

ST LUKE'S AND ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Diocese of Ottawa

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This land we are upon is the traditional territory of the Algonquin people.



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday, April 20th, 2019 at 8 pm

A fire is kindled outside on the corner of Somerset and Elgin Streets.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries, confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Redeeming God, source of life and light, you made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light; bless this new fire, set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PREPARATION OF THE CANDLE

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age for ever. **Amen.**

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us. **Amen.**

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The paschal candle is lit from the new fire. As the procession led by the paschal candle enters into the church, all candles are lit and the following is sung three times.

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE EXSULTET

A Christian hymn dating from the fifth century, the Exsultet tells the story of salvation history, giving thanks for the paschal candle as a constant reminder of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

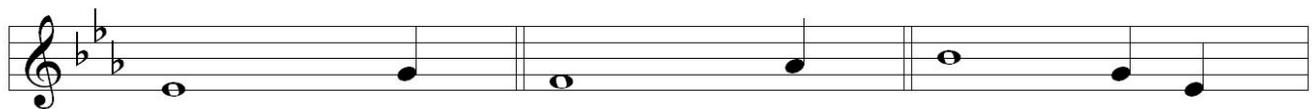
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fellow pilgrims on the Christian way, let us now listen to the story of how God saved the people of Israel by mighty acts in their history, and in the fullness of time came among us in Christ Jesus as our Redeemer.

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

PSALM 136:1-9, 23-26



Your Love sustains us. Your Love sustains us. Your Love sustains us.

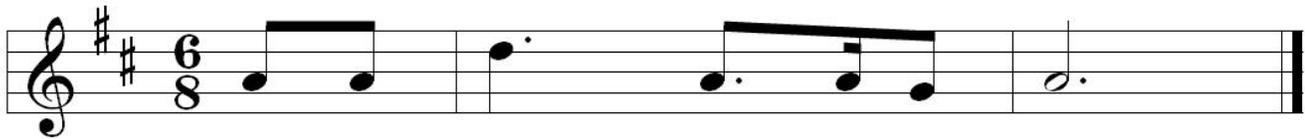
PRAYER

Faithful God, you have placed the rainbow in the skies as a sign of your covenant with all living things; may we who are saved through water and the Spirit worthily offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SECOND READING

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

CANTICLE 1 (SONG OF MOSES)



Let us sing, sing to the Lord.

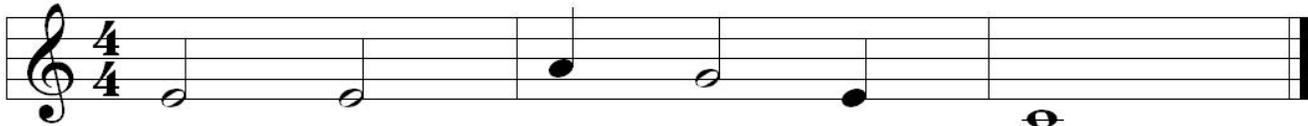
PRAYER

God of steadfast love, by the power of your mighty arm you delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, giving us a sign of salvation through the waters of baptism; grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THIRD READING

Romans 6:3-11

PSALM 114



You are nev - er a - lone.

PRAYER

Gracious God, in the mystery of your Son's death and resurrection you established the new covenant of reconciliation; grant that all who in baptism are born again may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith. Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GRADUAL HYMN 239

Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

**Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appall us.
Jesus lives! By this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath**

when we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia!

**Jesus lives! For us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they 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, '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.' Then they 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.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Love's Redeeming Work (Tom Annand)

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism.

Praise to God who has given us life.

Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Do you believe in God our divine Father and Mother?

We believe in God, our Father and Mother, Creator of heaven and earth.

We believe that all creatures come from the loving hand of God, and that we have been called to be faithful stewards of God's gift of creation.

Because of our belief in God as Creator, we choose to celebrate the beauty and diversity of God's creation. And we commit ourselves to lives of simplicity and gratitude, generosity and wonder.

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

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by 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 God the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe Jesus Christ came for the redemption, healing, and freedom of all people, especially the poor and oppressed. We believe that he resisted evil non-violently and taught us to love our enemies.

Because of our belief in Jesus as redeemer, we commit ourselves to pursue peace and non-violence. And we commit ourselves to proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life.

We believe that the Holy Spirit moves us to love and enables us to break down the barriers of race, gender, age, class, orientation, and ability. We believe God's Spirit gives us the wisdom and power to be reconciled through forgiveness. Hope and love are now possible because of this living gift of God's presence among us.

Because of our belief in God as Spirit, we choose to be a community that welcomes all to our table, and to love those who differ from us. We choose, with God's help, to strive for justice and compassion among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being. We also choose to resist evil, and when we sin, to repent and return to the Lord. We believe that the gift of the Spirit inspires us to a new vision of what the world can be.

Do you believe that God has created the church, the body of Christ, to bear faithful witness to Jesus, to reflect God's glory and to be a means of grace and healing to others?

We believe the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

We believe that the Church is a community in which all people have equal worth and one in which we celebrate the power of love and resist the love of power. We believe that we are called to be a living sign, instrument and foretaste of the reign of God. And we believe that our source of hope and joy is the presence of the risen Jesus.

Because of this belief, we commit ourselves to prayer and acts of mutual love, to study the scriptures and to heed God's call.

May God who has given us the will to do these things, give us the grace to do them. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE WATER

We thank you God for your love in all creation, especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel; through the Red Sea waters you led them to freedom in the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism. He died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all. It is Christ who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

We thank you that through the waters of baptism you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life. In the new covenant we are made members of your Church and share in your eternal kingdom.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to Christ, we celebrate our fellowship in him through faith. We pray that all who pass through the waters of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

SIGNING OF THE CROSS

Those who wish are invited to come forward to mark the renewal of their baptismal vows by receiving the sign of the cross in water on their foreheads: Remember you are Christ's own forever.

MOTET

Rise Up, My Love (Healey Willan)

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Risen Christ, come in your victorious power, affirm in us the goodness of God, give us new life, reconcile us in peace, assure us of your final triumph, make us faithful in witness, fulfil in us your promises. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the grace of Jesus Christ our risen Lord, the love of God who raised him from the dead, and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life, bless you ✠ and keep you. Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN 211

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

RECEPTION

Please join us for hot cross buns and juice following the service.

<i>Presider</i>	The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff
<i>Preacher</i>	The Reverend Victoria Scott
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
<i>Organist</i>	Dr Gordon Johnston

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