



The Great Vigil of Easter

**The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California
Russian River Deanery
April 3, 2021, 8:00 p.m.**

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The Triduum, or Great Three Days, is the time from the evening of Maundy Thursday through the evening of Easter Sunday. It is the center of the church year, the hinge on which all our worship turns. In the Triduum we are joined with Jesus Christ in the Paschal mystery of his death and resurrection.

In Greek and Latin, the word for Easter is *Pascha*—the same word used for the Jewish Passover. Indeed, Easter is simply the feast of Passover as it was kept by the first disciples of Jesus, whose experience of Passover was forever marked by the events of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. While the liturgies of Easter have developed into uniquely Christian observances, they share a common heritage with the Passover celebrated by our Jewish siblings, commemorating God's rescue of the chosen people from slavery in Egypt many centuries before.

Our worship tonight is not just a dramatic reenactment of something that happened long ago. Rather, in this liturgy, we encounter God here and now, working in our lives today. As we gather for the Great Vigil of Easter, we experience the presence of the risen Jesus Christ in our midst, in suffering and in joy.

This year's Easter Vigil is unique. Over the past year, we have learned much about worshipping together even when we cannot be physically in the same place. Tonight we will take advantage of the livestreaming technology that has become so much a part of our worship life this year to join together as several congregations who are also one Body in Christ:

St. Michael and All Angels, Fort Bragg
St. Paul's, Healdsburg
Chapel of St. George, The Bishop's Ranch, Healdsburg
St. Patrick's, Kenwood
St. Stephen's, Sebastopol
Incarnation, Santa Rosa
St. John's, Petaluma

Preparing for Worship

You can participate in our Vigil service from wherever you are.

- To join the service on Zoom, where we can see and hear one another, visit this link: <http://zoom.us/j/997787434>.
- To pray along with the livestream on Facebook, visit: <http://facebook.com/incarnationsantarosa/live>
(No Facebook account is needed. Your own congregation's Facebook or web page may also carry the livestream.)

You may want to have some or all of these things with you:

- A single candle, set up in a central place where you will be celebrating this liturgy. You might decorate this candle, if you like. You might keep it in a prominent position (perhaps the table where you eat) for the Fifty Days of Easter.
- *(optional)* A smaller candle for each person.
- A bowl of water, and something to sprinkle the water with. An evergreen sprig works well for this, but you could use a small brush, a kitchen whisk, or anything you have.
- *(optional)* One or more bells, or anything that will make a festive sound. (In a pinch, shaking a ring of keys works well!)

Begin the liturgy with the candles unlit, and the lights dimmed, if possible.

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THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

In the darkness, fire is kindled.

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a -

way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.

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Led by Miles McKenzie, St. Stephen's, Sebastopol

One of the priests says

Daniel Green, St. John's, Petaluma

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.

The new fire is blessed as follows

Sally Hubbell, St. Paul's, Healdsburg


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 in each place is lighted from the newly kindled fire. The people may light their own candles.


Laurie Warren, St. John's, Petaluma

Deacon People




The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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One of the deacons sings the *Exsultet*, an ancient hymn of praise for the Easter light:

The Exsultet


Book of Common Prayer, p. 286

Kate Sefton, St. Stephen's, Sebastopol

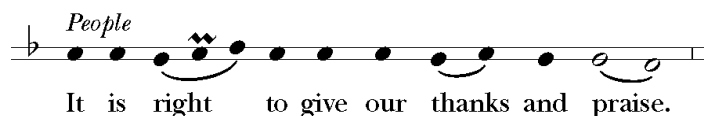
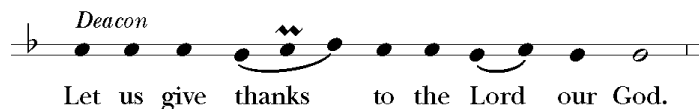
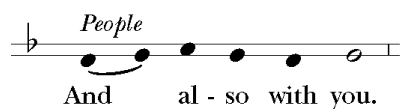
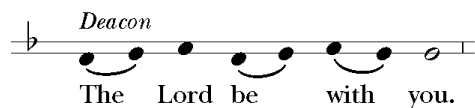
Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let 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,

Deacon People



... for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

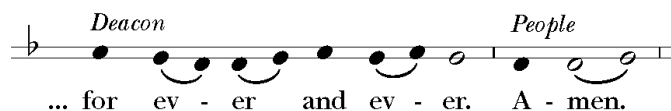


It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, 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.

