

EPIPHANY†

of Seattle



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

APRIL 8, 2023 AT 8:00 PM

The Easter Vigil

Dear Epiphany,

Tonight is the Great Vigil, the third and final act of the Triduum, when our Lenten longing comes to an end, and we, at long last, reclaim our title as Easter people with alleluia as our song. In my role here at Epiphany, tonight is a complicated liturgy that begins outdoors, making this livestream a little trickier than most. That is why we've often truncated our stream, beginning with the processional entrance bearing the Light of Christ—a holy moment I love so much that it's still the graphic we use just before the livestream begins every Sunday morning. But tonight begins in darkness, not light, because this is still Holy Saturday. We are still in a liminal time and space on the threshold of the empty tomb.

There's no spiritual bypassing in Christianity. If you're unfamiliar with that term, "spiritual bypassing" was coined by the late psychologist John Welwood to refer to the misuse of "spiritual ideas and practices to sidestep personal [and] emotional 'unfinished business,' to shore up a shaky sense of self, or to belittle basic needs, feelings, and developmental tasks." Try as we might, we simply cannot build a coherent theology of rebirth (victory, joy, wholeness) without a theology of dying (loss, grief, disarray). That shortcut is just not part of the Easter story.

That's why we have a Holy Saturday so stubbornly wedged in between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This day is the time of harrowing, the dark and forlorn time of descent into the very depths of hell. This harrowing is what we claim to believe in every time we recite our creed: crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus, descendit ad inferos—Holy Saturday is the interregnum that feels like forever.

We step into tonight's liturgy knowing full well how that story ended: on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead and changed everything, and we gather here tonight to loudly proclaim that truth. But we also come to sit with the disciples in their darkness—their pain, fear, disappointment and, perhaps, even their rage, as they watched Jesus hang on a cross, die, and be buried. And though there will be great rejoicing as our night progresses, this Saturday is not that different from theirs; still, we wait in the stubborn gap between the now and not-yet of the Kingdom of God. Still, we look around us at the state of the world and cry out: how long, Lord, how long?

The only real difference between us and the original disciples is that, tonight, we know for sure how our story will ultimately end as well. There is no spiritual bypassing in Christianity, that's true; instead, we have enduring hope in Christ. This final act of the Triduum is a foretaste of the reconciliation of all things, when a new heaven and a new earth will shimmer in God's glory.

Tonight, we can rejoice and be glad in the depths of all that darkens our view; a new fire will be lit—the transfiguring light of Christ is here.

Jad Baaklini

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.*

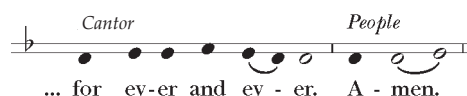
The Exsultet

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,



Cantor
The Lord be with you.

People
And al - so with you.

Cantor
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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,

Cantor ...and who lives and reigns for ev - er and ev - er. *People* A - men.

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 psalm.

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."

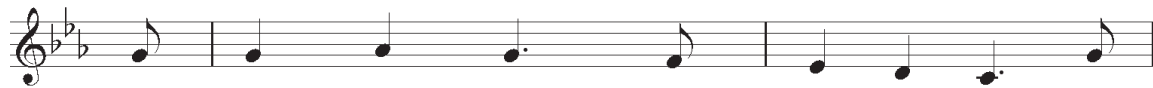
Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed 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.



1 Sing now with joy un - to the Lord, for
2 God is our strength, he is our song, he
3 He on - ly is the might - y Lord. He



he has tri - umphed glo - rious - ly! The horse, the rid - er,
saved us from our en - e - my. All praise and thanks to
on - ly can des - troy the foe. He on - ly is to



and the sword he cast in - to the rag - ing sea.
him be - long who came to set his peo - ple free.
be a - dored for he a - lone can strength be - stow.

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 psalm.

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.



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider Let us stand and renew our baptismal covenant.

The people stand.

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

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 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 people remain standing to sing during the Asperges.

Rite of Sprinkling

Springs of water

Donald Fellows (1902-2007)

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

Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord. Give God glo-ry and praise___ for ev - er.

