

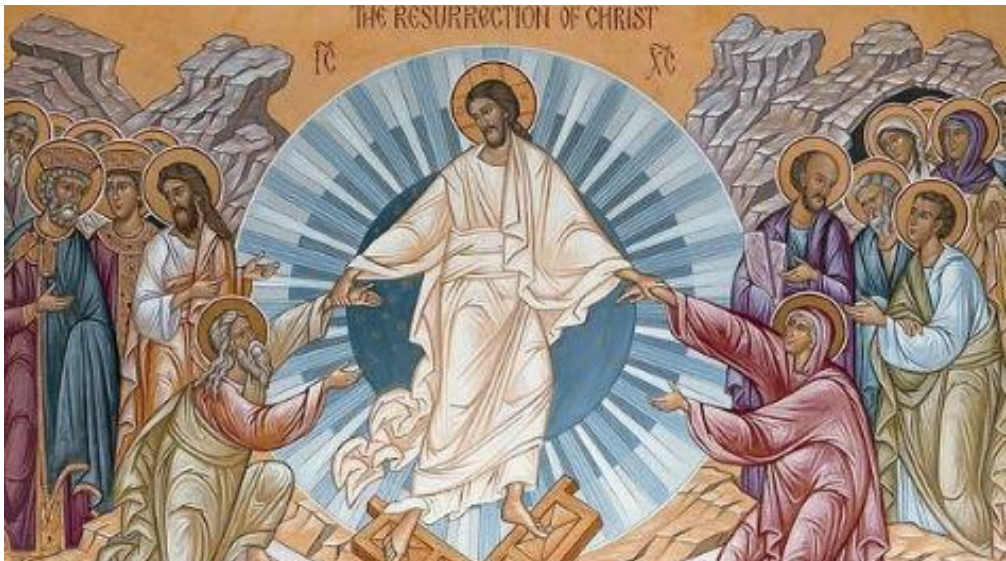
Emmanuel

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Great Vigil of Easter

April 3, 2021

7:00 pm



412 N. Church Street, Rockford, IL
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The Great Vigil Of Easter

(Rev. Diane pounds on the door)

People: Who's at the door

Celebrant: Christians coming to celebrate the paschal feast.

THE KINDLING OF THE NEW FIRE

The Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly-kindled Paschal fire. The deacon, bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession into the darkened Church. In the course of the procession the people's candles are lit. To pass the light, please hold lighted tapers upright and allow others to light their wicks from the flame. As always, we ask the congregation to be mindful of their own safety, and that of others, when holding lighted candles.

Officiant: **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 Deacon, bearing the Candle, enters the church

The procession pauses three times and at each pause the following is said

The light of Christ:

Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet

The Cantor sings the Exsultet. All remain standing.

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.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Deacon: 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.

(Cantor continues) **T**his 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.

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. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Rachel Schmitt, cantor

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:

“The Spacious Firmament”
Vocalist, Tammy Schulz

Hymn #409
v.1

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:

“The Horse and Rider”
Virtual Ensemble Singers

Tzena

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 - A new heart and a new spirit

(Ezekiel 36:24-28)

Response:

“As the hart longs”
Vocalist, Mickey Swart

- *(Ps 42) Johannes Somary*

Reader: Let us pray. *(silence)*

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.*

The Fourth Lesson - The valley of dry bones

(Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Response:

“Dry Bones”
Virtual Ensemble Singers

- arr. Budzynski

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.*

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.*

Collect for Easter Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle

Romans 6:3–11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will

also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

(stand as you are able)

The Holy Gospel

At the (†) below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and over your heart.

Deacon: The (†) Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matt 28:1-10

People: 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 worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(seated)

Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

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 Hymn

“All creatures of our God and King”

Hymn #400

v. 1, 3

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: alleluia, alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beams, Pale silver moon that gently gleams, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia! Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.

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

(standing)

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

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

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:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest. (†) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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:

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

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: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts and Voices"

Hymn #191

v. 1, 4, 5

1. Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise: sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.
4. Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace, rain, and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face; that, with hearts in heaven dwelling, we on earth may fruitful be, and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.
5. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! to the Saviour, who has won the victory; Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity; Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

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

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.*

Closing Hymn:

“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”

Hymn #205

v. 1, 2, 3, 5

1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"
2. The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way; let all the earth rejoice and say:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"
3. Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"
5. To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One, we sing for life in us begun:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Dismissal:

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

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

Postlude:

“All creatures of our God and King”

Wayne Hatwich, organist

Paul Manz



Easter flowers are given by

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Ron & Jan Wanninger

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In Loving Memory of:

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Noah James Chapman-Neal & Grandparents

Ellen & Jim Erkert

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For three injured in two separate shootings in Rockford on 3-9-21 and 3-10-21 and fuel and food shortage in Yemen

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Esther K. Ohr

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Tammy Lewis

All the people who died due to Covid-19

Timothy Borden

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Vincent Gruber & Carol Cameron

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Charlotte

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The Gibby & Carter family

In Thanksgiving for

Beck family

Our children

Robert & Betsy Parker

Frank & Nora, Frank & Lena, Bill & Toni, & Patti

Mark & Diane Tomlinson

Andrew & Alyssa Tomlinson

Linnea Liken-Aduddell

My church, my family & friends, my parents, & all veterans

Stan McGroarty & Trish Rooney

Our church family

Tyler Hillman

The life of Addie Belle Blakeley in whose memory the altar candles were given, Easter 1891

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Assisting in the Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Crucifer/Acolyte: Susan Rubendall
Reader 1: Dennis Horton
Reader 2: Cheryl Rogers
All Altar Guild members
Ushers: Mark Baldwin

Virtual Ensemble Singers:

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