

ABOUT THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and rose victorious from the grave. Tonight, we hear the ancient stories of God's redeeming work. We move from darkness to light and from solemn chant to joyful song as we celebrate the glorious Resurrection. We rejoice tonight with a member of the Cathedral community as she receives the sacrament of Holy Baptism and we renew our own baptismal vows. On this, the holiest night of the Christian year, we rejoice as God in Christ invites us into new life.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016 · EIGHT PM



THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

THE LIGHTING & BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE

At eight o'clock, all stand and face the brazier at the west end of the nave. In the darkness, the Paschal Fire is kindled. The bishops pray over the Paschal Fire, and the people respond, Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

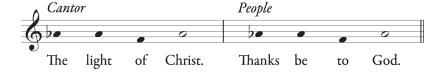
The bishops bless the Paschal Candle and the people respond, Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly-kindled fire. The procession moves through the Cathedral by the light of the Paschal Candle. In the course of the procession the people's candles are lighted.

To pass the light, please hold lighted tapers upright and allow others to light their wicks from the flame. As always, we ask the congregation to be mindful of their own safety, and that of others, when holding lighted candles.

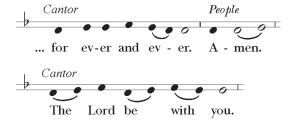
The procession pauses three times. At each pause the following is sung:

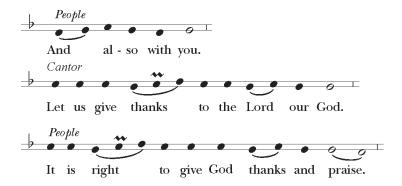


THE EXSULTET

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...





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.

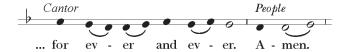
This is the night when you brought our ancestors, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

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 we are reconciled to God.

Holy God, 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...



The people are seated and extinguish their candles.

THE WORD OF GOD

We hear again the stories of God's saving work in history.

THE FIRST LESSON

The Creation

James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

PSALM 136:1-9; 23-26

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)



Cantor Give thanks to the God of gods,

People for God's mercy endures for ever.

Cantor Give thanks to the Lord of Lords,

People for God's mercy endures for ever.

Cantor Who only does great wonders,

People for God's mercy endures for ever.

Cantor Who by wisdom made the heavens,

People for God's mercy endures for ever.

Cantor Who spread out the earth upon the waters,

People for God's mercy endures for ever.

Cantor Who created great lights,

People for God's mercy endures for ever.

Cantor The sun to rule the day,

People for God's mercy endures for ever.

Cantor The moon and the stars to govern the night,

People for God's mercy endures for ever. Who remembered us in our low estate, Cantor for God's mercy endures for ever. People Cantor And delivered us from our enemies, People for God's mercy endures for ever. Who gives food to all creatures, Cantor for God's mercy endures for ever. People Cantor Give thanks to the God of heaven, People for God's mercy endures for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

Crossing the Red Sea Exodus 14:10-31; 15:1a

CANTICLE 8

The Song of Moses M. McCarthy

The cantor introduces the refrain, then all repeat.



I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously!

He has thrown the horse and his rider into the sea!

The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation. *Refrain*

He is my God, and I will praise Him; the God of my ancestors, and I will exalt Him.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power. Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

In the greatness of your power, you overthrow those who rise up against you. *Refrain*

In your mercy you have led your people to your holy dwelling.

You shall bring them in, and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance, in the place,

O Lord, which you have made for your dwelling, the sanctuary,

O Lord, which your hands have established. The Lord will reign forever and ever. Refrain

THE THIRD LESSON

Let us return to the Lord who saves us

Isaiah 55:1-11

CANTICLE 9

The First Song of Isaiah M. McCarthy

The cantor introduces the refrain, then all repeat.



For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. Refrain

And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name.

Make his deeds known among the peoples; See that they remember that his Name is exalted. Refrain

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. Refrain

HOLY BAPTISM AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The presentation & examination of the candidate

The candidate for baptism, Michelle Melvin Johnstone, is presented and the bishop questions the candidate and sponsors about the desire and readiness to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The bishop invites the people to stand.

