

He is risen

C E L E B R A T E T H E R E S U R R E C T I O N

Easter Vigil - April 11, 2020

Welcome! Those who know us best describe our church as a family. All are welcome to call St. Peter's home, and we hope you will too. If you are a newcomer to St. Peter's, please reach out on stpetersmckinney.com and let me know that you joined our live-stream. I look forward to getting to know you better! **Father Perry Mullins** | Rector

The service begins in the dark.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle *BCP 285*

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.

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.

As the Paschal candle is lit, you may light a candle at home.

Deacon The light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**


The Exsultet

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, for ever and ever.

People 
A - men.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

Answer **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Answer **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 for ever and ever.

People 
A - men.

The Liturgy of the Word

BCP 288

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

Please be seated.

The story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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.

Psalm 36:5

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Meditation

Israel's deliverance Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

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.”

The Song of Moses **Exodus 15:1**

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

Meditation

Salvation offered freely to all **Isaiah 55:1-11**

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.

The First Song of Isaiah **Isaiah 12:2**

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

Meditation

The valley of dry bones **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

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, "Prophesy 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 30:1

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

Meditation

Easter Proclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

The candles at the Altar are now lit from the Paschal Candle.

Hymn

The Hymnal 174, vs. 3

Mighty victim from on high,
 hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
 thou hast conquered in the fight,
 thou hast brought us life and light:
 now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 thou hast opened paradise,
 and in thee thy saints shall rise.

The Resurrection

Matthew 28:1-10

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."

Hosea 6:2

After two days God will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

Meditation

Blessing

Bells may be rung as the hymn is sung.

Procession *Stand as you are able.*

The Hymnal 207

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

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!

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!

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!

Dismissal

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

Easter Flowers

Daniel & Suzanne Carroll & Pete Rivera

In remembrance of Greta Rivera
In celebration of Dolores Carroll's 85th birthday

Bob & Lynn Christensen

In remembrance of H. H. & Alice Sanford and Edward
& Dorothy Christensen

Doug & Ina Garber

In remembrance of Bess, Bos, Joel, Jill, Mary, and Nolan
In thanksgiving for Kinslee

Jim & Judy Heasley

In remembrance of family members who are no longer
with us
In thanksgiving for our loved ones

Tony & Carolyn Hewitt

In remembrance of Harold & Christine Westbrook,
Charlie & Barbara Hewitt, Carolyn's sisters, Harriett,
Hazel and Joyce and niece Jennifer Imler
In thanksgiving for grandchildren Zackary and Aidan
Endy; Kyra and Connor Hewitt

Mark McElhinny

In remembrance of Jacqueline McElhinny, John
McElhinny & Ellen McElhinny

Jessica Meek

In remembrance of my husband, Dallas Meek

Fr. Perry & Sarah Mullins

In remembrance of Jon, Holly, and Amber Mullins
In thanksgiving for Lucas, and for our St. Peter's family

E. J. Nowak

In remembrance of Ken Nowak, Janice Weidner,
and Russ Ward

David & Mariana Pearson

In remembrance of our parents: Mary Jo Bailey, Lindell
and Earline Pearson
In thanksgiving for our sons, Jackson and Andrew

Janie Rohr

In thanksgiving for my family

Todd & Tammy Snively

In remembrance of Terry Snively, Jon Earnest, and
Kathy Earnest

Dave & Jamie St. Clair

In remembrance of Diane Stillwell, Eblin St. Clair &
Nancy St. Clair
In thanksgiving for Grace, Christopher, Owen, Connor,
Corie & Carlye

Tim & Sara Thomas

In thanksgiving for our parents, children & precious
grandchildren: Clara Mae & Jack

Lance & Carol Wichmann

In remembrance of the Chapman & Wichmann families

Frances Wilson

In remembrance of Harold & Edith
Wilson

Joe & Ann Younger

In remembrance of Wm & Audene
Younger, Dr. & Mrs. O. S. Gibbs,
Wes, Elisabeth, and Doris
In thanksgiving for our church, friends, and health.
Keep us all safe from harm.
God Bless America!





GREAT NEWS! JOIN US ONLINE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAYS

- 9:00a Morning Mass (FB Live)
- 10:00a Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)
- 10:30a Children's Chapel (FB Live)
- 8:00p Youth Compline (Zoom)

TUESDAYS

- 8:30a Morning Prayer (FB Live)
- 10:00a 3-4 Year Old Storytime (Zoom)

WEDNESDAYS

- 12:00 p Weekly Prayer Call (Zoom)
- 5:30p 3rd-5th Grade Hang-Out (Zoom)
- 6:00p Youth Group (Zoom)

THURSDAYS

- 8:30a Morning Prayer (FB Live)
- 10:00a Mtr. Kathy's Book Group (Zoom)
- 10:00a PreK-2nd Grade Storytime (Zoom)
- 12:00p Godly Play (Facebook / Youtube)

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