- 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

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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 people sit for

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.

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

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

The Gospel

John 20:1-18

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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.

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.

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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.

The people remain standing

Eucharistic Prayer B

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

- Staff 1:** Presider: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so with you.
- Staff 2:** Presider: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.
- Staff 3:** Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Staff 4:** People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,___
heav - en and earth___ are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in___ the high - est. Bless - ed is he___ who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in___ the high - est. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in___ the high - est.

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*

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name, thy king-dom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom,
and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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.

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us, there - fore let us keep the feast.

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 the standing station 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. Self-intinction is strongly discouraged by the Episcopal church. 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.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Hymn 335 *sung by all*

I am the bread of life

I Am the Bread of Life



1 I am the bread of life; — they who
2 (The) Bread that — I will give — is my
4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion, —
5 (Yes,) Lord, — we be - lieve — that —



1 come to me shall not — hun - ger; they who be -
2 Flesh for the life of the world, — and they who
4 I — am the — life. — They who be -
5 you — are the — Christ, — the —



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
2 eat — of this bread, they shall — live for
4 lieve — in me, e - ven — if they
5 Son — of God who — has



1 me — un - less the — Fa - ther draw them.
2 ev - er. — they shall — live for ev - er.
4 die, — they shall — live for ev - er.
5 come — in - to — the — world. —

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. _____ 2 The day.
 4 —
 5 Yes,

words and music: Suzanne Toolan (b.1927)

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

Rheims from Sonata Eroica

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND EASTER LILIES ARE
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

AND IN REMEMBRANCE OF

MY MOTHER AND MY GODMOTHER FROM JEANNIE GRAVENKEMPER;
MY PARENTS, PHOEBE AND BOB KING FROM MARGARET KING;
JACK MAYOTTE FROM JUDITH MAYOTTE;
ALICE JEAN AND DON LEWIS FROM BARBEE AND JIM CRUTCHER;
MY PARENTS - GEORGE AND RUBY ADAMS FROM ANNE A. MOLDREM;
JACK AND MARY LOU THOMSON & PETER AND PATTI HOSS, OUR BELOVED PARENTS
FROM VINCE AND WENDY HOSS;
AUBIN BARTHOLD FROM RON LEE;
WALLY REX AND JOAN HALSTEAD FROM WILLIAM AND LOIS REX;
WALTER AND LOIS CARLISLE FROM TERRY AND DIANE CARLISLE;
LUCY VAN BOSKERCK MITCHELL FROM CAROLINE NORMANN;
AUBIN BARTHOLD FROM CORY CARLSON AND RHODA ALTOM;
BETTY AND HAROLD RUNSTAD (PARENTS) FROM JILL HALLY;
MATTHEW FLOR FROM HOLLY FLOR AND RUDY MANGELS;
DR. ROBERT L. STEIN, MD AND Ms. LEE D. CALDWELL
FROM DWAYNE, ADNREA, LUCAS, AND AINSLEY KING;
OUR PARENTS FROM LAUREL AND JOHN NESHOLM;
WILLA, REGINA, AND SUSIE LEE FROM RON LEE;
JIM GIGER, MY BROTHER FROM DARLENE HERMES;
FAMILY AND FRIENDS FROM BOB, DAWN, AND NADIA FRIEND;
DAVID AND JESSIE BURNS AND NANCY ADAMS FROM JIM BURNS

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR

OUR EXTENDED EPIPHANY FAMILY FROM THE ROBERTS FAMILY;
OUR FAMILY FROM NEIL AND NANCY McREYNOLDS;
MY DAUGHTER, MOIRA ROSE NEARY;
MY FAMILY FROM MARGARET KING;
OUR GRANDCHILDREN, SIENNA AND BRIGGS FROM PAM AND DAVE TINSLEY;
OUR PARENTS: DONNA, DaCOSTA, CECIL, SUZANNE, DOYT, AND GRACIA
FROM DOYT AND KRISTIN CONN;
FLORENCE COURT NEIGHBORS FROM BOB AND MARILYN HENRY;
GORDON HALLY (HUSBAND) FROM JILL HALLY
AKSEL AND IMOGEN WAGNOR;
OUR FAMILY FROM LORELLE AND DWAYNE SHEARER;
OUR PARENTS FROM VALERIE CONN AND ALEC WILLIAMSON

