

**St. Bede's Episcopal Church  
Great Vigil of Easter  
7:00 p.m., April 8, 2023  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**



**Holy Week Service Schedule**

Maundy Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Great Vigil of Easter: Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Rite I and 10:15 a.m. Rite II



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## THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*A new fire is kindled; after which the Presider says*

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 then lit from the newly kindled fire.*

*The Presider, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel.*

*Candles are distributed to members of the congregation, which are lit from the Paschal Candle. These are placed together in the place appointed.*

*The Presider pauses three times, singing:*

Presider      The light of Christ.

All              **Thanks be to God.**

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

*The Cantor, standing near the Candle, leads in singing the Exsultet, as follows.*

Cantor      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.

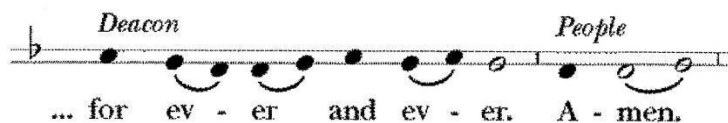


How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

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...



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presider Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how the Almighty saved the people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

**First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

NRSV

**Hymn: Behold I make all things new**

Words and music by John Bell, 1994

Iona Community, GIA

Presider Let us pray.

*Silence*

Presider 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.**

**Second Reading: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13**

NRSV

**Hymn 830: Laudate omnes gentes**

Hymnal 1982

Presider Let us pray.

*Silence*

Presider Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Third Reading: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21**

NRSV

**Hymn 648: Go down Moses**

Hymnal 1982

Presider Let us pray.

*Silence*

Presider 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.**

**Fourth Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20**

NRSV

**Psalm 136** - *Sung by the choir.*

Presider Let us pray.

*Silence*

Presider 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 tranquility 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.**

*A moment of silence is kept.*

*Candles at the altar are lit from the Paschal Candle.*

*The church lights are now brought up with great fanfare at the following words.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Gloria: S278**

Hymnal 1982

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us;  
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

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Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

## The Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

NRSV

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia: Alle, psalite - Alleluya** - *Sung by Choir.*

*Montpellier Codex*

**The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10** - *Please stand as you are able.*

NRSV

Presider The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### ***The Homily***

***The Renewal of Baptismal Vows*** - *Please stand as you are able.*

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Presider Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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

All **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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



Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by 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?  
All **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?  
All **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?  
All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as  
yourself?  
All **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?  
All **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 Presider and other appointed ministers move to the Baptismal Font.*

Presider      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

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here have been 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 congregation will be sprinkled with the water of baptism.*

### ***The Peace***

Presider      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All              **And also with you.**

### ***The Announcements*** - Please be seated

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Presider      Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### **Anthem: Since by man came death**

George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

### **Hymn 199: Come ye faithful raise the strain**

Hymnal 1982



*The people may stand, kneel, or sit.*

Presider We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Presider Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs and patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with the Venerable Bede and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.  
**AMEN.**

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

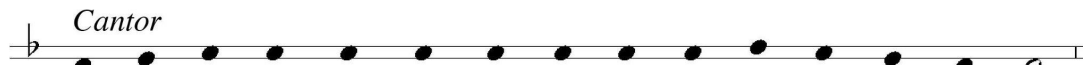
## The Breaking of the Bread

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*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*


*A period of silence is kept.*

*Cantor*



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

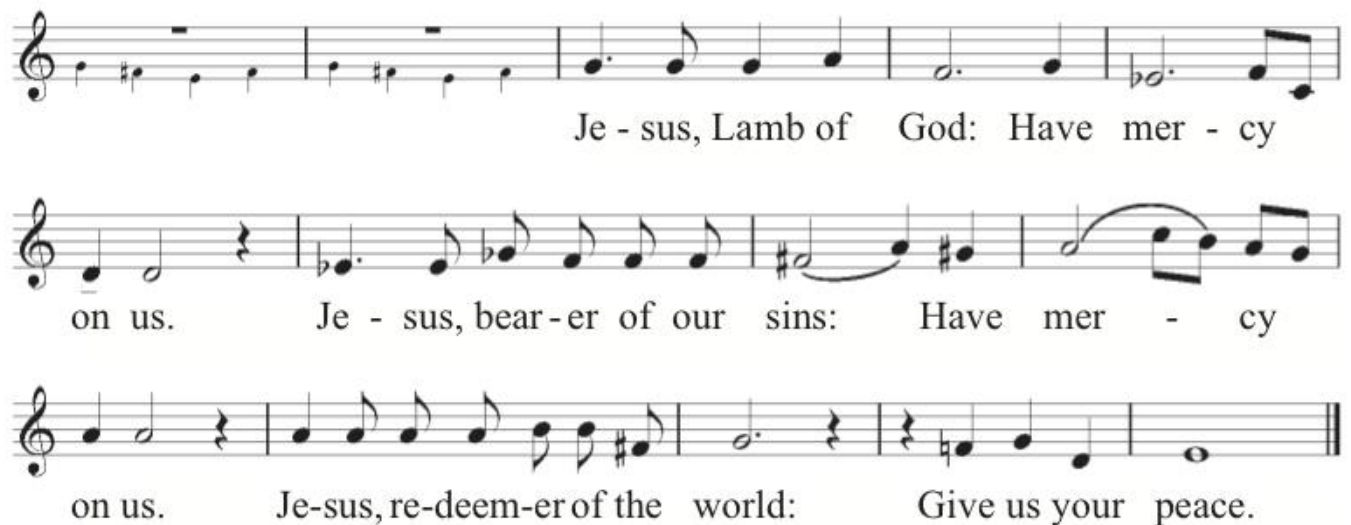
*All*



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

**Fraction Anthem: S165** - *Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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.

*We celebrate everyone in this space today. We welcome you to share in the Sacrament of Communion by approaching the altar when invited by an usher. If you would like to instead receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to signal your intention.*

## Anthem: O sons and daughters

H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

O sons and daughters let us sing,  
The King of Heav'n the glorious King,  
O'er death today rose triumphing.  
Alleluia!

That Easter morn at break of day,  
the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,  
who sat and spoke unto the three,  
"Your Lord has gone to Galilee."  
Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;  
amidst them came their Lord most dear  
and said, "My peace be on all here."  
Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen  
and yet whose faith hath constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!

On this most Holy Day of Days  
to God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise:  
Alleluia, alleluia!

## Hymn 204: Now the green blade riseth

Hymnal 1982

*At the conclusion of Communion, the Presider says*

Presider Let us pray,

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All **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.**

## The Blessing

*Book of Occasional Services, 2022, p. 14*

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

## Hymn 194: Jesus lives!

Hymnal 1982

## The Dismissal: S175

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Deacon, with the lyrics "Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "al - le - lu - ia.". The third staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.".

## Organ Postlude: Easter alleluias

Martin Setchell (1949 - )

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