EPIPHANY†



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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APRIL 16, 2022 AT 8:00 PM

Dear Epiphany,

Tonight, we celebrate both the darkness and the light that are known in the presence of God through the person of Jesus Christ. It is so interesting that the first half of the service is shrouded, lit only by the candles we hold in our hands. This is the light of the world. This is the light that is assigned to the kingdom that is me or that is you. We are the holders, the bearers of this light. But then something happens. Something miraculous. God's freedom breaks forth. It does so in a way that bursts the bounds of all physics and chemistry and biology and even mystery. It does so in a way beyond our minds' capacity to comprehend. What God does is to break the barrier of death, rendering it insignificant in the face of God's power. God says "no more" to the finality of death, and in doing so calls our attention to the greatness of God, yet in a way that allows us still to reject this power, this mystery, this love.

God is a stone-cold genius. That's an understatement. If you think about it, Christian theology does something radical, and utterly unique: it claims a divine love without distorting this love through the incapacitation of human freedom. Faith is the foundation for this theology. We must choose, over and over again, whether or not we want to believe that Jesus was resurrected. We must choose, over and over again, whether or not we want to believe that God broke the physical and chemical and biological parameters of death, and in doing so calls our attention to the reality and capacity of God.

Freedom reigns because Jesus ascended. Had he stayed eternally in our presence, our freedom would have vanished, because we would have had no choice but to bow down and worship him.

This is rich stuff indeed. It is both simple and incredibly complicated. At the core of our theology, however, is faith. The symbolism of faith is witnessed in the service of baptism that we experience tonight. It is the action of an individual, who with clarity of mind and intentionality of heart, steps forward says, "I understand my choice, and I choose love because I choose Jesus."

Faith is not intractable. It must be chosen over and over again, just as love must be chosen over and over again. The Christian life is a pattern of choosing God over and over again. One way we do this is by getting up Sunday morning and going to church. Church is a system that helps us choose God over and over again. Church is a community that expects us, because it is a community designed to help us understand love in the most deep and profound way. It is community that understands that it is love, and only love, that will reveal the best in one another and will save the world. It's for that reason the community gathers on Sunday morning.

I invite you this evening to contemplate faith, choice, freedom, and love. I invite you also to reflect on the genius of God for offering us freedom. Even as God, through resurrection, makes it utterly clear that God is with us, God does not foist God's self upon us. That is love. Faith is the means by which we say "yes" to this love.

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THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The congregation will meet in the Garden of Remembrance for the lighting of the New Fire.

This New Fire represents the victory in Christ of light and life over darkness and death.

In the darkness, fire is kindled; then the Presider will address the people in these words:

Presider 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 Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly kindled fire.

The People's candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle.

Then the Cantor, bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing six times and singing:



The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

The Cantor sings the Exsultet, an ancient Christian hymn that has been sung at the Great Vigil since the seventh century.

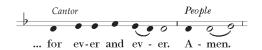
The Exsultet

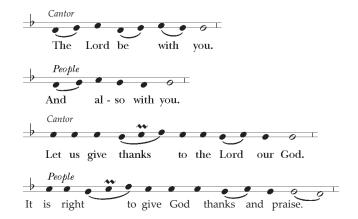
Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

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,





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.

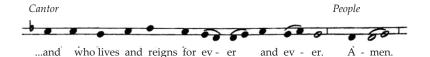
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

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,



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presider 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 fullness of redemption.

The people sit for the lesson and the hymn.

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.

Remain seated for

Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26 sung by the choir

Plainsong

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of gods, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who only does great wonders, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

Who by wisdom made the heavens, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

Who spread out the earth upon the waters, * for his mercy endures for ever;

Who created great lights, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

The sun to rule the day, *

for his mercy endures for ever;

The moon and the stars to govern the night, *

for his mercy endures for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate, *

for his mercy endures for ever;

And delivered us from our enemies, *

for his mercy endures for ever;

Who gives food to all creatures, *

for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.

The people stand for the Collect.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect said by all

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.

The people sit for the lesson and the hymn.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians 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 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.

Hymn 425



words: Anon., ca. 1976, based on Exodus 15:1-2 music: Eliezer Gerovitch (1844-1914)

The people stand for the Collect.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect said by all

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 peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people sit for the lesson and the hymn.

The Third Lesson Salvation offered freely to all

Isaiah 55:1-11

Listen, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come

down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Remain seated for

Psalm 42 sung by the choir

Sicut cervus Desiderat

G. P. da Palestrina (1525-94)

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
(sung in Latin)

The people stand for the Collect.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect said by all

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people sit for the lesson and the hymn.

