



Saint Paul's EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

TO TEACH, CELEBRATE AND SERVE CHRIST

Welcome to this Liturgy

Please turn off audible cell phones and pagers.



The Great Vigil of Easter
April 3, 2010

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Blessing of the New Fire

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words

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 Procession

*Sung three times at successively higher pitches,
congregation repeating each time.*

*(As the congregation's candles are lighted by flame from the
Paschal Candle, please pass the flame along the pew.)*



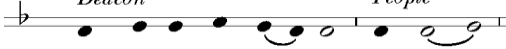
The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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

Exsultet: “Hymn of Praise to Christ the Light”

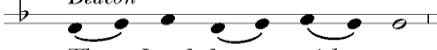
Congregational responses:

Deacon *People*



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

Deacon



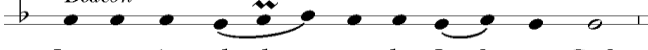
The Lord be with you.

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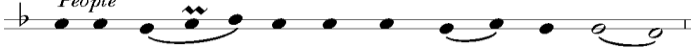
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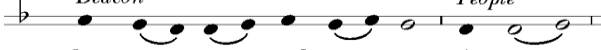
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It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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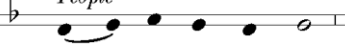
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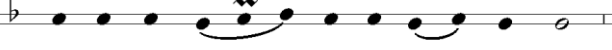
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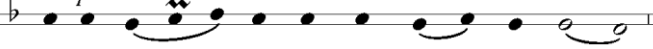
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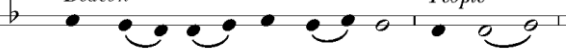
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The Liturgy of the Word: The Prophecies

*The people may sit for the reading of the lessons,
psalms and hymns and for the collects.*

First Lesson: The Story of Creation, Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Lector: A reading from the Book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-11 (*remain seated*)

Mode 1

The Refrain is first sung by the Choir and then by All.



Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save both man and beast, O Lord. **Refrain**

How priceless is your love, O God! Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights. **Refrain**

For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart. **Refrain**

Let not the foot of the proud come near me, nor the hand of the wicked push me aside. **Refrain**

Let us pray. (*silence*)

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 Lesson: Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea,

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

Lector: A reading from the Book of Exodus

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. They 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? Is 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." But 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. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But 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. Then 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. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

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. It 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.

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. The

Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At 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. He 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."

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." 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. 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. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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

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. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(remain seated)

Let us pray. (*silence*)

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.**

Third Lesson: A New Heart and a New Spirit,

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Lector: A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows and the First Communion of Easter

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 that our Lenten observance is ended, 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.

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

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

Salutation (*repeated three times*)

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Ringing of Bells by the congregation

*As the Gloria is sung,
you may extinguish your candle and
place it in the sand buckets in the outside aisle.*

Glory to God, #S280

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The Collect

God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up on 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.

The Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

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 Prayers of the People

Deacon

Joined by those newly baptized in Christ, and filled with joy on this queen of feasts, let us offer prayers to God who fills the darkness of the world with the light of Christ.

Leader

For the holy Church of God, Katharine our Presiding Bishop, Skip, our bishop, all bishops, priests, and deacons, our new brothers and sisters, this holy gathering, and all the holy people of God.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

O God, as the renewal of nature takes place all around us, help us renew a right spirit within us and live in the resurrection light.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

O Resurrected Christ, be more present in our daily lives that we might celebrate and serve you better.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Come Holy Spirit and guide us in your ways. Inspire us with your wisdom and your love, and enlighten the darkness of our lives.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

In our Companion Diocese, we pray for all sister parishes in El Salvador and Central New York.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

In our St. Paul's Cathedral cycle of prayer we pray for the Vestry and Staff.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

In our Cathedral Square Cycle of Prayer we pray for our neighbors, and for the revitalization of the city we share.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Deacon

For the victims of greed and violence, and for all who are in need: the desolate, forgotten, suffering, and lonely, the ill, and those we now name either silently or aloud, (*Sandy Abraham, David G., Susan Schueler, Robin, Dana, Don, Gloria, Joanna, Edith, Ethel Thomas, Tom Hum, Lydia, Marcie, Valerie Alston, Mark, Arthur McKenna, Wayne Suriner, Sue Suriner, LoreLee Wilson, Karenann McConnell, Ruth Unger, Barbara Ulrichs, Mary Jo, Bob & Janice Trendell, Anne & Bill Belknap, Etienne and Guasha, Alethia, Harry Yeiser, Jr., Craig, Lucena, Eric Armstrong, Billy Konrad, Evelyn Armstrong, Richard Davis, George Hooker, Edith Ferguson, Elizabeth H., Joey Bernardo, Cynthia Bell, Kim-Megan-Eric, Gladys Cooper, Vito Corbo, Virginia Rhode, Sophia, Cynthia Coursen, Jim, Diane Page, Judy Thomas, Chris Dranchek, Elizabeth Diefendorf, Arthur Diefendorf, Doris Lanius, Peg Belden, Diego, Rob McConnell, Dr. P.H., Nancy Truesdail, Nardy Harland, Rahel Reger, The Bahling families – Craig, Kim, Brittany, Scott, Cheri, Alexa, Anne Davis, Frank Romano, Mark Birch, Carol Hays, Karen & James Linderman, Nancy Braack, Jeanne Friedel, Jadrian, Mary Ellen Brzozowski, Debbie Beishline, Marie Rumsey, Martha Mack Callahan, Mitchell Stewart, Andrew Pilgrim Witkin, Betty De Dell, Yee Hum, Neil Payne, Mary Hastings, Katherine, Suzanne Hoffman, Ken, Emma, June Bisson, Michael Kwiek, Margaret Kraai, Nancy Collins*) and for all who assist them with hands of healing.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We pray for those who have died, those we now name either silently or aloud... we pray to the Lord.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul the Apostle, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: To you, O Lord our God.

Priest

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus, Hymn #S129

Robert Powell

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

(At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.)

On the night before he died for us, Our Saviour Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Paul the Apostle and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Celebrant and People

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem, Hymn #154

from New Plainsong, David Hurd

At the Communion, Hymns 187, 334, 191

Postcommunion 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.

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.**

Processional Hymn, 205

“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing” *Gelobet sei Gott*

The Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Gelobet sei Gott*

Healey Willan

Everyone is invited to a reception following the service.

April 3, Holy Communion & Easter Vigil

Altar Prep/Clean-up Nancy & Harry Lambright, Jim Pecoy

Flower Guild Sandy Wiley

7:00 p.m.

Verger Julie Gedro

MC Betsy Barker

Ushers/Greeters Terry & Debbie Beishline

Acolytes Lexi Greenhalgh

Readers D.J. Igelsrud, Steve Pekich, Jon Howell

Prayers Steve Pekich

Chalice Betsy Barker

April 4, Holy Communion & Easter Day

Altar Prep/Clean-up Nancy & Harry Lambright, Jim Pecoy

Flower Guild Sandy Wiley

8:00 am

Usher/Greeter

Readers Margaret Sherwin

Chalice Carol Decker

10:00 am

Verger Rebecca Livengood

MC Betsy Barker

Ushers/Greeters Jeanne Greenhalgh, Ron Ferguson

Acolytes Lexi Greenhalgh

Readers Julie Gedro, Kathy McLaughlin

Prayers Jonathan Howell

Chalice Karenann McConnell

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