

# The Great Vigil of Easter

April 8, 2023 5:30pm

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## The Lighting of the Pascal Candle

pg. 285 in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

## Liturgy of the Word

### Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea - *Exodus 14:10-15:1*

Hymn                      *When Israel was in Egypt's land* (verses 1, 4)                      Hymnal #648

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go; oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go; and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go.

African-American spiritual

## Collect

### Salvation offered freely to all – *Isaiah 55:1-11*

Hymn                      *A mighty fortress is our God* (verses 1, 4)                      Hymnal #688

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
for still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:  
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
his kingdom is for ever.

Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46

## Collect

### A new heart and a new spirit – *Ezekiel 36:24-28*

Hymn                      *As longs the Deer* (verses 1, 4)                      Hymnal #658

As longs the deer for cooling streams in parched and barren ways,  
so longs my soul, O God, for thee and thy refreshing grace.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*New Version of the Psalms of David*, 1696, alt.; para. of Psalm 42:1-7

## Collect

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

pg. 292 in the BCP

## Alleluia

*Celtic Alleluia*, Walker/O'Carroll

## Easter Collect

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. **Amen.**

## The Epistle: *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.

## Alleluia response

## Holy Gospel – *Matthew 28:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

## The Sermon

## The Peace

## HOLY COMMUNION

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### Offertory Music

*Let the Trumpet Sound*

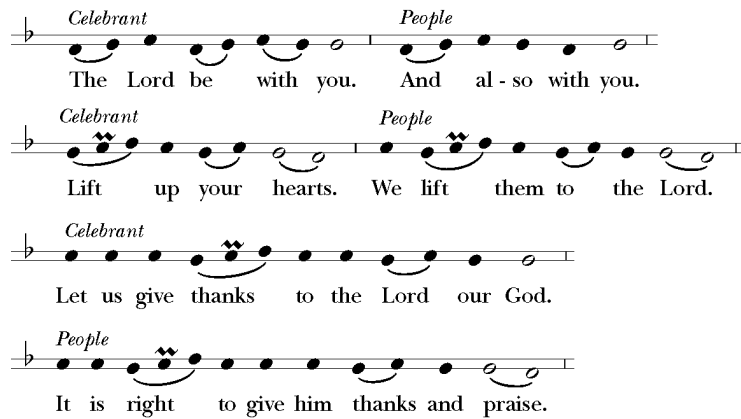
Natalie Sleeth

### Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

## The Great Thanksgiving - *Eucharistic Prayer A*



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.

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

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father. . .

. . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption. . .

. . . Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

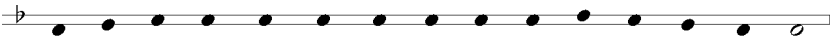
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,


### **The 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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant  Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People  There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Through the Red Sea brought at last, Egypt's chains behind we cast.  
Deep and wide flows the tide severing us from bondage past, Alleluia!

Like the cloud that overhead, through the billows Israel led,  
by his tomb Christ makes room, souls restoring from the dead, Alleluia!

In that cloud and in that sea buried and baptized were we.  
Earthly night brought us light which is ours eternally, Alleluia!

Ronald A. Knox (1888-1957)

*Come ye faithful, raise the strain*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness:  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters, led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:  
but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

**Postcommunion Prayer**

***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.***

**Easter Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*He is Risen*

**Hymnal #180**

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now, and the passion that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day; not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate: we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

Roland Prichard



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