The Fourth Lesson A new heart and a new spirit

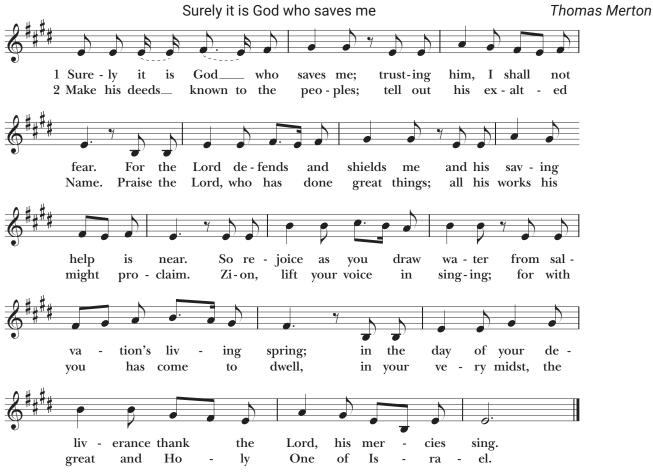
Ezekiel 36:24-28

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 spirit 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.





words: Carl P. Daw (b. 1944), para. of *The First Song of Isaiah music*: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

The people stand for the Collect.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect said by all

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.

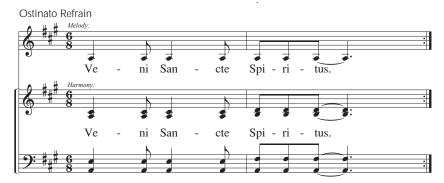
Sermon

The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr.

HOLY BAPTISM

As the candidate approaches the font, the people stand to sing.

Chant Veni Sanctus Spiritus from the Community of Taize



The people remain standing.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Presider The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

I present Anna Rose Collins to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Sponsor

The presider asks the candidate:

Do you desire to be baptized?

Answer I do.

The Presider asks the candidate:

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

I renounce them. Answer

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? Presider

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do. Answer

The Presider then addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Anna in her life in Christ? Presider

We will. People

Let us join with this person who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal Presider

covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider 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.

Presider Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The people remain standing.

Prayers for the Candidate

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider Grant, 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. **Amen**.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Baptism

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

The priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with Chrism and saying:

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Presider Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.

Donald Fellows (1902-2007)

Refrain (sung once by the choir and then by all)



- 1. I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple. (Refrain)
- 2. Give thanks to God, for he is good, his mercy endures forever. (Refrain)

As a reminder of our own Baptism, the congregation is sprinkled with Holy Water, symbolizing reconciliation and renewal.



Remain standing for

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

The candles at the Altar are now lighted in silence from the Paschal Candle.

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

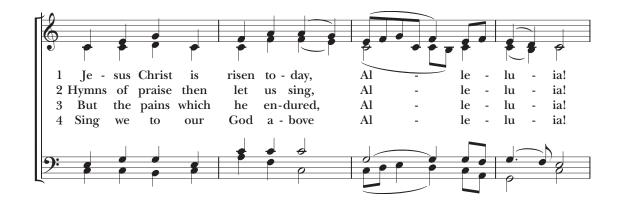
The people now extinguish their candles.

Bells are rung continuously as all sing

The Song of Praise, Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn





words: Latin, 14th cent.4th stanza Charles Wesley (1707-88) music: Lyrica Davidica (1708)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day said by all

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 forever. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand for

Sequence Hymn 208

The strife is o'er, the battle done

Victory





words: Latin, 1695 music: Giovanni da Palestrina (1525-94)

The Gospel Luke 24:1-12

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

Offertory Sentence

Presider Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



The offertory is the time during the service when we give offerings to God, acknowledging that all we have comes from God. The choir offers their gift of music, and this is our opportunity to offer thanks to God through a monetary gift to support the ministries of Epiphany. Active Epiphany parishioners make an annual pledge commitment toward the vitality of our ministries. In some cases pledging parishioners also make a financial contribution at the offertory. Money placed in the hunger basket at Communion supports our outreach ministry of feeding those in need. You may use the QR code, either during the anthem or later at your convenience, or place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed.

Offertory Anthem

Sing ye to the Lord

Edward 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.

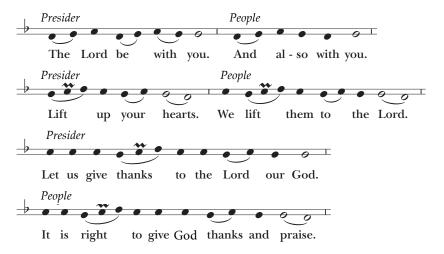
Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; Thou hast opened Paradise, and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.

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;

Thou hast opened Paradise, and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.
Alleluia! Amen.

The people stand as the thurifer comes to the top of the chancel steps. The thurifer bows to the people and the people bow to the thurifer. The thurifer censes the people, and then all bow again.

