



The Great Vigil of Easter

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*"He is not
here; for he
has been
raised"*

**The Episcopal Church
of the Annunciation**

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THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

In darkness, the new fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the People and asks God's blessing on the fire. The Paschal candle is then lighted from the new fire. From its flame, the People's hand candles are lighted. A minister then leads the procession into the Church, pausing three times and singing.

Cantor: The Light of Christ

Hymnal S68

People: Thanks be to God

The Exsultet (*All standing*)

Foster Peterson - BCP 286

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

The People are seated for each story and stand at the reading of the collect.

THE STORY OF CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Hymn: *For the beauty of the earth, Vs. 1, 3&6*

Hymnal 416

A Collect (*The People Stand*)

BCP 288

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA Exodus 14:10-15:21

Hymn: *When Israel was in Egypt's Land*

Hymnal 648

A Collect (*The People Stand*)

BCP 289

SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL

Isaiah 55:1-11

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

BCP 86

A Collect (*The People Stand*)

BCP 290

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Psalm 43, Judica Me, Deus

BCP 644

A Collect (*The People Stand*)

BCP 290

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Zephaniah 3:12-20

Hymn: *Praise to the living God, Vs. 1&4*

Hymnal 372

A Collect (*The People Stand*)

BCP 291

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 292

THE WORD OF GOD

A loud clap will sound and the announcement of Easter is proclaimed three times. Bells are rung here. At the first announcement, hand candles may be extinguished.

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

Christ our Passover: *Pascha Nostrum*

Hymnal S48

The Collect of the Day

BCP 295

The Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

The Great Alleluia, *Cantor Bliss Peterson*

Hymnal S70

Psalm 114

BCP 756

Sequence Hymn: *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

Hymnal 199

The Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

The Homily

Rev. Paul McCabe

Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

Prayers of the People

Intercessor

The Peace *(All greet one another in the name of the Lord)*

BCP 308

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: *Christ is Risen*

Choir

The Presentation Hymn, *Vs.3*

Hymnal 380

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer B*

BCP 367

Sursum Corda: *Lift up your Hearts*

Hymnal S120

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Hymnal S130

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Communion Hymn: *Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia!*

Choir

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

The Easter Blessing

Recessional: *Guide me, O though Great Jehovah*

Hymnal 690

The Dismissal

BCP 366

The Postlude:

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Welcome to Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

If this is your first time with us, we hope you will join us for a reception celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. If you wish to learn more about ECA, please sign the guest book or fill out a guest card so we can answer any questions you may have about our ministry and worship services. Thank you for joining us.

Collect of the Day

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.*

Easter Blessing

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

Thank You Joe Lozier and the ECA Choir Members.

A special thank you to Joe Lozier and the Choir for their dedication and hard work with our hymns and music during Holy Week and Easter. We are very blessed indeed as we listen with joy and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior this night.

Reception Following Tonight's Easter Vigil Service

There will be a reception following the service over in the Swift Building. Please come join us for a celebration as we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Risen Lord and Savior on this night. Special thanks go to our volunteers and St. Martha's guild for preparing the reception.

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