



The Holy Eucharist

The Great Vigil of Easter

April 8, 2023

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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Book of Common Prayer p. 285

EXSULTET

The Rev. Diana LaCrosse

LESSON 1: THE STORY OF CREATION

Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

PSALM 136: 1-9, 23-26

Service Music S 415

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is /good,
for his steadfast love en-dures for-/ever.
- 2 O give thanks to the God of /gods,
for his steadfast love endures for-/ever.
- 3 O give thanks to theLord of /lords,
for his steadfast love endures for-/ever;
- 4 who alone does great /wonders,
for his steadfast love endures for-/ever;
- 5 who by understanding made the /heavens,
for his steadfast love endures for-/ever;
- 6 who spread out the earth on the /waters,
for his steadfast love endures for-/ever;
- 7 who made the great /lights,
for his steadfast love en-dures for-/ever;
- 8 the sun to rule over the /day,
for his steadfast love endures for-/ever;
- 9 the moon and stars to rule over the /night,
for his steadfast love endures for-/ever;
- 23 It is he who remembered us in our low es-/tate,
for his steadfast love endures for-/ever;
- 24 and rescued us from our /foes,
for his steadfast love endures for-/ever;
- 25 who gives food to all /flesh,
for his steadfast love endures for-/ever.
- 26 O give thanks to the God of /heaven,
for his steadfast love endures for-/ever.

COLLECT

LESSON 2: ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

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

COLLECT**LESSON 3: SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL**

Isaiah 55:1-11

PSALM 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of / God, *
 and the firmament shows his / handiwork.
 2 One day tells its tale to an/other, *
 and one night imparts knowledge to an/other.
 3 Although they have no words or / language, *
 and their voices are not / heard,
 4 Their sound has gone out into all / lands, *
 and their message to the ends of the / world.
 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the / sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a champion to run its / course.
 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
 and runs about to the end of it a/gain; *
 nothing is hidden from its burning / heat.
 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
 and revives the / soul; *
 the testimony of the Lord is sure
 and gives wisdom to the / innocent.
 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
 and rejoice the / heart; *
 the commandment of the Lord is clear
 and gives light to the / eyes.
 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
 and endures for/ ever; *
 the judgments of the Lord are true
 and righteous alto/gether.
 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
 more than much fine / gold, *
 sweeter far than honey,
 than honey in the / comb.
 11 By them also is your servant en/lightened, *
 and in keeping them there is great re/ward.
 12 Who can tell how often he of/fends? *
 cleanse me from my secret / faults.
 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over / me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great of/fense.
 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
 heart be acceptable in your / sight, *
 O Lord, my strength and my re/deemer.

COLLECT**LESSON 4: THE VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

PSALM 143

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord;
 give ear to my supplications in your / faithfulness;
 answer me in your /righteousness.
 2 Do not enter into judgment with your /servant,
 for no one living is righteous be/fore you.

- 3 For the enemy has pursued me,
 crushing my life to the / ground,
 making me sit in darkness like those long /dead.
- 4 Therefore my spirit faints within /me;
 my heart within me is ap-/palled.
- 5 I remember the days of old,
 I think about all your / deeds,
 I meditate on the works of your /hands.
- 6 I stretch out my hands to /you;
 my soul thirsts for you like a parched /land.
- 7 Answer me quickly, O Lord;
 my spirit / fails.
- Do not hide your face from me,
 or I shall be like those who go down to the /Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning,
 for in you I put my / trust.
- Teach me the way I should go,
 for to you I lift up my /soul.
- 9 Save me, O Lord, from my /enemies;
 I have fled to you for /refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do your will,
 For you are my / God.
- Let your good spirit lead me
 on a level /path.
- 11 For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my / life.
 In your righteousness bring me out of /trouble.
- 12 In your steadfast love cut off my /enemies,
 and destroy all my adversaries,
 for I am your /servant.

COLLECT

LESSON 5: THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Zephaniah 3:12-20

PSALM 98

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new /song,
 for he has done marvelous /things.
- 2 His right hand and his holy /arm
 have gotten him /victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his /victory;
 he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the /nations.
- 4 He has remembered his steadfast love and /faithfulness,
 to the house of /Israel.
- 5 All the ends of the earth have/ seen
 the victory of our /God.
- 6 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the /earth;
 break forth into joyous song and sing /praises.
- 7 Sing praises to the Lord with the /lyre,
 with the lyre and the sound of /melody.
- 8 With trumpets and the sound of the /horn
 make a joyful noise before the King, the /Lord.
- 9 Let the sea roar, and all that / fills it;
 the world and those who /live in it.
- 10 Let the floods clap their hands;
 let the hills sing together for /joy
 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
 to judge the /earth.
- 11 He will judge the world with /righteousness,
 and the peoples with /equity.

COLLECT**THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

Book of Common Prayer p. 292

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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer p. 294

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

CANTICLE S-280*Gloria in Excelsis*

Robert Powell

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

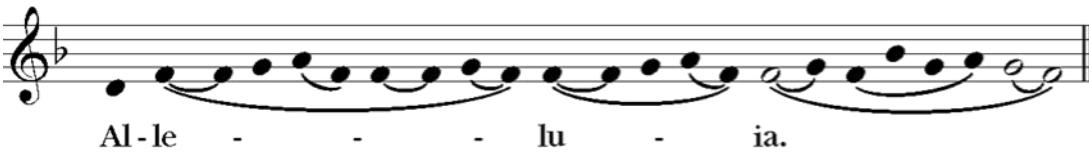
Romans 6: 3-11

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GREAT ALLELUIA

After the Epistle, this Alleluia is traditionally sung three times by the Celebrant or by a Cantor, at successively higher pitches (one whole tone each time), the Congregation repeating it each time.



HYMN 182

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!

Truro

Matthew 28:1-10

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant 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."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Alan D. Bentrup

A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV

Book of Common Prayer p. 388

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Diocese of Sambalpur – The Church of North India.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church Cathedral, Grace, and Holy Family in Houston.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

In our school cycle of prayer, we pray for the students, teachers and staff of Keller Harvel Elementary, Keller ISD, and Keller Learning Center.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially John, Mary Jane, Kathy, Suzette, Richard, Judy, Terry, Patty, Wayne, Ken, Richard, Doug, Barbara, Sylvia, Brooke, Treva, Deb, Kristy, Mark, Jim, Viv, Carter, Laura, Roger, Ann, Flo, Jackie, Rudy, Jacob

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially Jordan] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Please take a few moments to offer yourself - your time, your talents, your gifts, and your service to God with a prayer that your offering may be pleasing in God's sight, spread God's love, and make a difference in God's world. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + GENERAL or PLEDGE to give or you may scan this QR code to give online, or click [HERE](#).



HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380 ST. 3

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
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 our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant

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:

SANCTUS HYMN S 129

Holy, Holy, Holy

Powell

The Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM S 154 *Christ Our Passover* Hurd

THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN 191 *Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts and Voices Heavenward Raise* Lux eoi

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Celebrant and People together standing

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you h

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

HYMN 200 *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* Gaudeamus pariter

The congregation is invited to turn toward the Baptismal Font as the procession passes down the aisle before the Dismissal.

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon
People* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ORGAN POSTLUDE *As Great Jehovah Lives* Handel

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