



Welcome to St. Luke's Church

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

April 3, 2021

Our Vision:

To Know God and To Make Him Known

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Lighting of the Fire and Pascal Candle

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, on this night our Savior Jesus Christ came forth from death into glorious life. On this night the Church gathers in vigil and prayer to celebrate the Passover of Christ.

We keep the memory of Jesus, dying and risen, by listening to God's word and celebrating the sacraments. Through this joyful festival, we have confidence in the power of God, that we shall share in Christ's victory over death and become partakers in the resurrection.

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The light of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God

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The Exsultet

Celebrant:

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant: This is the night, most blessed of all nights, when first
you rescued people from the sea: a sign of that new birth which
was to come in blood and water flowing from Christ's side!

All: Now is Christ risen! We are raised with him!

Celebrant: This is the night, most blessed of all nights, when your
creating Spirit stirred again to turn back chaos and renew the
world, redeeming it from hatred, sin and strife!

All: Now is Christ risen! We are raised with him!

Celebrant: This is the night, most blessed of all nights, when all
the powers of heaven and earth were wed and every hungry
human heart was fed by Christ our Lamb's own precious flesh and
blood!

All: Now is Christ risen! We are raised with him!

Celebrant: O night, more holy than all other nights, your
watchful eyes beheld, in wondrous awe, the triumph of our Savior
over sin, the rising of the Deathless One from death!

All: Now is Christ risen! We are raised with him!

Celebrant: O night that gave us back what we had lost! O night
that made our sin a happy fault! Beyond our deepest dreams this
night, O God, your hand reached out to raise us up in Christ.

All: Now is Christ risen! We are raised with him!

Celebrant: O night of endless wonder, night of bliss, when every living creature held its breath and Christ robbed death and harrowed hopeless hell, restoring life to all those in the tomb
All: Now is Christ risen! We are raised with him!

Celebrant: And so, our God, creator of all life, with open hearts and hands we come to you: anointed with the Spirit's power, we bear these precious glowing gifts of fire and flame. We pray that when our night of watching ends, the Morning Star who dawns and never sets, our Savior Jesus Christ, may find us all united in one faith, one hope, one Lord. For you, O Lord, are God, living and true: all glory, praise and power belong to you with Jesus Christ, the One who conquered death, and with the Spirit blest for evermore.
All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place where streams of grace
Flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus: At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red
And my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You (Jesus)

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Bridge: Here my hope is found, here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide, here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow (down)

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Celebrant: Dear friends, beloved in Christ, our solemn vigil has begun. Let us listen and attend to the tale of those wonderful works, by which a universe was created, God's people delivered from slavery and in the fullness of time united in the life of Christ, the risen Savior. Let these be hours of watching, and may the Holy Spirit keep us ready to welcome the coming of the risen One.

The Story of our Salvation

Genesis 1:1-2:2
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13
Genesis 22:1-18
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Isaiah 55:1-11
Zephaniah 3:12-20

The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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Gloria in Excelsis

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lessons

At the end of each reading the lector says:

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Romans 6:3-11

The Gospel

**Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him
Singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King**

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:1-10

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

At the end of the reading:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Message

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant: In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Celebrant: Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All: I reject them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbor?

All: repent of them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Christ as Savior?

All: turn to Christ.

Celebrant: Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All: I submit to Christ.

Celebrant: Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All: I come to Christ.

Celebrant: May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the Way.

The Profession of Faith

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in 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. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All: Amen.

Affirmation of Commitment

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

All: With the help of God, I will.

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

All: With the help of God, I will.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: With the help of God, I will.

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

All: With the help of God, I will.

Celebrant: Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All: With the help of God, I will.

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant: As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

Celebrant: Reveal your kingdom among the nations; may peace abound and justice flourish.

All: Your kingdom come.

Celebrant: Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high.

All: Your kingdom come.

Celebrant: Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak, heal and restore your creation.

All: Your kingdom come.

Celebrant: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with all the saints in glory.

All: Your kingdom come.

The Offertory: (Tithes and offerings are collected at this time)

“Nothing”

Nothin' can wash away my sin
Nothin' can wash away my sin
Nothin' can wash away my sin
Nothin, nothin', nothin' but the blood of Jesus

Nothin' can make the devil run
Nothin' can make the devil run
Nothin' can make the devil run
Nothin' nothin' nothin' but the blood of Jesus

Nothin' can bring me peace with God
Nothin' can bring me peace with God
Nothin' can bring me peace with God
Nothin' nothin' nothin' but the blood of Jesus

Nothin' can lead me to Your throne
Nothin' can lead me to Your throne
Nothin' can lead me to Your throne
Nothin' nothin' nothin' but the blood of Jesus

Nothin' can make Your people one
Nothin' can make Your people one
Nothin' can make Your people one
Nothin' nothin' nothin' but the blood of Jesus

Oh nothin' nothin' nothin'
But the blood of Jesus
Absolutely nothin' nothin' nothin' but the blood of Jesus

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Celebrant: All things come of you O Lord
All: And of Your own have we given You.

The Great Thanksgiving

(We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table.)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

**Sung: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most High
All glory, power, and praise ad blessing now we raise
For You alone can save**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most High
All glory, power, and praise ad blessing now we raise
For You alone can save**

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The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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."

Mystery of Faith

Deacon: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

All: Face to Face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

All: Amen.

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

**All: Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as 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 the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant 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 character 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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.
 The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

**Sung: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

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Music During Communion

“Here is Love”

Here is love vast as the ocean
Loving kindness as the flood
When the Prince of life, our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood

Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing his praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven’s eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the flood gates of God’s mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide

Grace and love, like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

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Post Communion Prayer

All: Heavenly Father, 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 into the world 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 forever. Amen.

Celebrant: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: And all of hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

The Recessional:

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Chorus: My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed (Chorus)

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures (Chorus)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine (Chorus)

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Peace

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

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.