The Great Vigil of Easter
April 16, 2017    6:30am

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 Deacon leads the procession of the Paschal Candle, symbolizing the “Light of Christ,” pausing three times and chanting...

Deacon    The Light of Christ.
People    Thanks be to God.

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  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.
Deacon  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People  It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How 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 man is 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 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.

Please be seated

The Story of Creation

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis 1:1—2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the
earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the
seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh
day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had
done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth
when they were created.

Reader   The Word of the Lord.
People   Thanks be to God.

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
   for his mercy endures for ever.
2 Give thanks to the God of gods, *
   for his mercy endures for ever.
3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, *
   for his mercy endures for ever.
4 Who only does great wonders, *
   for his mercy endures for ever;
5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, *
   for his mercy endures for ever;
6 Who spread out the earth upon the waters, *
   for his mercy endures for ever;
7 Who created great lights, *
   for his mercy endures for ever;
8 The sun to rule the day, *
   for his mercy endures for ever;
9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, *
   for his mercy endures for ever.
23 Who remembered us in our low estate, *
   for his mercy endures for ever;
24 And delivered us from our enemies, *
   for his mercy endures for ever;
25 Who gives food to all creatures, *
  for his mercy endures for ever.
26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, *
  for his mercy endures for ever.

Reader  Glory be to the Father, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
People  As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

Israel’s deliverance at the Red Sea

Reader  A Reading from the Book of Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyp-
tians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD.
They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you
have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us,
bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let
us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us
to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the
people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD
will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you
shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to
keep still." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell
the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your
hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry
ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in
after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army,
his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am
the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots,
and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Reader       The Word of the Lord.
People       Thanks be to God.

Canticle 8

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; *
  Yahweh 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 ever.

Reader    Glory be to the Father, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
People    As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 num-
bered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Is-
rael; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A New Heart and a New Spirit**

**Reader**  
**A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel 36:24-28**

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I will take you from the
nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own
land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all
your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I
will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from
your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spir-
it within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my
ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and
you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**Reader**  
The Word of the Lord.

**People**  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 42**

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *  
   *so longs my soul for you, O God.*

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *  
   *when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?*

3 My tears have been my food day and night, *  
   *while all day long they say to me, “Where now is your God?”*

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *  
   *how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,*

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *  
   *among those who keep holy-day.*

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *  
   *and why are you so disquieted within me?*

7 Put your trust in God; *  
   *for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance,*  
   *and my God.*
8 My soul is heavy within me; *
   therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the
   peak of Mount Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
   all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
10 The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
   in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
11 I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you forgotten me? *
   and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”
12 While my bones are being broken, *
   my enemies mock me to my face;
13 All day long they mock me *
   and say to me, “Where now is your God?”
14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
   and why are you so disquieted within me?
15 Put your trust in God; *
   for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance,
   and my God.

Psalm 43
1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly
   people; *
   deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? *
   and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?
3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, *
   and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;
4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; *
   and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
   and why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in God; *  

_for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God._

Reader  Glory be to the Father, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
People  As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Celebrant Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
_Amen._

The Valley of Dry Bones  

Reader  A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'
Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Reader    The Word of the Lord.
People    Thanks be to God.

Psalm 143

1 Lord, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; *
   answer me in your righteousness.
2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
   for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; *
   he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.
4 My spirit faints within me; *
   my heart within me is desolate.
5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; *
   I consider the works of your hands.
6 I spread out my hands to you; *
   my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.
7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
   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 loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; *
   show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.
9 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, *
   for I flee to you for refuge.
10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *
   let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
11 Revive me, O Lord, for your Name’s sake; *
   for your righteousness’ sake, bring me out of trouble.
12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, *
   for truly I am your servant.

Reader   Glory be to the Father, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
People   As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Celebrant Let us pray.
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.

Celebrant 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.

Please stand

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.*

Celebrant  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.*

*The candles at the altar are now lighted from the Paschal Candle*

Celebrant  Alleluia!  Christ is risen!

People  *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*  (Ring Bells!)
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.

