pm
April 11, 2020

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Lawson, St. Paul's Romeo, lights the fire, then says

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

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly kindled fire, then the Thurifier, Rev. Dr. Sue Carter, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Chaplain, leads the way. The Cantor, bearing the candle, follows the Thurifer, pausing three times and singing

Cantor The light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational candles are lighted at this time

The Cantor, Dr. Jeremy Tarrant, Canon Precentor, Organist-Choir Master, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, chants the Exsultet

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets
....Amen.

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere.... 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.

Priest 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.

We Gather to hear the Story

First reading: The story of Creation *Genesis 1:1—2:2, St. John's Clinton*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

2nd Reading, Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea *Exodus 14:10—15:1 - St. Philip's, Rochester*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response to the reading

The Hymnal 648

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
3 They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;
4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
and came at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.
and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Refrain
Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - roah to let my peo-ple go.

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Priest 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.

People Amen.

3rd Reading: A new heart and a new spirit *Ezekiel 36:24-28 – read by the Very Rev. Andrea Morrow and Mr. John Morrow, St. Stephen’s Wyandotte*

Priest Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Gracious and loving God, who in the Paschal mystery gave us the new covenant of reconciliation: We ask that you remove our hearts of stone and replace them with hearts that are open and vulnerable, rejoice in your Word, and love our neighbors as ourselves. May all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body show forth in our lives what we profess in our faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **People Amen.**

4th Reading The valley of dry bones *Ezekiel 37:1-14 – read by Ms. Lori Hale, St. Michael and All Angels, Cambridge Junction*

Instead of a Psalm, a sung response "Come Alive" (Dry Bones) written Lauren Daigle, sung by Mr. Adam DeLine, a member of St. Michael’s

Priest Let us pray. *(Silence) The Rev. Judith Shellhammer*

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.**

5th The gathering of God's people *Zephaniah 3:12-20, read by Mr. Eric Conway, intern at St. Luke’s Ypsilanti*

Reader Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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 tranquillity 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. **People Amen.**

The Homily

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry

A moment of silence follows the homily

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Rev. Terri Pilarski, Christ Church Dearborn, pours the water into the font, the Bishop blesses the water saying

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Bishop 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, Father, 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.

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.

People **Amen.**

Bishop 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.

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

People **I do.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Lights are turned on, bells are rung, people asperge (sprinkle) themselves with water from their own bowls.



Gloria *Glory to God* Hymnal #S280
 Led by the Very Rev. Julia Huttar-Bailey, Trinity in the Woods, Farmington Hills

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 -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Section: Canticles
 Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*
 Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

We Gather for the Word

The Collect of the Day *The Rev. Halim Shukair, Priest in Charge, Mother of the Savior, and Curate at Christ Church, Dearborn, in English and Arabic*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons

Romans 6:3-11 *The Rev. Mitch Yudasz, Christ the King, Taylor and St. Luke's, Allen Park*

Reader A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse *Hallelujah, Hallelujah by Ben Cantelon, sung by Ms. Carolyn Blackmore, Christ Church Dearborn*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel *Matthew 28:1-10, The Rev. Deacon Glenn Morrison, Trinity in the Woods, Farmington Hills*

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

A Corona Virus Prayer

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Dominek, Grace, Mt. Clemens, and Ms. Carol Latimer Spirit of Grace, West Bloomfield Hills

Leader Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." Come to our aid now, in the midst of

the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Silence

Leader Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Silence

Leader Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Silence

Leader Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Silence

Leader Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Silence

Leader Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Silence

Leader Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals. May they know your protection and peace.

Silence

Leader Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight, charity, and wisdom in their response to this virus, and in their investment in long-term solutions. May they work together to achieve it on earth.

Silence

Leader Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace, and heal us. *Adapted from © Kerry Weber, an executive editor of America.*

People Amen.

Offertory "I Know that my Redeemer Liveth" by Handel, *sung by Ms. Giles Jago Simmer of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul*

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We Gather at the Table

Friends in Christ, during this time of social distancing, we are not able to celebrate the Eucharist together. Many of us are feeling what St. Thomas Aquinas describes as an "ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him." We are aware of this absence and our yearning for the real presence of Christ in that same experience we share with followers of Christ throughout the ages. Until we meet again in community we can practice a different Christian tradition in the practice of spiritual communion. We will now pray the prayer for spiritual communion from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services.

The Very Rev. Sarah Hurlbert, St. Paul's Jackson

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray: In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; We proclaim your resurrection; We await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come.

People Amen.

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

The Bishop offers a blessing

People Amen.

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: *Sakburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Dismissal *The Rev. Deacon Cindy Corner, St. Michael and All Angels, Cambridge Junction*

Deacon The Peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Please stay on the zoom call and share a glass of a sparkling beverage of your choice.

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