Buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life

The Great Vigil of Easter March 30, 2024



7:30 PM The Holy Eucharist with Baptism

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Very Reverend Patrick Malloy, *Celebrant XI Dean, Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine* The Reverend Canon Steven Lee, *Preacher* The Cathedral Choir & Chorale

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THE LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE

At the sound of the bell, all stand as able. In the darkness, fire is kindled.

The Celebrant addresses the People and blesses the new fire. At the end of the prayer, the People respond, "Amen."

The light is carried into the Crossing. During the procession, An Assisting Priest sings three times and the People respond:



The light of Christ.

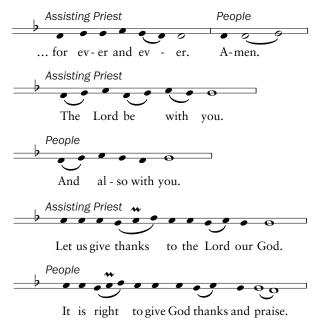


Thanks be to God.

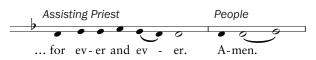
The Paschal Candle is lighted, then the candles of the People.

THE EXSULTET

Sung by an Assisting Priest, the People responding.



The Assisting Priest continues



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant says

ET 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.

All are seated.

THE CREATION: LIGHT

(Genesis 1:1-2:4a)

After the reading is said:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 136:1–9, 23, 25–26 Sung by the Choir and Congregation. Confitemini

The Refrain is sung by the Choir, then repeated by All.

Refrain



O give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, whose love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, whose love endures forever.

Please join in singing "whose love endures forever"

Who alone has wrought marvelous works, whose love endures forever; Whose wisdom is was made the skies, whose love endures forever; Who fixed the earth firmly on the seas, whose love endures forever. *Refrain*

Silence is kept.

PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All stand, as able.

The Celebrant prays the collect and the People respond, "Amen."

All are seated.

It was God who made the great lights, whose love endures forever. The sun to rule in the day, whose love endures forever. The moon and the stars in the night, whose love endures forever.

God remembers us in our distress, whose love endures forever. God gives food to all living things, whose love endures forever. To the God of heaven give thanks, whose love endures forever. *Refrain*

> Chant: Psalms for the Revised Common Lectionary ed. Michel Guimont

THE RED SEA: SOUND

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

THE SONG OF MOSES Sung by the Choir and Congregation. (Exodus 15:1–6, 16–18) Cantemus Domino

The Refrain is sung by the Choir, then repeated by All.

Refrain



I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph! Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea! The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation. *Refrain*

This is my God and I extol him, my father's God and I give him praise. The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name. *Refrain*

The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea, the flower of his army is drowned in the sea. The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. *Refrain*

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power, your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy. The people you have redeemed pass by. *Refrain*

You will lead tem and plant them on your mountain, the place, O Lord, where you have made your home, the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made. The Lord will reign for ever and ever! *Refrain*

Music: Psalms for the Revised Common Lectionary ed. Michel Guimon

Silence is kept.

PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All stand, as able.

The Celebrant prays the collect and the People respond, "Amen."

All are seated.

THE VALLEY: MOVEMENT

(Ezekiel 37:1-14)

After the reading is said:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 143:1–2, 5–7, 9, 11 Sung by the Choir and Congregation. Domine, exaudi

The Refrain is sung by the Choir, then repeated by All.

Refrain



Lord, listen to my prayer, turn your ear to my appeal. You are faithful, you are just; give answer. Do not call your servant to judgement for no one is just in your sight. *Refrain*

I remember the days that are past; I ponder all your works. I muse on what your hand has wrought and to you I stretch out my hands. Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you. *Refrain*

Lord, make haste and answer; for my spirit rails within me. Do not hide your face lest I become like those in the grave. *Refrain*

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge. For your name's sake, Lord, save my life; in your justice save my soul from distress. *Refrain*

Psalms for the Revised Common Lectionary ed. Michel Guimon

Silence is kept.

PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All stand, as able.

The Celebrant prays the collect and the People respond, "Amen."

All are seated.

NEW LIFE: COMMUNITY

(Romans 6:3-11)

After the reading is said:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People extinguish their Candles.

HOMILY

The Reverend Canon Steven Lee *Vicar*

A period of silence follows the homily.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Shaoul Rick Chason Dorothy Cobb Jordan Caleb Daley Richard Samuel Kirkland Diorio Meredith Zhang

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

- Candidate I renounce them.
- Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
- Candidate I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

- Candidate I renounce them.
- Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
- Candidate I do.
- Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
- Candidate I do.
- Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
- Candidate I do.

After all Candidates have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the People, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The People stand, as able.

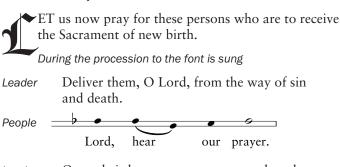
THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Celebrant then says

HROUGH 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 rene 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 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.	

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says



- Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
- People Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- People Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- People Lord, hear our prayer.
- Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- People Lord, hear our prayer.
- Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love
- People Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- People Lord, hear our prayer.