Please be seated

The Epistle

Reader A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
   the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
2 Judah became God’s sanctuary *
   and Israel his dominion.
3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
   Jordan turned and went back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
   and the little hills like young sheep.
5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
   O Jordan, that you turned back?
6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
   you little hills like young sheep?
7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
   at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
   and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Reader  Glory be to the Father, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
People  As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Congregation joins in singing at Josh’s cue

The Gradual Hymn  Alleluia, Christ Has Triumphed!

**ALLELUIA! CHRIST HAS TRIUMPHED!**

Words by
JULIE J. MYERS (ASCAP)

Based on
RHUDDLAN, Welsh Tune
JOHN EVANS (1770-1851)

Arranged by CLARE C. TOY (ASCAP)

Congregation (in unison)

*All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ Name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Alleluia! Christ is living, living now and evermore. Alleluia! Christ is reigning, reigning by His Father’s side. Alleluia! Christ our brother, Savior, friend, and Sov’reign Lord! In God’s temple, ready for His spotless bride!

All cry, “Glory!” Hear the courts of heaven ring.

Alleluia! Christ is living! Hail the glorious King of kings!
Matthew 28:1-10

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

People Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Deacon 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.

Sermon Fr. Jonathan French

Prayers of the People

Please kneel as able

The Reader leads the people in a series of prayers to which the people respond.

Reader Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Greg our Bishop, and for our clergy, Jonathan and Mary, that they may by both life and doctrine, set forth your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer the holy Sacraments, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.
Reader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, our President, Rick, our Governor; Rich, our Congressman; Carl, our County Commission Chair, Kent, our Mayor and Heidi, our School Superintendent. That they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For Grace Church, that you would cause us to bless your name and to be a blessing to those around us. We pray that you would help us to live faithfully, inspire faithfulness in others, and give as you have graciously given to us. Cause us to be a people empowered through the Holy Spirit, always prepared for your glorious return, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader We pray for those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this week… We pray to you, O Lord

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salva-
tion. We ask your blessing on those who are in the hospital, we claim for them the wholeness which is the promise of God's Kingdom, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Reader* For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Reader* Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*People* To you, O Lord our God.

**Confession and Absolution**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen

**The Peace**

*Please stand.*

*The Celebrant and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.
Welcome and Announcements

If you are a newcomer, we are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning, and we want you to feel at home. To learn more about who we are and how we can serve you, please pick up a red Welcome Packet as you leave and complete and mail the pre-stamped newcomer card enclosed.

The Easter Eucharist

Offertory

The People are invited to offer their gifts to God.

Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offerings and come into His courts.

Offertory Anthem     Come Christians Join To Sing     Grace Bell Choir

Arranged by Anna Laura Page

Please stand and sing

Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Please remain standing

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 Him thanks and praise.
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 offers a Preface, and concludes saying,

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:

_All sing_

_Sanctus_  

_Dubay_

_Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,_  
_Heaven and earth are full of your glory,_  
_And Lord, we sing your praise._

_Hosanna in the highest._  
_Hosanna in the highest._  
_Hosanna in the highest._  
_Lord, we sing your praise._

_Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,_  
_Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord._

_Hosanna in the highest_  
_Hosanna in the highest._  
_Hosanna in the highest._  
_Lord, we sing your praise._

_Please kneel as able_

Celebrant 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.

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:

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

Celebrant 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.*

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

**Lord’s Prayer**

*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**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
**People**  *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Celebrant invites all to God’s table saying

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.
All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the Lord’s table for Communion. Please hold your hands palms up so the celebrant may place a host on your palm. Either place the host into your mouth or leave it on your hand. If you leave it on your hand, the chalice minister will take it from you and dip it into the wine and then place it on your tongue. Tip your head up and open your mouth and extend your tongue to ease this process. Please do not put the host into the cup yourself. If you desire to drink from the cup, grasp the chalice at the base and guide it to your lips.

