



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, March 31, 2024, The Great Vigil of Easter

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The people gather in the courtyard. Fire is kindled in the baptismal font.

Opening Prayers

Minister The Light of Christ *Sung three times*

People **Thanks be to God.** *Sung three times to the same tune.*

After the Paschal Candle is processed to the door, the people follow the clergy and acolytes into the church in silence.

The Exsultet *Sung by a minister, remain standing*

Minister Rejoice now, heavenly hosts...

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

Minister The Lord be with you (S120)

People **And also with you.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Minister It is truly right and good...

...who gives light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Introduction to the Scripture Readings

First Lesson

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea *Seated*

Exodus 14:10-15:1

The Song of Moses *Sung by the choir*

A Collect

Second Lesson

An Invitation to Abundant Life

Isaiah 55:1-11

The First Song of Isaiah *Sung by the choir*

A Collect

Third Lesson

The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 30 *BCP page 621, sung to a simple tune. The organ side of the church sings the odd-numbered verses, the choir side of the church sings the even-numbered verses.*

A Collect

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The minister says an opening prayer.

Minister Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? *People* **I do.**

Minister Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Minister 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.**

Minister 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.**

Minister Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

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

Minister 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.**

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

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

Minister Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? *People* **I will, with God's help.**

Minister 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 minister processes through the congregation, sprinkling the waters of baptism.

There is a loud knocking on the door, after which:

People **We have come seeking Jesus of Nazareth. What have you done with his body?**

Minister He is not here- Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

The lights come up.

Hymn 207

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who on this most Holy day...

... one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lesson Romans 6:3-11 *Seated*

After the reading, all reply: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *All standing, if able, to sing with the choir.*

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel Luke 24:1-12

After the announcement the people say: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Holy Gospel, all reply: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

A Song of Praise (S-236)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Homily The Rev. Christopher Martin

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Anthem Hallelujah J. S. Bach

Doxology *Standing, if able; sung by all.*

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Sursum Corda (S-120)

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant gives a Proper Preface

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 (S-129) *Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel, if able. Then the Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

...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 . . .

. . . 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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer - *Celebrant and people*

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

At the Breaking of the Bread (*S-154*)

Celebrant Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive initiation into the church through the sacrament of baptism.

Communion Hymns 180, 210

Prayer after Communion - *Kneeling if able*

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.

GO INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing

Hymn 199

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Voluntary

William Selby

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SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Deacon:	Erin Wiens St. John
Choirmaster/Organist::	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Walter Tanner, Lex Bernier
Readers:	Ann Gordon, John Ibsen, Owen Sprague, Aarti Subramanian
Ushers:	Steve Avanzino, Larry Santucci
Altar Guild:	Felicia Demann, Alex Elliot, Judy Rowcliffe, Jessica Ruscello, Walter Tanner, Chris Torney
Tech Support:	Josh Becker, Dennis DeMille
Coffee Hour:	Kari Simpson

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunches for St. Vincent's

Join us Tuesday, April 16 & 23 at 4pm to make 100 bagged lunches for St. Vincent's to share with our hungry neighbors. "Feed the hungry," Jesus said. We do!

Taste Community

Taste Community is a monthly supper club for young adults. Come for good food and great company at our monthly dinner club! Join us to mingle, munch and make new memories. Dinner is on us. April 12th from 6 to 9pm is our first meeting.

RSVP to Kristen by 4/10 at (760) 445-4259.

Join the fun!!

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PRAYER LIST

Bill S	Hannah A	Nancy F	Taylor & MK
Cathy & Gary W.	Inge B & Family	Olivia C & Family	Theresa R
Colette M & Family	Joan A	Richard F	Ukraine Victims
Corrina & John	John L	Roseanna M	Victims in Israel & Gaza
Dave H	John M	Scarlett W	
Dennis	Lynne S	Simon	

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Philip Adams	Diane Luboff
S. Jack Adams	The Martin Family
Margaret Alderman	Sue Pegues Mason
Rev. Herman & Lucile Anker	Maya
Julia Duncan Barrolle	Esther Molony
Loretta Barrolle	Dwight & Grace Moody
Leander & Ruth Broering	Robyne Sherman Munro
Aiyo Cummings	Herb & Louise Olson
Theodora Downing	Therese M. Owen
The Drake Family	Wanda Rice
Ann Dyson	Mike Rood
David Godfrey	Clara Berry Sanders
Mary Lynne Godfrey	Jane Santucci
Nancy J. Goldstein	Mark Santucci
Frederick Hastings	Nancy Skinner
Sarah Jane Hastings	Jonathan E. Smith
Thomas Hastings	Owen & Quinn Sprague's Grandparents
William Hastings	Irene & Jeffrey Stahl
Doc & Scoop Holmes	Dr. Jeffrey Stevenson
Stella Barrolle Hunter	Fannie Washington
Sarah Saysay Johnson	Annie Elizabeth White
Bob & Alice King's many blessings	Rachael Elizabeth White
Henry & Emily Look	Rachel Wilde
Ronald Look	Ted Wilde