

EMMANUEL CHURCH, BEL AIR
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
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The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The New Fire is Lit

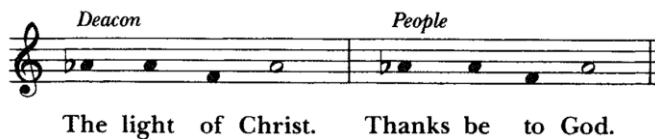
Celebrant:

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 \square 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, and the Deacon bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing



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

The Exsultet

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The Liturgy of the Word

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 our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

A Reading from the Second Book of Moses, Commonly called Exodus.

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

¹⁰ As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. ¹¹They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ ¹³But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged* their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

³¹ Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the **LORD** and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. ...

²⁰ Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹ And Miriam sang to them:

‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.’

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 648

African American Spiritual

Go Down Moses

Collect

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A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah’s Companion Baruch.

Baruch 3:9-15,3:32-4:4

⁹ Hear the commandments of life, O Israel;
give ear, and learn wisdom!

¹⁰ Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies,
that you are growing old in a foreign country,
that you are defiled with the dead,

¹¹ that you are counted among those in Hades?

¹² You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom.

¹³ If you had walked in the way of God,
you would be living in peace for ever.

¹⁴ Learn where there is wisdom,
where there is strength,
where there is understanding,

so that you may at the same time discern
where there is length of days, and life,
where there is light for the eyes, and peace.

¹⁵ Who has found her place?

And who has entered her storehouses?

³² But the one who knows all things knows her,
he found her by his understanding.

The one who prepared the earth for all time
filled it with four-footed creatures;

³³ the one who sends forth the light, and it goes;
he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling;

³⁴ the stars shone in their watches, and were glad;
he called them, and they said, 'Here we are!'

They shone with gladness for him who made them.

³⁵ This is our God;
no other can be compared to him.

³⁶ He found the whole way to knowledge,
and gave her to his servant Jacob
and to Israel, whom he loved.

³⁷ Afterwards she appeared on earth
and lived with humankind.

4She is the book of the commandments of God,
the law that endures for ever.

All who hold her fast will live,
and those who forsake her will die.

- ² Turn, O Jacob, and take her;
walk towards the shining of her light.
- ³ Do not give your glory to another,
or your advantages to an alien people.
- ⁴ Happy are we, O Israel,
For we know what is pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 19

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- ¹ *The heavens declare the glory of God, **
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- ² *One day tells its tale to another, **
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³ *Although they have no words or language, **
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴ *Their sound has gone out into all lands, **
and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵ *In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; **
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶ *It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens*
*and runs about to the end of it again; **
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- ⁷ *The law of the Lord is perfect*
*and revives the soul; **
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- ⁸ *The statutes of the Lord are just*
*and rejoice the heart; **
the commandment of the Lord is clear

and gives light to the eyes.

*⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; **

*the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.*

*¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, **

*sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.*

*¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.*

*¹² Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.*

*¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; **

*then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.*

*¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, **

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Collect

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A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

37:¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' ⁴Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath* to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to

come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath* in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath:* Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath,* and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Choir Anthem

Collect

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A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Zephaniah 3:12-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

¹⁸ as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain after each verse is sung:

ISAIAH 12: 2-6*

JACK NOBLE WHITE



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

VERSE

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

REFRAIN

VERSE

Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

REFRAIN

VERSE

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.

REFRAIN (sung twice)

Collect

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The Sermon

From an ancient homily on the holy and great Sabbath

Memorial of Baptism

Celebrant:

On this most Holy Night, let us pray for all those everywhere who will receive the Sacrament of new birth and for ourselves as we recall and give thanks for the blessings bestowed on us at our own baptisms.

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send us into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets apostles and martyrs, with Molly Brant, Peter & Annie Cassey, and all the saints; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the eternal life of the saints in light, through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant blesses a vessel of water, first adding a measure of salt.

O God, Who for the salvation of mankind has built your greatest mysteries on this substance, water, in your kindness hear our prayers and pour down the power of your blessing ☩ into this element, made ready for many kinds of purifications. May this, your creature, become an agent of divine grace in the service of your mysteries, to

drive away evil spirits and remind us of the grace given to us at our baptism. May the wiles of the lurking Enemy prove of no avail. Let the healthfulness of body and spirit, obtained by calling upon your holy name, be made secure against all attack. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Response: *On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Celebrant: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Response: *On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Celebrant: All of us who were baptized into Christ

Response: *Have clothed ourselves with Christ.*

Then all say together:

*“I saw water proceeding out from the temple from the right side,
and all they to whom that water came shall be saved.”*

The Celebrant sprinkles the congregation with the blessed water as a Memorial of Baptism.
A few moments of silence are kept.

The First Eucharist of Easter

Please carefully extinguish your candles at this time.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Response: *Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

The Gloria *Hymnal Flyleaf*

The Collect

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A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Romans 6:3-11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?⁴Therefore 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.⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.⁶We 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.⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin.⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hymn No. 208, verses 1-3

Latin, Trans. By Francis Pott

Victory

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, O Christ*

John 20:1-18

²⁰¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'
³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ ¹⁶Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” ’ ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sequence Hymn No. 208, verses 4 & 5

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

Preparation Hymn 204

by John M . C. Crum

Noel nouvelet

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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Opening Verses (Tune S-120 in Hymnal)

Holy Holy Holy (Tune S-125 in Hymnal)
The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking of the Bread

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The Fraction Anthem – Hymn 333 by Jaroslav J. Vajda *Now*
Communion Hymn 324 From the Liturgy of St. James
Picardy

The Post-Communion Prayer

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.

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and welcomed us as children of God through the resurrection of our Savior, bestow upon you the riches of heavenly blessings. *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 forever. *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 May God Almighty, our Creator, our Savior, and the very Breath of our life, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where God lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 473 By George W. Kitchin *Crucifer*

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

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