During Communion please join in singing
the songs of praise and worship found on the following pages.
“For he who sings prays twice.”
(Attributed to Augustine of Hippo)

Silent Prayer Before Receiving Communion
Be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as You were present with Your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer After Receiving Communion
O Lord Jesus Christ, Who in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of Your passion: Grant us, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Your redemption; Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Music

Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord Hymnal 178
Surely It Is God Who Saves Me Hymnal 679
I Am The Bread Of Life Hymnal 335

Please kneel as able
Post Communion Prayer

**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

Celebrant *May the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.*

Please stand

**Recessional**  *Lift High The Cross  Hymnal 473*

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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Easter Lily Dedications

In memory of Michael Booker by the Ayres Family

In memory of Benjamin Haile Ayres by the Ayres Family

In memory of Caesar and Thelma Benincasa by the Ayres Family

In memory of John T. Smith, beloved husband by Shelley Smith

In thanksgiving for my family and all the blessings in my life by Dianna Labeur

In memory of our parents by Hank & Sharyn Pliska

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Hank & Sharyn Pliska

In memory of Raymond & Louise Delancey by Deacon Mary Delancey

In memory of Arthur & Jeanne Palmateer by Deacon Mary Delancey

In thanksgiving for God’s many blessings by Deacon Mary Delancey

In memory of Lane Arnold Mansfield & Martha Mansfield Davidson by Bill Mansfield

In memory of Alice Miller by Josephine Foster
Easter Lily Dedications

In memory of Laura & Bill Aylward by Josephine Foster
In memory of Billy Aylward by Josephine Foster
In memory of Jack Aylward by Josephine Foster
In memory of Judy Curry by Josephine Foster
In memory of Alice Blair by Josephine Foster
In memory of Les Foster by Josephine Foster
In memory of E.L. Foster by Josephine Foster
In memory of our parents by John & Ann Dozier
In memory of Robert & Jonathan Lucas by Dr. & Mrs. Roy H. Lucas
In memory of Charles & Clyde LeVines and Dooley and Ione Musseau by Linda Winchenbach
In thanksgiving for my sons and their families by Linda Winchenbach
In memory of Bill Droullard by Carol Droullard
In memory of Joan & James Robertson and Louis H. Armstrong by Amy & Joe Robertson
Easter Lily Dedications

In memory of Stephen, our son, and Robert Duncan my father by Lynn & Ellis Nobles

In thanksgiving for Jennifer & Brad, our daughter and son-in-law, by Lynn & Ellis Nobles

In memory of our parents Jack & Dot Wilson and Jim & Mary Finn by Gail VanDeusen & Doc Finn

In thanksgiving for Rudy Savage born November 13th, 2016 by Gail VanDeusen & Doc Finn

In thanksgiving for our Grace family and all those we love, no matter where in God’s Kingdom they may be by Peg Hamilton

In memory of our parents Virginia & Martin and Ellen & Jack by Mary-Stewart & Jack Lewis

In memory of loved ones by Elizabeth Russell

In memory of Mary & Perry Hane and Olive & James Long by Bob & Pam Hane

In memory of Gene & Buggie Peek by Tom & Lynda Peek

In memory of Si & Ginger McCutcheon and Barbara Zolant by Tom & Lynda Peek

In memory of our parents by Ed & Mary Garrepy
Easter Lily Dedications

In memory of our grandparents by Greg & Stephanie Harrell

In memory of Linda Harrell by Greg & Stephanie Harrell

In thanksgiving for our parents by Greg & Stephanie Harrell

In memory of James Lashley, brother of Joan by Joan & Mike Canzoneri

In memory of Dotty Shimmin and Clara Amundson by David & Janie Rubin

In thanksgiving for James Rubin and Max & Ethan Diaz by David & Janie Rubin

In memory of Mike Anderson and other departed Loved ones by Susie Anderson & Family

In memory of Deacon Mike Anderson

In thanksgiving for our many friends & family by Susie Anderson & Family

In memory of Barbara S. Hooper, beloved wife, by Don Hooper

In memory of Virginia Watts, loving mother, by Don Hooper

In thanksgiving for God’s Blessings by Debi & Buzz Jaynes
Easter Lily Dedications

In thanksgiving for God, and His Holy Spirit and sacrifice by Darrell & Donna Sloan

In memory of my mom, Kay Priest, by Cori Penuel

In memory of Mack Dunwoody, beloved husband, father and grandfather, by Ana Dunwoody

In thanksgiving for my children Bill (Melissa) & Krista (Mac) and grandchildren Alex, Truitt, William & Griffin, by Ana Dunwoody

In memory of Frank Holland by Annette Holland and family

In memory of Joseph & Olive Dion, Carmen Hamel & Bob Dion by Annette Holland and family
THIS WEEK’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make a joyful noise onto the Lord! Anybody who’d like to ring our steeple bell before or after either Easter Service - see an Usher and ring away!