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. 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.

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



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THE VIGIL READINGS

If convenient for you where you are, you are invited to keep your candle lighted and lights dimmed during the Vigil readings.

One of the priests says

Stephen Shaver, Incarnation, Santa Rosa

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

First Reading: The Story of Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:4a; paraphrase)

"The Creation," from God's Trombones

James Weldon Johnson

Read by Marisha Zeffer, Bishop's Ranch

Chant: Be still

Ruth Cunningham

Led by Chris Berardo, Bishop's Ranch

All are invited to sing (with microphones muted)

Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am
Be still and know
Be still
Be.

Permission to print chant words obtained from Ruth Cunningham

One of the priests says

Megan Anderson, Bishop's Ranch

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Second Reading: The Flood (Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13)

Read by Marilyn Ganz, St. Patrick's, Kenwood

The LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind — every bird, every winged

creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh — birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth — so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Anthem: *Build an ark*

Marianne P. Wilcock

Diane Melder, piano, and Mark Kratz, voice, St. Patrick's, Kenwood

One of the priests says

Doyle Dietz Allen, St. Patrick's, Kenwood

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Third Reading: Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21; paraphrase)

"Let My People Go," from *God's Trombones*

James Weldon Johnson

Read by Carole Ward, St. Stephen's, Sebastopol

Poem: *Fierce blessing*

Jan Richardson

Read by Liza Brickey, St. Stephen's, Sebastopol

Believe me when I say
there is nothing
this blessing would not do
to protect you
to save you
to encompass you.

This blessing
would stand between you
and every danger,
every evil,
every harm
and hurt.

This blessing
would dare
to wade with you
into the waters that come
bearing life.

It would make
a way for you
through the waters that
come
threatening death.

I cannot explain
how fierce
this blessing feels
about you
but I can tell you
it has more than pledged
itself to you;
it would lay down
its life for you
and not once
look back in regret
nor go in sorrow
for what it has chosen
to give.

And you —
so deeply blessed,
so utterly encompassed —
what will you save
in turn?

Not because
it is owed
but because
you cannot imagine
failing to pass along
this grace
that casts its circle
so wide,
this love
that flows
so deep
through this perilous
and precious life.

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One of the priests says

Christy Laborda Harris, St. Stephen's, Sebastopol

Let us pray.

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.**

Fourth Reading: Salvation Offered Freely to All (Isaiah 55:1-11)

Read by Robin Knutson, St. Michael and All Angels, Fort Bragg

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Response: *Surely God is my salvation*

from *Music Sourcebook for Lent and the Three Days*

Led by the Knutson family, St. Michael and All Angels, Fort Bragg

Choir or cantor



1 Sure-ly God is my sal - va - tion, I will trust and shall not fear.
2 Thus with joy you shall draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's wells and springs.
3 Tell the na - tions of God's glo - ry, make this known in all the earth.



God the LORD is strong and might - y, my sal - va - tion true.
Sing your thanks to God Al - might - y for these won - drous deeds.
Praise the LORD, the God of Is - rael, call up - on God's name.

Refrain - All



Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O Daugh-ter Zi - on!

Sing ho-san-na!



Great in your midst is the LORD, the Ho - ly One!



Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh - ter Zi - on!



Great in your midst is the LORD, the Ho - ly One!

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One of the priests says

Randy Knutson, St. Michael and All Angels, Fort Bragg

Let us pray.

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.**

Fifth Reading: The Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Read by William Rhoads, St. John's, Petaluma

The 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. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I 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."

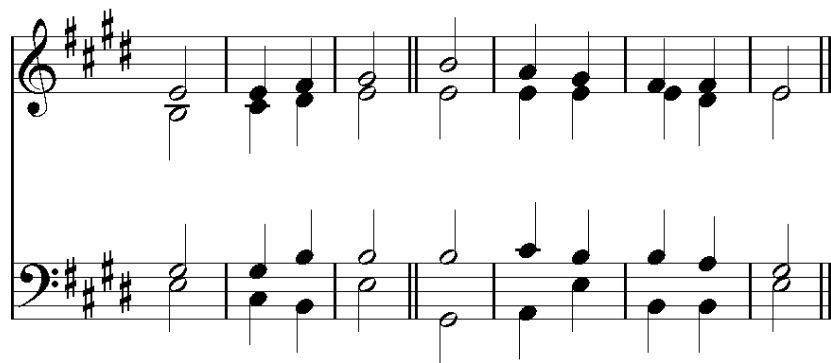
So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy 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." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

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.' 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. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 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.