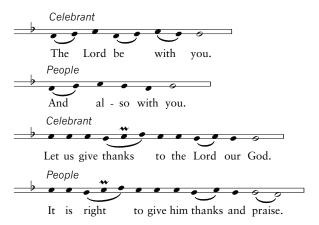
The Celebrant says

RANT, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

People Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The font is filled with water.



The Celebrant continues, blessing the water, and the People respond, "Amen." The People are seated.

THE BAPTISM

The Candidates are presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon each Candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Then the Celebrant places a hand on each Person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with Chrism and says

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People Amen.

When this action has been completed for all Candidates, the People stand, as able.

The Celebrant then prays over the Neophytes, and the People respond, "Amen."

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

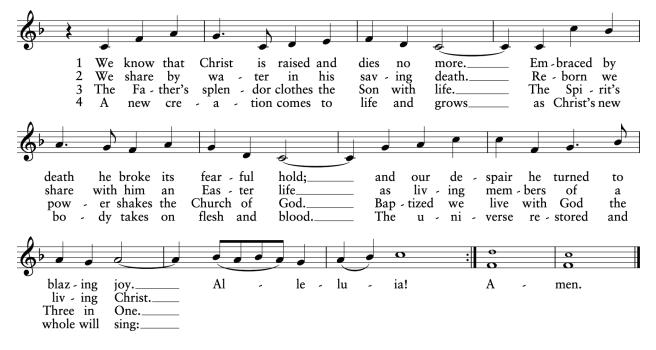
We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood. Silence is kept.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

	Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
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The Celebrant asperges the People as a reminder of their own Baptism. All join in singing the

HYMN OF PRAISE



Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt. Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

THE COLLECT

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the collect and the People respond, "Amen."

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Sung by All.

Modal Alleluia

Daniel Ficarri (b. 1996)



A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(28:1-10)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Preacher reads the gospel, followed by the words:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

After exchanging a greeting, the People are seated.

The People stand as they are censed.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

Sing ye to the Lord

For He hath triumphed gloriously. Pharaoh's chariots and his host Hath He cast into the sea.

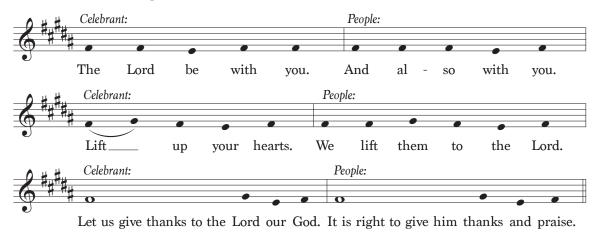
Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie; Thou hast conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light.

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; Thou hast opened Paradise, And in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.

Alleluia! Amen.

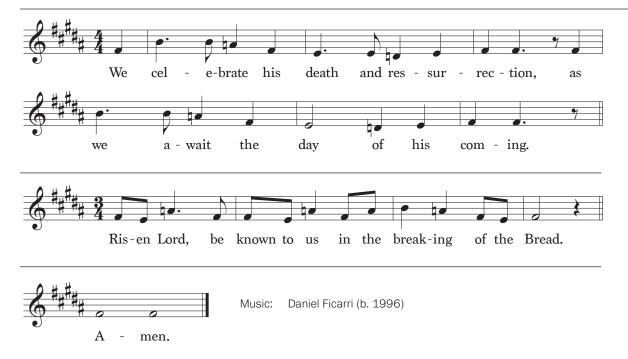
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.



The Celebrant prays in the name of the assembly. In the course of the Eucharistic Prayer, these acclamations are sung.





THE LORD'S PRAYER

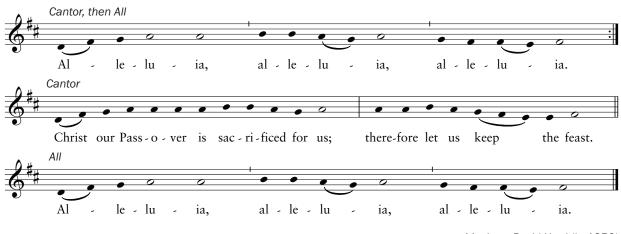
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

Celebrant and People

UR 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept. Then is sung



Music: David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant invites the People to Holy Communion. As the ministers receive the Sacrament, the People come forward.

THE COMMUNION

The Holy Communion is distributed under the forms of both Bread and Wine. In the interest of public health, the Cathedral does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. It is the faith of the Church that Jesus gives himself in the Sacrament whether it is received in only one kind or both.



Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707–1788)
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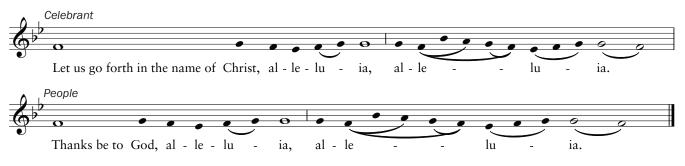
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All say together.

TERNAL 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 DISMISSAL



CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Improvisation Charles Tournemire (1870–1939) sur 'Victimae Paschali Laudes'

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EASTER DAY, 31 MARCH

10:30 AM, **Festal Eucharist**. The Easter Triduum continues with the Easter Morning Eucharist held in-person and livestreamed for those wishing to join us from home.

4 PM, Festal Evensong. After the drama of Holy Week plays out, join the Cathedral Choir for the more contemplative liturgy of Evensong.

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