Newsletters are available today in the back of the church.

Mite Boxes please place them in the model church in the Baptistry.

Episcopal Church Women, The annual lakeside luncheon at the home of Ann Anderson will be held on May 18. ECW does not meet in June or July as those are prime vacation months. Grace ECW will host the celebration of “May Friendship Day” for Marion County Church Women United on May 5. All women of Grace are encouraged to participate in this special event where women from 30 member churches gather in friendship and fellowship. Further information and details will be announced as the dates get closer, but please mark your calendars for all these great happenings.

Grace Family Gatherings, the fun filled and fellowship gatherings will resume in May

Next Week’s Readings

Acts 2:14a,22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 16, 2017 - April 23, 2017

Sunday, April 16   Easter Sunday
  6:30am: Great Vigil, Church
          Hot Cross Buns after the service, Parish House
  10:00am: Easter Service, Church
          Hot Cross Buns after the service, Parish House
  10:00am: Children’s Church, Faith Factory

Monday, April 17
  Church Office closed
  Noon: Bulletin deadline
  1:00pm: Daughters of the King, member’s home

Wednesday, April 19
  7:30am: Men’s Group Bible study, Scrambles
  12:05pm: Midweek at Grace Service, Church
  5:45pm: Bell Choir rehearsal, Faith Factory
  6:45pm: Choir rehearsal, Choir room

Thursday, April 20
  6:30pm: Vestry Meeting, Grace Hall

Saturday, April 22
  8:00pm: Grace Group AA Meeting, Grace Hall

Sunday, April 23
  8:00am: Rite One Service, Church
  9:15am: Adult Sunday School, Grace Hall
  10:00am: Rite Two Service with music, Church
  10:00am: Children’s Church, Faith Factory
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### Mark The Date

- May 5 - Grace ECW hosts celebration of “May Friendship Day”
- May 18 - ECW Annual Lakeside Luncheon
PODCASTS

Are you enjoying Fr. Jonathan's sermon series about fear this Lent?

Our podcast is a great way to share with your friends how God is moving on our campus. On our podcast, you can catch up on Fr. Jonathan's series on Fear each week. You can also access all our old podcast series such as "Race and Story" and "Christ in the Marketplace."
HEAD
Jesus Christ

BISHOP
The Right Rev. Greg Brewer

CHURCH WORSHIP TEAM
The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector
The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon
Joshua Head: Worship Coordinator
Buff Moring: Children’s Ministry Coordinator
Dave Rubin: Verger
Sharon Mai: Organist

VESTRY
Michael Owen - Senior Warden
Jeff Shealy - Junior Warden
Pae Barberie  Frank Blasucci  Marylin Corsiglia  John Dozier
Linda Harrison  Heather Hetzel  Brian Kuhn  Andy Rose

Today’s Servers
First Reading/Psalm: Joan Stark  Second Reading/Canticle: Sharyn Pliska
Third Reading/Psalm: Peg Hamilton  Fourth Reading/Psalm: Diane Parks
Epistle/Psalm: Nate Gilman  Prayers: Nate Gilman
Chalice Ministers: Peg Hamilton, Joe Morgan
Acolytes: Michael Ashley, Gail VanDeusen, James Rubin
Ushers: Doc Finn, Jerry Parks, Bethany Anderson
Altar Guild: Pae Barberie, Marylin Corsiglia, Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Adult Sunday School in Grace Hall: Sunday 9:15am
Children’s Church in the Faith Factory in the Church Office Building Sunday during 10:00am Service.

WORSHIP
Sunday 8:00am—Rite I
Sunday 10:00am—Rite II with music
Wednesday 12:05pm—Midweek at Grace

NURSERY
Care is available for all children up to 3 years of age from 9:45 to 11:30am. Child care is located in the Nursery room at Ambleside.