THE LILIES ON THE CROSSES
ARE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ELEANOR BURTON
FROM
ALICE GAUTSCH FORMAN

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE BIRTHDAYS FALL BETWEEN APRIL 9 AND APRIL 15

Sherilyn Peterson, Sue Buerk, Ann McCurdy, Scott Peiper, Josie Barnes, Philip Jolly, Dwayne King, Elizabeth Gladden, K Robinson, Miles Ewing, Ellie Kniffin, Jean Viereck, Marshal McReal, Amber Gregory, Kari Glover, Caleb Miller, Bill Wurts, Madison Minnitti, Marianne Barkman

WE PRAY FOR THOSE ON THE DIOCESAN

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Emmanuel, Eastsound
Christ Church, Blaine

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL OR GRIEVING

Cheryl Morgan, Eileen Riley, Marylyn Vincent, The Osterlind Family, Steve, Lynn Manley, Alice Foreman, Thomas, John Kirkpatrick, Barbara Lock, Launita, Catharine, Michael Menne, Alex, Lora Kolmer, Dirk Smith, Pat Ghaly, Noelle Singleton, Jodee Forbes, Halink Wodzicki, Gilmara Canacoo, Melanie Hodgman, Mac, Jim Burns, Vickey Blackwell, Brook Nunn, Amber Gregory, Steve Shaw, Tarak, Dennis Hogan, Trudy Baldwin, Jessica Khan, Bradley, Teresa Montes, Mary Jane Anderson, Mike Thomas, Juan Diego Cano, Karen Molinari, John Logan, Janet Hoehne, Bill Whitaker, Libby Goldstein, Marilyn Dierick, Kathleen, Peter True, Tim, Nick, Sherry Braak, Jennifer Anderson, Mary Anne, Lorraine Daher, Warren

Are you or a loved one in need of some extra, tender loving care? Pastoral Care Ministries at Epiphany can reach out through a written prayer, a Eucharistic visit, a phone call, a greeting card, a bouquet of Epiphany flowers, a prayer shawl, and/or a meal delivered. Please contact Diane Carlisle at verger@epiphanyseattle.org

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



Baptisms at Epiphany
Pentecost
May 28, 2023

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 May 27 at 10:00 am.

The next opportunity for Baptisms will be on All Saints Sunday, November 5.

Weekly Offerings at Epiphany

Adult Formation | Sundays (except First Sundays, when there is a brunch) | 10:00 am | Great Hall

Join others for an hour of learning. Topics vary each week from spiritual formation, human interest, current affairs, and more.

Ancient Practices Study | Sundays | 4:00–5:00 pm | Christie House Library and Zoom

In this study we are examining seven Christian practices that are rooted in our ancient traditions. We cover 1. Prayer, 2. the Liturgical Year, 3. Being the Church Community, 4. the Eucharist, 5. Holiness of the Ordinary, 6. Pilgrimage, and 7. Sabbath and Retreat. We spend four weeks on each topic—the first week is an overview, the second week looks at how this practice is embraced and expressed across traditions and over time, the third week is personal experimentation, and the final week is a reflection. Join us as we explore how we live out our faith according to these ancient practices.

Choral Evensong | Sundays | 5:30–6:30 pm | Church and YouTube

Sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong is a service of Evening Prayer, derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline. The choir sings the traditional evening prayers of the church that have been offered for centuries, while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers to those of the choir.

Chapel Open | Monday through Friday | 9:00 am–4:00 pm | Chapel

The chapel as a place for prayer is open during the week. Come by and sit in this sacred space. Occasionally the chapel will be closed for other events; during these times we will open the church.