Eucharistic Prayer B



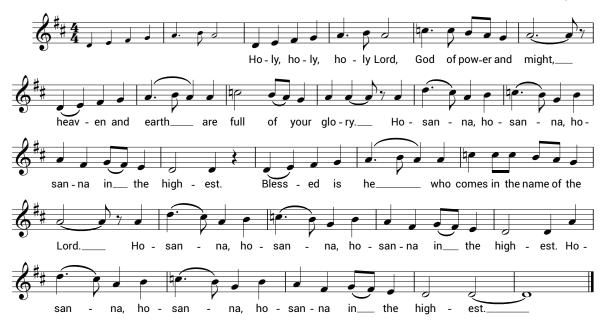
Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 sung by all

Richard Proulx (1937-2012) (Mass for the City)



The people stand or kneel. Then the Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in the Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father:

Presider and people

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Presider and people

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

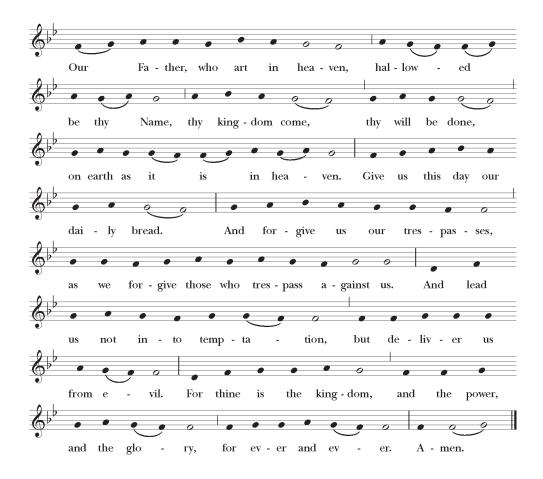
Presider

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 pray:

The Lord's Prayer sung by all



Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem Christ our Passover Frank Boles

The refrain is sung once by the cantor and then by all, and again after the verse.



The Invitation to Communion

Presider 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 are invited to receive the Holy Communion. It is your choice as to whether you receive Holy Communion or a blessing. You may receive Communion or a blessing at one of the standing stations in the front of the nave or proceed to the altar rail. The bread will be placed in your palm. You may consume the bread and then drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice firmly and guide it to your lips); or, you may leave the bread in your palm for the chalice bearer to dip it into the wine and place it on your tongue. The people's response to receiving the bread and the wine is "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available. To indicate to the Eucharistic minister that you would like a gluten-free wafer, please present your hands palms down. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Music during the Communion Communion Motet

My Master from a Garden Rose My Master in a garden lay, perfumed with spices rare, for tender hands had laid Him there to rest amid the roses. Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

'Twas on a cross they laid Him bare, and pierced His hands with nails, that we poor men might live again and be with Him in Glory. Alleluia.

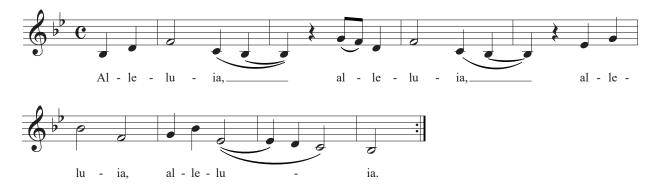
My Master from a garden rose to go for us to heav'n, and He will come and take us there, to be with Him forever. Alleluia, Amen.

Hymn

A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton (1938-84)

The Alleluia is sung repeatedly by all as the choir sings accompanying parts.



The people stand.

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.



Threefold Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen**.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen**.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The ministers of the liturgy exit.

Voluntary

Finale from Symphonie No.1 in D

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Please join us in the Great Hall for a dessert and sparkling beverage reception.



Baptisms at Epiphany Pentecost June 5, 2022

Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year and a traditional time for Christian Initiation or baptism to take place. If you or someone in your family is interested in being baptised please contact Diane Carlisle at **verger@epiphanyseattle.org** for additional information. Parents and godparents are asked to attend the baptism rehearsal on June 4 at 10:00 am.

The next opportunity for Baptisms will be on All Saints Sunday, November 7.

The Easter Lilies are Given to the Glory of God

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR

My Daughter Anna Rose Collins from Anna B. Collins; Our Sons, Peter and David and their Families from Jan and Joel Melin;

SHERWIN S. COLLINS AND ANNA B. COLLINS FROM ANNA ROSE AND DEBBIE COLLINS;

My 11 Grandchildren from Gretchen Swanson Rosoff; My Daughter, Moira Rose from Brad Neary;

Our Friends and Family from Barbee and Jim Crutcher; Louis Sweeny and Tieran Sweeny-Bender from Diana Bender; Our Beautiful Grandchildren: Theo, Sam, Cyrus, and Alma from John and Sue Cary;

Our four children and three Grandchildren from Chris and Dabney Youtz;
Vestry and Volunteer Professionals at Epiphany from Kelli Martin;

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS FOR EASTER FROM KIM BISHOP;
THE GRADUATIONS OF MARGARET AND DESMOND CONN
FROM DOYT AND KRISTIN CONN;

THE SUPPORTIVE EPIPHANY COMMUNITY FROM DINNY POLSON;
BY KEVIN AND SARAH BESHLIAN;
BY RICHARD AND EMMA WERBE;

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Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place at Epiphany.