

SAINT MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
April 11, 2020

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THE THIRD OF THE THREE DAYS

The Easter Vigil, also called the Paschal Vigil or the Great Vigil of Easter, is a service held in many Christian churches as the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Historically, it is during this service that people are baptized and that adult catechumens are received into full communion with the Church. It is held in the hours of darkness between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Day—most commonly in the evening of Holy Saturday—but is considered to be the first celebration of Easter Day, since the Christian tradition considers feasts and other days of observance where Masses are celebrated to begin at sunset of the previous day.

The Easter Vigil is marked by the first use since the beginning of Lent of the acclamatory word “Alleluia”, a distinctive feature of the liturgy of the Easter season.

Because the new liturgical day begins at sunset, the vigil begins between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Sunday outside the church, where an Easter fire is kindled and the Paschal candle is blessed lit.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are always welcome at St. Margaret’s because we seek to reflect to the world that we believe God to be generous, inclusive, and welcoming; and that God loves every person more than we could ever ask or imagine.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Rev. Amy Denney Zuniga of Grace Church, St Helena, California

THE EXSULTET -

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

O My Soul

Ann Strickland

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THE STORY OF CREATION

Genesis 1:1 – 2:2

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 Savior. **Amen.**

THE FLOOD

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:8-18; 9:8-13

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 Savior. **Amen.**

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10-15:1

Story told by Dave Frangquist of St Aidan's Church, San Francisco for St Margaret's

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 Savior. **Amen.**

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Let us pray.

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 Savior. **Amen.**

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A PORTION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT
Grace Church, St Helena, California

EASTER ACCLAMATION
The Rev. Amy Denney Zuniga of Grace Church, St Helena, California

EASTER HYMN

ZACK NYEIN

Ha - le-lu - jah, Christ is ris-en! Ha - le-lu - jah, we are free! Ha - le-lu - jah,
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Christ is ris - en! We have been re - deemed!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God is with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**
Presider 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.**

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

FR TOMMY DILLON

The Reading the Easter sermon of John Chrysostom (circa 400 AD)

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor For the Church, for the bishops throughout our Anglican Communion, and especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Morris, Bishop of our diocese, and Tommy our Rector and for each of us, that we may embrace the mystery of the Pascha, and give witness to the living Christ in our midst; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, those who have left us an inheritance of God's blessings, and who now join in the chorus of angels and the saints in paradise; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor In thanksgiving for all who have gathered here today to share in this Holy Eucharist, that we may each be changed by the message of new life, and the Food of eternal hope, growing richly and fully into the forgiving compassion of Jesus; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor Christ, Morning Star, shine in us and through us as we continue our prayer.

Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.
When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O

Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and adopted us as children through the resurrection of our Savior, bestow on you the riches of blessing.

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.

May God, who has brought us out of slavery into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: J. Walsh, Epou Davidova, 1708

EASTER HYMN
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THE DISMISSAL

Presider
 People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.