



**Happy Easter!**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2022**

### **THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE**

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. Now bless this new fire for the life of the risen Christ that it might forever shine in the darkness of the world, the Light that shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant:** 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, and the Celebrant, bearing the Candle, lights the candles of the congregation.*

### **The Exsultet**

**Celebrant:** Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

**People:** Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

**Celebrant:** Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

**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.

**Celebrant:** 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.

**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.

**Celebrant:** 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.

**People:** This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

**Celebrant:** 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.

**People:** 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.

**Celebrant:** 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.

**People:** *Amen.*

### PROCESSION TO THE CHURCH

*The people follow the Paschal Candle into the nave. The Celebrant stops at the doors to the Church and says:*

**Celebrant:** The Light of Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*The doors of the Church are opened and the people follow the Celebrant down the aisle. The Celebrant stops in the aisle of the nave and says:*

**Celebrant:** The Light of Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*The Celebrant places the candle in the holder at the front of the Church and says:*

**Celebrant:** The Light of Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*The lights in the Church are turned on and the Celebrant gives the Easter greeting.*

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

*(Please remain standing)*

**Hymn “Welcome, happy morning!”**

**Hymnal 179 (omit \* verses)**

### **The Collect of Purity**

**Celebrant and People:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Song of Praise “Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord”**

**Hymnal 178**

## THE COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

*(Please be seated)*

### **The First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

**Reader:** A reading from Acts.

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm: Psalm 118:14-17, 19-24**

**Reader:** The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

**People:** There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

**Reader:** "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

**People:** I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

**Reader:** Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

**People:** "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

**Reader:** I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

**People:** The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**Reader:** This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

**Reader:** A reading from Colossians.

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Gospel Hymn "At the Lamb's high feast we sing"**

**Hymnal 174**

**The Gospel: Luke 24: 1-14**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

**Narrator:** On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,

**Man:** "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

**Narrator:** Then the women remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other

women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. “Larry” Packard**

**Celebrant:** Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now as we continue amidst the pandemic and discern the next chapter in our parish, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

### **THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Celebrant:** Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People:** I do.

**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.

**Celebrant:** Gracious heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us and empower us to keep our baptismal vows for the mission of your church through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### THE LITANY FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION

*(Please be seated)*

**Celebrant:** Gracious God, in Baptism you have made us one Body in Jesus Christ. Inspire our witness to him through our parish family.

**People:** We give thanks for your saving presence, O Lord.

**Celebrant:** Hear our prayers of thanksgiving for bearing us through the pandemic. Grant that you might deliver us and all your people in the days ahead.

**People:** We give thanks for your saving presence, O Lord.

**Celebrant:** We pray for those who are sick, especially those with Covid and all terminal illnesses, for those separated from their loved ones, whose cries are known to you alone. Bless and uphold those who care for them.

**People:** We give thanks for your saving presence, O Lord.

**Celebrant:** We give thanks for those who have come before us. May their presence uphold us during this interim period and prepare us for our future.

**People:** Hear our prayers of thanksgiving, O Lord.

**Celebrant:** Send your Spirit upon us and bind us together in the many ways that we have found to worship you.

**People:** Hear our prayers of thanksgiving, O Lord.

**Celebrant:** Grant that we might reach forth our hands in love in generous and creative ways to all those in need.

**People:** Send us forth for ministry, O Lord.

### THE PRAYERS

**Reader:** Let us pray for those in need everywhere.

#### Prayers for those on Our Prayer List

**Reader:** For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

All Those Afflicted by the Virus and Those Who Care for Them

Carter Harrigan

Stephen Brown

Tisha Austin

Patrick Farragher

Althea Prins  
Fred & John Warren  
Stella Waltemeire  
The Hollinger Family  
Bob Stewart  
TJ Hill  
Russell & Lula  
Candi & Taylor  
Gwenivere Black  
Evan Hansen  
Laura Harrigan  
Liam Ferguson  
The Pisciotta Family

**Reader:** Are there other prayers?

*The People may add their own petitions.*

**Reader:** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those with special ministries, especially:

Those Serving Our Country  
Shawn Austin  
Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospital and Emergency Room Workers  
Our Children, Our Schools, and Our Neighbors

### **Prayer for the People of Ukraine**

**Reader:** Almighty God our heavenly Father, hear our prayers for the people of Ukraine. Deliver them from the ravages of war, uphold their refugees and bind up their wounds. Guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they might live in peace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **Prayer for The Church of Our Redeemer**

**Celebrant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone - a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Reader:** We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Celebrant and People:** Have mercy upon us, most merciful, Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Absolution**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **THE PEACE**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

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

**People:** And also with you.

*(Please be seated)*

### **Announcements**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn “The day of resurrection!”**

**Hymnal 210 (vs. 1,3)**

**“Doxology” at the Presentation**

**Hymnal 380 (vs. 3)**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** 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:

#### **The Sanctus**

**Hymnal S-130**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Celebrant:** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

**Celebrant:** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People:** 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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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 for ever. *Amen.*

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

**Celebrant and People:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

**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.

### **Covid Protocol Instructions for Receiving Holy Communion**

1. *We are following the CDC guidelines for Loudoun County, masks are optional.*
2. *The Celebrant sanitizes his hands prior to the consecration of the elements and remains masked for the reading of the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution.*
3. *At the distribution, we ask that you come forward, socially distanced with no more than 3-4 people at the altar rail at a time.*
4. *Stand or kneel at the rail. The Celebrant will drop the wafer into your hands. Partake the bread at the altar rail.*

5. *The Celebrant or Lay Eucharistic Minister will bring a tray of cups with wine to you. Take one and partake the wine at the altar rail.*
6. *Place the cup in the receptacle on your way back to the pew.*
7. *Please wait until those who have received Communion return to their seats so that we avoid passing each other in the aisle.*
8. *If you discover that you had Covid during this worship service or for a 2-week period following worship with us, please notify the office at redeemeraldie@gmail.com.*

*(Please be seated)*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Celebrant and People:** 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.*

### **THE BLESSING**

**Celebrant:** Go forth on this day in the power of the resurrection with the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Closing Hymn “Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!”**

**Hymnal 207**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Postlude “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain”**

### **Special Thanks to the Following**

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. “Larry” Packard*

**Organist:** *Emma Jane “E.J.” Cochran*

**Trumpeter:** *Andrew Velez*

**Reader:** *Laura Ho*

*We also want to recognize the work of our  
Altar Guild and Ushers, as well as, those who read during the service.*

**Please join us after service for our Fellowship Dinner in our Parish Hall.**

## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Rev. Larry Packard by email [l.packard@verizon.net](mailto:l.packard@verizon.net) or phone (703) 425-8315.