Psalm: Psalm 30 (Exaltabo te, Domine)

Book of Common Prayer, p. 621

Led by the Gaudete Choir, St. John's, Petaluma: Suzanne Gray, Kevin Jones, and Susan Stewart, with Kira Poluektov, organ



- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have | *lifted* me up *
and have not let my enemies | triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried | out to you, *
and you re- | **stored** me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going | **down** to the grave.

(continued)



- 4 Sing to the LORD, you | *servants* of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his | **ho-li**-ness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the | *twinkling of an eye*, *
his | favor for a *lifetime*.
- 6 Weeping may | spend the night, *
but | joy comes in the *morning*.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never | be disturbed. *
You LORD, with your favor, made me as |
strong as the *mountains*."
- 8 Then you | hid your face, *
and | I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to | you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the | **Lord**, say-ing,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood if I go |
down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear O LORD, and have mercy u- | **pon** me; *
O LORD, | be my **hel**-per."
- 12 You have turned my | *wailing into dancing*; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and |
clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you | without *ceasing*; *
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks for **e-ver**.

Psalm tone by Richard Farrant (1525?-1580).

One of the priests says
Let us pray.

Daniel Green, St. John's, Petaluma

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

All who have been baptized and have become members of Christ's Body, the Church, now renew the vows of their faith.

If you have not been baptized, you are invited to reflect on these vows and promises. Try them on prayerfully. Ask God whether you are being called toward baptism: toward taking your own place as a full member of the Body of Christ.

One of the priests says

Stephen Shaver, Incarnation, Santa Rosa

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 that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all the works of evil, and promised to serve God faithfully in the holy Catholic Church.

One of the priests says

Daniel Green, St. John's, Petaluma

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

One of the priests says

Sally Hubbell, St. Paul's, Healdsburg

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

One of the priests says

Stephen Shaver, Incarnation, Santa Rosa

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The people may be sprinkled with water as a sign of their baptism.

Sprinkling Hymn: *Living water*

Barbara Bridge

Liv - ing wa - ter, a foun - tain with - in, gift of e - ter - nal life: _____

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quench our thirst and re - fresh our _____ souls, Spir - it of truth and love.

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Led by Miles McKenzie, St. Stephen's, Sebastopol

THE EASTER LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Doyle Dietz Allen, St. Patrick's, Kenwood

Song of Praise: *Acclamation for Easter*

Gordon Young

Diane Melder, piano, and Mark Kratz, voice, St. Patrick's, Kenwood

During the Song of Praise, bells may be rung or noise made, and all the lights may be lit brightly.

The Collect of the Day

One of the priests says

Megan Anderson, Bishop's Ranch

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Read by Linda Maxwell, St. Paul's, Healdsburg

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.

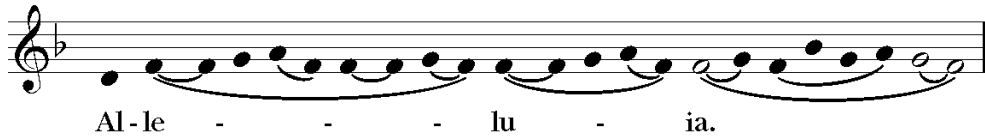
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Great Alleluia

Led by Stephen Shaver, Incarnation, Santa Rosa

The Alleluia is sung three times, each time at a higher pitch, and the people repeat it each time.



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Psalm 114

The Plainsong Psalter

Jim Gibboney, St. Paul's, Healdsburg, cantor

This psalm tone, known as *Tonus Peregrinus* ("wandering tone,") is one of the most ancient liturgical melodies still in use today. It is traditionally used at Easter for Psalm 114.



