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Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

April 3, 2021– The Great Vigil of Easter

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Welcome to Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd! We're delighted to worship God with you this evening. Everything you need for worship is here in these pages and in the Bible in the pew. If you are visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, please fill out a guest card found on the usher tables at the front and rear of the sanctuary or call the parish office (723-8032). At Good Shepherd you'll find friendly people, engaging sermons, joyful worship, practical teaching, and lots of kids. Welcome!

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The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The people stand. In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the people

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.

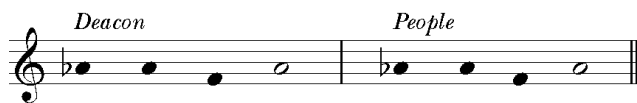
Let us pray.

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire, we pray, and so set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and kindled affections we may attain to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The Deacon, bearing the candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing:



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

The people's, and all other candles and lamps except the altar candles are lighted from the paschal candle at this time

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...



for e - ver and e - ver. A-men.



Cantor The Lord be with you.



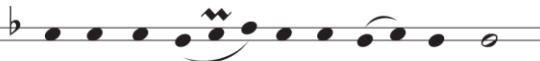
People And with your spi - rit.



Cantor Lift up your hearts.



People We lift them up to the Lord.



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;
who paid for us the debt of Adam's sin,
and by his blood delivered your faithful people;
for he is the true Paschal Lamb, the very Lamb of God,
whose blood marks the doorposts of believers
and makes us holy.

This is the night when you brought our forebears,
the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and
led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night that with a pillar of fire
you banished the darkness of our iniquity.

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.

Our birth would have been no gain,
had we not been redeemed.

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.

O wonderful providence of Adam's sin
destroyed completely by the death of Christ.

O happy fault, which gained for us
so great and glorious a Redeemer.

This is the night of which it is written:
the night shall be as bright as the day.

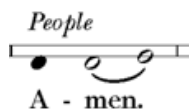
How holy is this night when wickedness is put to flight,
and sin is washed away.
It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn.
It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined,
and Man is reconciled to God.

Therefore, O holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice,
the offering of this candle in your honor,
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,
the gift of your most holy Church.

May it mingle with the lights of heaven,
and 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.



The Lessons

Celebrant Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, remembering how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that God may bring to completion in each of us the saving work he has begun.

The First Reading: The Flood

Genesis 7:1-15,11-18; 8:6-18;9:8-13

Pew Bible pg. 5, LP pg. 6

Psalm 46

sung by choir

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people stand.

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through the merits of him who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Second Reading: Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

The people sit for the reading.

Exodus 14:10-15:1

Pew Bible pg. 56, LP pg. 66

Go Down Moses

sung by choir

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people stand.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, by the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation offered to 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 Reading: The Gathering of God's People

The people sit for the reading.

Zephaniah 3:12-20

Pew Bible pg. 790, LP pg. 938

Psalms 126

sung by choir

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people stand.

Almighty God, you called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: Give us boldness to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted high upon the Cross, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The people stand

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People **I do. 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.**

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in 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. Amen.**

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 yourself?

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

The Easter Acclamation

Repeat three times

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.

The Gloria in Excelsis

sung by choir

The Collect and Lessons

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you 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.**

Romans 6:3-11

Pew Bible pg. 942, LP pg. 1120

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

Alleluia

Henry Purcell

The people remain standing and sing

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu -

8
ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

15
le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

22
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Matthew 28:1-10

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

The people kneel if able and pray together

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant says

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Then the Celebrants and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Offertory Choir Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

**If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you are a regular attendee at Good Shepherd, you may give your tithe in several ways. You may mail checks to 360 Conklin Avenue, Binghamton, NY, 13903. You can also give online through [Breeze](#) or you can text a donation through Breeze at 607-882-6551. We also have a PayPal account. If you choose to give via [PayPal](#) you can avoid fees by paying directly from your bank. Be sure to uncheck the box that says, "paying for goods and services" at the bottom or they will charge Good Shepherd a fee. As always, thank you for your great generosity and kind support.*

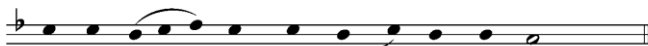
The Presentation of the Gifts

The people stand, if able, and sing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him, a - bove, ye heaven-ly
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And with your spi - rit.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is just and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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:

The Sanctus

sung by choir

Matthias

The people remain standing

The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, God our heavenly Father, because of your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. And now, O merciful Father; in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Memorial Acclamation

sung by choir

Matthias

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading that all those who shall partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ; that, by the Holy Spirit, we may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us, and we in him. 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 forever.

The Great Amen

sung by choir

Matthias

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

The Lord's Prayer

Simon Dixon

The people sing

Legato 8 C *mf* G(sus4) G C F(sus4) F

13 C G(sus4) Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, hal-lowed be thy name, C *mf*

Thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as in Heav'n, give us this day

18 G(sus4) G C F(sus4) F C G(sus4)

our dai-ly bread and for-give our sins as we for-give those who sin a -

The musical score is for 'The Lord's Prayer' by Simon Dixon. It is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time. The tempo is marked 'Legato' and the dynamics are 'mf' (mezzo-forte). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into three systems. The first system starts with a measure rest of 8 measures, followed by the lyrics 'Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, hal-lowed be thy name,'. The second system continues with 'Thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as in Heav'n, give us this day'. The third system continues with 'our dai-ly bread and for-give our sins as we for-give those who sin a -'. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and accidentals, as well as lyrics and performance instructions.

23 F C E/G# Am Em F

gainst us, *cresc.* lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from

28 G(sus4) G E/G# Am Em F G(sus4) G E/G#

e - vil, for thine is the king - dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry

33 Am *mf-mp* 3 Em F 1. 2. G(sus4) G G(sus4) G

for - e - ver and e - ver, A - men (men) men. (men)

The Fraction

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

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people say together

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

The Communion of the People

All Christians baptized in any denomination are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a Christian or are unbaptized, you are warmly invited to the rail for a prayer and blessing: just place your hands across your chest and one of the pastors will bless and pray for you. If you are in a wheelchair or are unable to come forward for any reason, please let an usher know and we will bring the Sacrament to you in your pew.

The Invitation

Celebrant

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.

Communion Hymn

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

solo, Ronnie Murphy

The Post Communion Prayer

The people stand and say

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant


The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Hymn in Recession


Lift High the Cross

The people stand, if able, and sing

REFRAIN




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred name.



1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low, where our Sav - ior trod, our
2. All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied bear
3. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, the
4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your
5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

TO REFRAIN



King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
on their _____ brow the seal of Christ who died.
hosts of _____ God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
death has _____ brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
to the _____ Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Toccata in C Major

J.S. Bach

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