



# The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☙ Richmond, Virginia

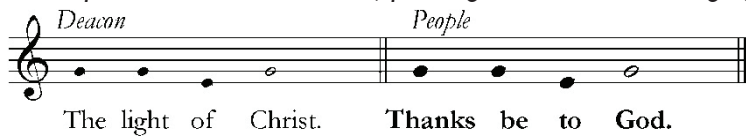
## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*The people gather outside at the Three Chopt entrance to the church. Fire is kindled. All stand and face the new fire.*

**Celebrant** 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 lighted from the newly-kindled fire. The Deacon, bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing:*



*After the Paschal Candle is placed in its stand, candles are lit throughout the congregation, as acolytes carry a flame from the Paschal Candle down the center aisle. The Deacon, standing near the Paschal Candle, sings the following Proclamation of the Resurrection, known as the Exsultet, as all remain standing.*

**Deacon** 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** 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. 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.

**All sing**



# The Liturgy of the Word

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

*The congregation extinguishes their candles. Please sit.*

**The First Lesson** Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-15:1

**Canticle** *The Song of Moses*

*Sung by the choir.*

Plainsong

**Collect**

**Celebrant** Let us pray. *Please stand; a period of silence is kept.*

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 Second Lesson** Salvation offered freely to all

*Please sit.*

Isaiah 55:1-11

**Canticle** *The First Song of Isaiah*

*Sung by the choir.*

Plainsong

**Collect**

**Celebrant** Let us pray. *Please stand; a period of silence is kept.*

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Third Lesson** A new heart and a new spirit

*Please sit.*

Ezekiel 36:24-28

**Canticle** *Sicut cervus*

*Sung by the choir.*

Giovanni Luigi da Palestrina

As the deer longs for the waterbrooks, so longs my soul for you, O God. My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

**Collect**

**Celebrant** Let us pray. *Please stand; a period of silence is kept.*

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 First Eucharist of Easter

*Please stand.*

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The organ and bells sound, the altar lights are lit, and the following hymn is sung by all, during which the people will be sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of our baptism.*



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore with joy we  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain; death has no more do -  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: though Ad - am's sin had



keep the Eas - ter feast; for - sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth.  
min - ion o - ver him; through him we die to sin and live to God.  
doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall all be made a - live.



Al - - le - lu - ia, al - - le - lu - ia!

## The Collect of the Day

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**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

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 forever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson** Romans 6:3-11 *Please sit.*

**Reader** A Reading from the Letter of Paul 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.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Alleluia and Verse** *Please stand.*

*The cantor sings first, followed by all. All repeat 'Alleluia' following the cantor's verse.*



**Cantor** "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever."

**The Gospel** Mark 16:1-8 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

**Deacon** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Deacon** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The cantor sings, then all repeat.*



**The Sermon** The Rev. Penny A. Nash *Please sit.*

**Celebrant** Let us stand and renew our baptismal covenant.

*Please stand.*

**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 yourself?

**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 Peace** .

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**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem** *Rise Up, My Love*

Healy Willan

**At the Presentation** *Sung by all, standing.*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*The fruits of our labor are presented to God, along with gifts for our food ministry.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. O praise him; O praise him;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him 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**                      *Sung by all.*                      Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people remain standing.*

**Celebrant** We 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, according to his command, O Father,

**Celebrant and People**

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;



### Celebrant

And 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 blessed Stephen, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and 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. AMEN.

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

### Celebrant and People

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

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

David Hurd

*Cantor:*

*All:*

**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.

### At the Communion of the People

*All are welcome to receive Communion at the high altar or in one of the side chapels (kneeling or standing). When you are given the consecrated bread, you may consume it and then drink the wine from the first or larger chalice, or "intinct" or touch the tip of your bread to the wine in the smaller cup. You may choose to receive Communion in only one kind. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the minister.*

### Music at Communion

<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Regina Caeli</i>	<i>Sung by the choir.</i>	Cristobal Morales
	Translation: Queen of heaven, rejoice alleluia: for he whom you were worthy to bear has risen as he promised, alleluia, alleluia.		
<b>Hymn 180</b>	He is risen	<i>Sung by all, seated.</i>	<i>Unser Herrscher</i>
<b>Hymn 174</b>	At the Lamb's high feast we sing	<i>Sung by all, seated.</i>	<i>Salzburg</i>

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *Please stand.*

**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.

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### The Blessing

**Celebrant** The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn 207** Jesus Christ is risen today *Sung by all, standing.*

*Easter Hymn*

### The Dismissal

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

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

**Closing Voluntary** *Toccata* from Symphony No. 5

Charles Marie Widor

## Participants

**CELEBRANT:** Gary D. Jones; **DEACON:** Stephen Y. McGehee; **SUBDEACON:** Andy Luke; **READERS:** Sal Anselmo, Doug Blue, Pam Lynch, Mim Oman; **PREACHER:** Penny A. Nash; **ASSISTING PRIESTS:** Claudia W. Merritt and William L. Sachs; **CHALICE BEARERS:** Cheryl Blackwell, Barbara Massey, Earl Roney, Anne Townsend; **ACOLYTES:** Sean Dobb, Bobby Lee, Daniel Melita, Henry Rodriguez, William Rodriguez; **MUSICIANS:** Sanctuary; Chris Edwards, *director*; Greg Vick, *organ*; **VERGERS:** Ben Emerson and Mike Locher; **GREETERS:** Kate Roy Christian, Richard Kay, JoAnn Pulliam, Joan Putney, Betsy White; **USHERS:** Chip Tompkins, Robert Dilday, Beth Thornton; **MARCH ALTAR GUILD:** Gail Waechter, *leader*; Kay Clary, Nancy Page Edmunds, Justin Frackelton, Betty Fuccella, Judy Kidd, Genie Roper, Carole Ann Ross, Eleanor Washburn; **MARCH FLOWER GUILD:** Judy Kidd, *leader*, Angela Barksdale, Lisa Caperton, Emma Lou Martin, Darcie Nelsen, Martha Sherman, Gail Waechter

## Easter Day at St. Stephen's

7:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist with Hymns

9:00 a.m.\*, Holy Eucharist and special music, *followed by reception*

11:15 a.m.\*, Holy Eucharist and special music, *followed by reception*

5:30 p.m.\*, Celtic Evensong and Communion

6:30 p.m., Sunday Community Supper

8:00 p.m., Compline

*No Sunday school or Forum; nursery care available for ages 4 and under at services marked with an asterisk\*.*

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