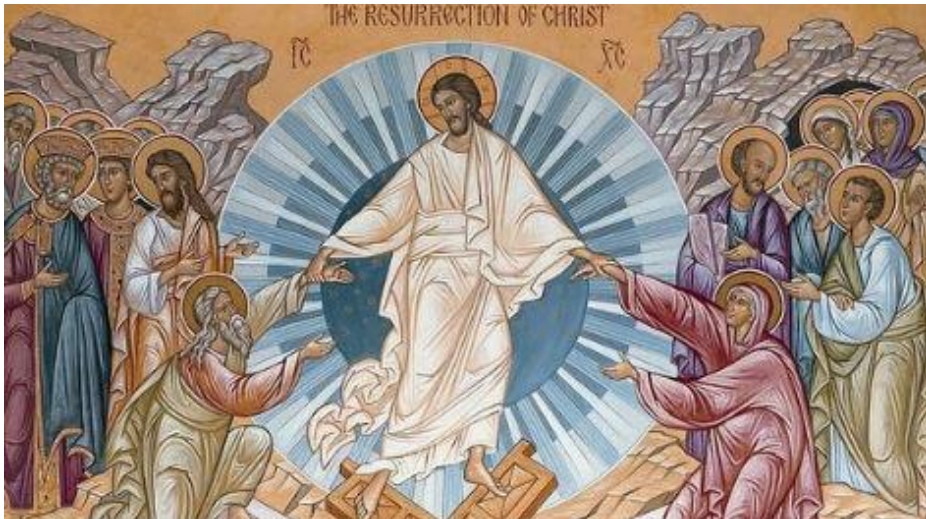


Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Great Vigil of Easter

March 30, 2024

7:00 p.m.



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THE KINDLING OF THE NEW FIRE

*The Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly-kindled Paschal fire.
The server, bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession into the darkened Church.
In the course of the procession the people's candles are lit.*

Celebrant: **D**ear 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 LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Procession into the Church

The server, bearing the Candle, enters the church

The Procession pauses three times and at each pause the following is sung

The light of Christ:
Thanks be to God.

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

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Cantor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him 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, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please extinguish your candles and be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: **L**et us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The First Lesson

The story of Creation

(*Genesis 1:1-2:4a*)

Response:

In the beginning was the word of life

Rosalie Bonighton

In the beginning was the Word of life, the Word and God were one.

In the beginning was the Word, the Word of life through whom all things were done.

There in the darkness was the Word, the Word of life, with light for humankind.

Still undefeated is the Word of life and hope is unconfined.

Into creation came the Word of life to those who were his own;

Scorned and rejected, still the Word, the Word of life made love eternal known.

Sing alleluia, with the Word of life, the Word of truth and grace;

Wholeness is offer'd by the Word of life to all the human race.

Reader: Let us pray. (*silence*)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Second Lesson

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

(*Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21*)

Response:

Horse and Rider

Tzëna (traditional)

I will sing unto the Lord, for he has triumph'd gloriously, the horse and rider thrown into the sea.

The Lord, my God, my strength and shield is now become my victory.

The Lord is God and I will praise him, my father's God and I will exalt him.

Reader: Let us pray. (*silence*)

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Third Lesson

The valley of dry bones

(*Ezekiel 37:1-14*)

Response:

Dry Bones

Spiritual arr. Hatwich

Jake Hardesty, alto sax

(refrain) Dry bones gonna gather in the morning, Come together and rise and shine;

Dry bones gonna gather I the valley, And some of them bones is mine.

Down in the valley the spirit spoke: “Zekul, go prophesy!”
And Zekel saw the valley full of dead men’s bones, And every bone was dry! (refrain)

Spirit told Zekel call the four winds forth And breathe on the bones all slain.
Behold he heard a noise, every bone in his bone Come together and lived again. (refrain)

The graves all opened, and the bones took breath, And the skin covered over again.
They stood on their feet like the army of Lord; Oh the bones were living men! (refrain)

Some of them bone are my mother’s bones, Come together for to rise and shine!
Some of them bones are my father’s bones, And some of them bones is mine. (refrain)

Reader: Let us pray. (*silence*)

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into
righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your
Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fourth Lesson

The gathering of God's people

(*Zephaniah 3:14-20*)

Response:

And the Father will dance

Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves,
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o’er you in song! And He will joy over you in song!
My soul will make its boast in God, For He has answered all my cries,
His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.
Awake my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!
Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all your heart!
Cast away fear for you have been restored!
Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day,
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.
And He will joy over you in song!
God rejoices over you in song!

Reader: Let us pray. (*silence*)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole
Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence,
carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things
which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made
new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all
things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

(All stand)

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

People: *I do.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

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

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

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

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

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

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as your self?

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

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

The Congregation is sprinkled with holy water, as a sign and reminder of their baptism.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. (†) Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

The Gloria *Bells may be rung during the singing of The Gloria.*

Gloria

Con moto ♩ = 128

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fath - er, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fath - er: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - men, A - men.

Collect for Easter Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

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.

The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll & Walker

The musical score for 'Celtic Alleluia' is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff begins with a 2-measure rest, followed by the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff continues the melody with 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' The score includes various rhythmic values and rests, and ends with a double bar line.

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 28:1-10

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Celtic Alleluia Reprise

Sermon

The Reverend Douglas Rogers, Deacon

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Offertory Anthem

Sing the Life

William Lloyd Webber (1914-1982)

Sing the life that springs resurgent from the waking earth;
Pressing upward with the urgent ecstasy of birth.
Sing the risen life victorious, Jesus Christ, our Savior glorious:
With all nature him adore, Lord of life for evermore.

Sing the beauty now unfolding, fair the flower and tree;
Every bud a promise holding of more life to be.
Sing the Lord who death defeated, now in royal glory seated;
With all nature Christ adore, Lord of life for evermore.

*All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
To God the Father equal praise, and God the holy Ghost, we raise.*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(standing)

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant
The Lord be with you. *People*
And al- so with you.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts. *People*
We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus

Moderato $\text{♩} = 84$

mp
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,

5
mf
God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -

9
mp
san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the

14
f *rall.*
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: **W**e 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 your 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn: *Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands*

Hymn #186

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

***E**ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebrant: **M**ay 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.*

(standing)

Recessional Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hymn #191

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

Flourish on Awake, my heart, with gladness

Camil van Hulse (1897-1988)

Note about the cover

The “Anastasis” (or “Harrowing of Hell”) was a subject frequently depicted in the Late Byzantine era. It drew upon the Christian tradition contending that Christ rescued Adam and Eve from hell on Holy Saturday between his Crucifixion and his Resurrection. Here, Christ, dressed in white and surrounded by a luminous full-body halo, grasps Adam's and Eve's wrists as he pulls them from their tombs on either side of him.

Art historians H.W. Janson and Anthony F. Janson described the work as “...a magnificently expressive image of divine triumph. Such dynamism had been unknown in the earlier Byzantine tradition. This style, which was related to slightly earlier developments in manuscript painting, was indeed revolutionary.” It was also an outcome of humanism's influence that had begun in the Middle Byzantine period.



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7:00 p.m **Thurifer: Stacey LaRosa**
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Second Reading (Exodus): Mark Baldwin
Third Reading (Ezekiel): Cheryl Rogers
Fourth Reading (Zephaniah): Stacey LaRosa
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