- 1 *Hällelujah!*
When Israel / came out of Égypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people / of strange spëech,
- 2 Judah became / God's sanctuáry *
and Israel his / domínion.
- 3 The sea / beheld it ánd fled; *
Jordan turned / and wént bäck.
- 4 The / mountains skipped líke rams, *
and the little hills / like yóung shëep.
- 5 What ailed you, / O sea, that yóu fled? *
O Jordan, that / you túrned bäck?
- 6 You moun/tains, that you skípped like rams? *
you little hills / like yóung shëep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at / the presence óf the Lord, *
at the presence of the God / of Jácöb,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into / a pool of wáter *
and flint-stone into / a flówing spring. [Ant.]

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The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

read by Pamela Moore, Incarnation, Santa Rosa

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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 Sermon

Linda Clader, St. Paul's, Healdsburg

Tonight's sermon is a translation of the ancient Homily for the Easter Vigil by St. John Chrysostom.

The Prayers of the People

adapted from a form by Gail Ramshaw and Gordon Lathrop

Led by Laura McLellan, Incarnation, Santa Rosa

On this most holy night, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, those in need, and all the members of God's family, saying, "In your mercy, hear our prayer."

We pray, O God, for all the churches around the globe: for their bishops and clergy; for the newly baptized; for those who cannot assemble for worship; for faithful endurance in times of sorrow and distress; and for a deepening sense of your presence among us.

O God, you are our Temple: in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the well-being of creation: for plants, animals, and all beings you have created; for the health of our waters and our air; and for human beings, your stewards of this planet, that you may inspire in us a more passionate will to care for your earth.

O God, you are our Rainbow of promise: in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for peace and justice in the world: for an end to war and international turmoil; for right treatment of all and for healing in our troubled society; for all those in authority, and all those whose well-being depends on their decisions.

O God, you are our Mighty Fortress: in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for all in need: for those who are poor, hungry, and homeless; for those who are sick and those awaiting death; and for those we name before you here, either silently or aloud.

The people may offer their own prayers for others, either in silence, or by unmuting and speaking.

O God, you are the Healer of our every ill: in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for all who have suffered from the coronavirus: all who mourn their dead; all who have lost their employment; all who fear the present and the future. Support all who work toward an end to this pandemic. In your merciful power, grant us healing.

O God, you are our Everlasting Arms: in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the desires of our hearts.

The people may offer their own prayers for their own longings, either in silence, or by unmuting and speaking.

O God, you are our Heart's Desire: in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for all who have died, particularly those we name now, silently or aloud.

The people may offer their own prayers for those who have died, either in silence, or by unmuting and speaking.

Remember all who have died in the faith, and bring us at the final resurrection into your everlasting life, where sorrows will be no more.

O God, our Beginning and our End, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

One of the priests says

Randy Knutson, St. Michael and All Angels, Fort Bragg

Into your gracious and mighty hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Megan Anderson, Bishop's Ranch

People **And also with you.**

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Daniel Green, St. John's, Petaluma

Offertory Sentence

Sally Hubbell, St. Paul's, Healdsburg

Offertory Anthem: *Alleluia* (from *Regina coeli*, K. 108) W. A. Mozart; arr. by Patrick Liebergen

Virtual recording by the Alleluia Choir, Incarnation, Santa Rosa, and singers from around the deanery

Offertory Hymn: *This joyful Eastertide*

Hymnal 1982, #192

Virtual recording by the Alleluia Choir, Incarnation, Santa Rosa, and singers from around the deanery

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in
vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris en.

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The Lord's Prayer

led by Daniel Green, St. John's, Petaluma

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

**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 Easter Blessing

One of the priests says

Christy Laborda Harris, St. Stephen's, Sebastopol

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *Concertato on "Christ the Lord is risen today"*

arr. by Hal Hopson

Virtual recording by the Alleluia Choir, Incarnation, Santa Rosa

The congregation is invited to sing on verses 1, 2, and 4.

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2. 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!

(choir)

3. *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!*

4. 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!

*Patty Armstrong and Mary Kennaugh, handbells; Daniel Gianola-Norris, trumpet;
Robert Young, organ*

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt.; arranged by Hal H. Hopson as *Concertato on "Christ the Lord is risen today"*

The Dismissal

One of the deacons dismisses the people:

Laurie Warren, St. John's, Petaluma

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: *Toccata*

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

*Paul Blanchard, St. Paul's, Healdsburg, organist
Played on St. Paul's new tracker pipe organ: Bigelow & Co., Opus 43*



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