Bp Mariann 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 with this person about to be baptized the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all evil works, and promise to serve God faithfully in the holy catholic Church.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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

People I do.

Bp Mariann Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bp Mariann 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.

Bp Mariann 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.

Bp Mariann 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.

Bp Mariann 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Bp Mariann 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.

The people's candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle.

The ministers, candidate, and sponsors move to the baptismal font.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Bp Mariann Let us now pray for Michelle, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.



Intercessor Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bp Mariann Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his

resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Bp Michael The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Bp Michael Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The bishop prays over the water. The people affirm the prayer with Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Bp Mariann I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Bp Mariann You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People Amen.

Bp Mariann Receive the light of Christ and carry it into the world.

People Amen.

Bp Mariann Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the

forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage and will to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of

joy and wonder in all your works.

People Amen.

Bp Mariann Let us welcome the newly baptized.

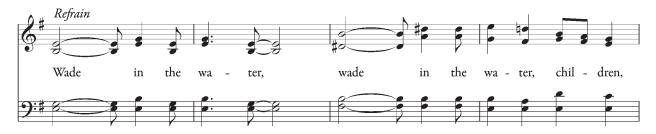
All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified,

proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The people remain standing, and are sprinkled with holy water, reminding them that they, too, have passed through the waters of baptism.

ANTHEM AT THE ASPERGES

Wade in the water traditional





See that host all dressed in white God's a-going to trouble the water The leader looks like the Israelite God's a-going to trouble the water

See that band all dressed in red God's a-going to trouble the water Looks like the band that Moses led God's a-going to trouble the water Look over yonder, what do you see? God's a-going to trouble the water The Holy Ghost a-coming on me God's a-going to trouble the water

If you don't believe I've been redeemed God's a-going to trouble the water Just follow me down to the Jordan's stream God's a-going to trouble the water

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Said three times.

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A fanfare sounds. The people extinguish their candles and join in the ringing of bells.

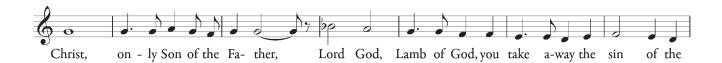


William Mathias (1934-1992)



















THE COLLECT OF EASTER

Bp Mariann The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Bp Mariann God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith

and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The people are seated.

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 people stand.

THE GREAT ALLELUIA

Cantor Now Christ is raised up from death. He will never die again. All who follow his way shall have life in him. Hallelujah, hallelujah.



THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24: 1-12

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women 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 believed 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of Bishop Michael.

SERMON Bishop Michael

The people stand.

THE PEACE

Bp Mariann Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen, bringing to all the peace of God. The peace of Christ be always with you. People And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Let all the world

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly. The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The Church with Psalms must shout! No door can keep them out! But above all the heart must bear the longest part! Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! (George Herbert, 1593-1633)

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Gelobt sei Gott



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bp Mariann The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Bp Mariann Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

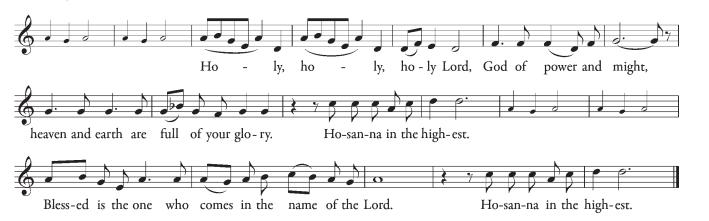
Bp Mariann Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The bishop offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

W. Mathias



The bishop gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Bp Mariann Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

All Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

Bp Mariann In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Peter and Paul and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.

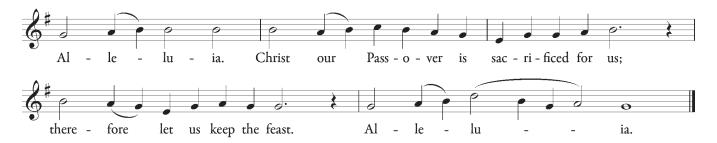
All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Douglas Major (b. 1961)



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Alleluia

Randall Thomson (1899-1984)

The people stand.





POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection has delivered us from the power of our enemy; grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF EASTER

Bishop Michael blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Gospeller Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The people are invited to ring bells throughout the final hymn.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

At the Lamb's high feast we sing



ORGAN POSTLUDE

Final, from Symphonie 1

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Salzburg

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry
The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde
The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope
The Reverend Stuart A. Kenworthy
The Reverend Canon Kelly Brown Douglas
The Reverend Preston B. Hannibal
The Reverend Canon Michael Buerkel Hunn

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HIGH ALTAR: in memory of Hibbard G. James, in memory of Nancy Mission Cooper, in memory of Paul H. Kea, FAIA; in loving memory of Grace Gibson, NCS '18, in memory of Mary Ashley Scarborough, in memory of Sita Finkenstaedt Gibson, in memory of Bishop James de Wolf Perry, on the anniversary of his installation as Presiding bishop 1930, in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brown Morgan, Jr.; ALTAR IN THE CROSSING: in honored memory of Frederick Weyerhaeuser; PASCHAL CANDLE AT THE ROOD SCREEN & THE MID-NAVE FONT: in loving memory of Catherine Elizabeth Fowler; THE PULPIT: in thanksgiving for the service of former dean, the Reverend Gary Hall and Kathy Hall; THE CANDELABRA IN THE HIGH ALTAR SANCTUARY: in loving memory of Mary Russell and Charles Bounds; ST. MARY'S CHAPEL ALTAR: in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, in loving memory of the Reverend and Mrs. Norman Egerton and Robert Marsden Goodchild; ANDERSON TOMB: in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson; ST. MARY'S CHAPEL GATES: in loving memory of Deborah W. Stone; HOLY SPIRIT CHAPEL ALTAR: in memory of Frederick James and Bertha Elise Wildman, in memory of Arthur Brammer on the anniversary of his birthday, in honor of Jean Schnell Auchincloss; ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL ALTAR: in thanksgiving for Reverend Dr. J.C. Gilland; CHILDREN'S CHAPEL ALTAR: in memory of Jennie May Mathis Malloy, in memory of Elizabeth Arcier, in memory of Elizabeth McCutchins Blood Miles, in honor of Lucas Richard Arnquist, in thanksgiving for our grandchildren Dane Roger Feller, Luke Tod McCullough, and future granddaughter to be born May 2016; CHRIST CHILD STATUE: in loving memory of Adriana Lusk Van der Steenhoven; CHILDREN'S CHAPEL FONT: in thanksgiving for the Altar Guild of Christ Church, Greenwich, Connecticut, in memory of Virginia McVey Morris, in honor of Michael Gaines Semler and Alexander Horatio Semler; WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL ALTAR: in memory of those who served in World War II, Class of 1941- Norristown, PA. High School - Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Baird, in memory of Bertha R. "Bert" Pence, in memory of Edwin H.B. Pratt; WEST END PILLARS: in loving memory of former Flower Guild members Lessie Sutherland and Dinnie Whitson; BETHLEHEM CHAPEL ALTAR: in memory of Marion G. Lemon; in memory of Stella E. Emerson, Margaret Sisson, and Bertha M. Gordon, in honor of the anniversary of Sarah Farmer Wall and John Edgar Wall, Jr.; RESURRECTION CHAPEL ALTAR: in memory of Rhoda Paxton Boggs and Mary K. Randolph, in loving memory of Luann Vaky; ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL ALTAR: in memory of Joseph Wilson; ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL COLUMBARIUM GATES: in memory of and thanksgiving for the Seferlis and Tidball families; ABIGAIL NORMAN PRINCE TOMB: on the anniversary of her death; DULIN BAY AND FOLGER BAY: in memory of J. Clifford Folger, and in memory of and thanksgiving for Blanche Scott Dulin, Edward Milton Dulin Sr., and Dr. William C. Dulin; GOOD SHEPHERD CHAPEL ALTAR: in honor of the Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre; THE ORGAN CONSOLE: in honor of Michael T. Hosang, Esq. and in memory of Ruth D. & Paul Lieber; THE BAPTISTRY: given to the glory of the Risen Lord, for children and adults new to the life of faith through baptism, and in loving memory of Jeanette and Edmond Arsenault and Harriet and Harry Rogstad; USHERS' CARNATIONS: memory of Charles Sidney Forbes; in memory of Lieut. James Norbert Matthews.

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