C. S. Lewis Minyan | Thursdays | 8:40–9:40 am | Christie House Library and Zoom

Jonathan Roberts

The C. S. Lewis minyan began the fall reading *The Screwtape Letters*. This minyan meets in person and online. If you would like to be on the email distribution list and receive notes each week or you would like the Zoom link please email Jonathan Roberts at Jonro@rprime.com.

All Threads Together | Thursdays | 10:00–noon | Christie House Library

Bring your latest needle craft project to our weekly meetings of fellowship and fun. We work on individual projects as well as prayer shawls and hats for local ministries. All are welcome!

Bible Study | Fridays | 10:30–11:30 am | Christie House Library and Zoom

The Rev. Doyt Conn, Jr.

The Bible is the core document that defines the framework in which followers of Jesus live. And so, this class is not just about becoming familiar with the Bible, it is about unpacking it and pulling it apart, and seeking out links and allusions and associations between different parts of the Bible. This Bible study is a journey into words and meaning and characters, and the context behind them. We do not rush things in this class, and furthermore, because of the slow pace and our theological orientation, you can drop in and quickly find your way, even if you haven't been attending the class. Come be part of this biblical quest of Christian meaning, understanding, and relevance with the Rev. Doyt Conn. All are welcome. Contact Diane Carlisle at verger@epiphanyseattle.org for information and the Zoom link.

Upcoming Adult Forums

Five Core Concepts of Christianity | April 16 | 10:00–10:45 | Great Hall

The Rev. Doyt Conn

To say you're a Christian can bring awkward pause to a conversation, particularly here in Seattle, particularly in the charged political environment in which we now live. Usually people push by the moment to a different topic. But what if they don't? What if they turn to you and want to hear more? What then? This Sunday morning forum is designed to give you easily accessible language around the 5 Core Concepts of Christianity: The Trinity, Heaven & Earth, Jesus & Resurrection, Being Human, and the Church.

The Apostle Paul: Misunderstood Mystic | April 23 & 30, May 14 | 10:00–10:45 | Great Hall

The Rev. Lex Breckinridge

Was Paul a strict, moralistic misogynist, concerned with enforcing rules and imposing order, or was he rather a visionary mystic who saw that the Resurrection was God's inauguration of a new world, a New Creation, expansive and inclusive, in which the Cosmic Christ would bring healing and new life to a hurting and broken world? Paul was the Church's first and perhaps greatest theologian. Over this three-week offering we will look at the Apostle on his terms as he leads us to a new way of seeing and a new way of being.

Pilgrimage in Contemporary Literature | May 21 | 10:00–10:45 | Great Hall

Kelli Martin

This forum will kick off a multi-week book study about the role of pilgrimage in contemporary fiction and non-fiction. In this book club, we will read and discuss novels and memoirs that feature pilgrimage. Authors may include Cormac McCarthy, Isabel Wilkerson, Emma Donoghue, Suleika Jaouad, Cheryl Strayed, and/or Elizabeth Gilbert.



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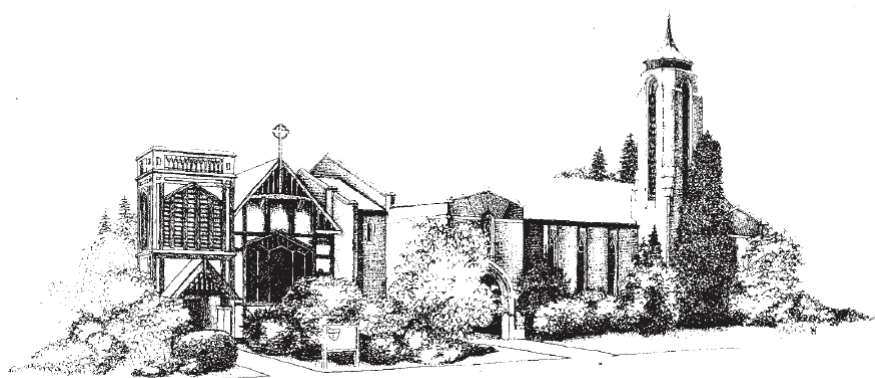
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you have a place at Epiphany.