The Great Vigil of Easter



WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

ABOUT THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Great Vigil of Easter is the most significant liturgy of the Christian year and is the culmination of the Triduum—the Sacred Three Days. The service begins in total darkness. The Cathedral is slowly illuminated by the candles of the faithful as we observe the Paschal Mystery—the passage from darkness into light, from death into life—told through ancient texts, scriptural readings, and sacred music, telling of God's saving actions through history. Into this story, we welcome those who are to be baptized into the household of God, as we who witness this Sacrament reaffirm our own baptismal vows. The great moment of this night is the celebration of the First Eucharist of the Resurrection, gloriously announced with *Alleluias*. The Paschal Candle burns as a sign of the presence of the resurrected Christ and will burn throughout the Easter season, known as the Great Fifty Days.



The Great Vigil of Easter Saturday, March 30, 2024 • 8:00 pm

The people's responses are in **bold**.

The Service of Light

The Lighting & Blessing of the New Fire

At the appointed hour, all stand and face the west end of the nave. In the darkness, the Paschal Fire is kindled. The bishop addresses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

The Blessing & Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Making the sign of the cross and inserting grains of incense, the bishop blesses the Paschal Candle and the people respond, Amen.

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

The procession pauses three times and at each pause the following is sung (successively higher):



As the procession reaches the crossing and the Paschal Candle is placed in its stand, all remain standing.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION: 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 ...





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 ...



The Service of Lessons

Bishop 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.

The people extinguish their candles and are seated.

The First Lesson

The story of Creation

God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

God spoke: "Light!" And light appeared. God saw that light was good and separated light from dark. God named the light Day, he named the dark Night. It was evening, it was morning— Day One. God spoke: "Sky! In the middle of the waters; separate water from water!" God made sky. He separated the water under sky from the water above sky. And there it was: he named sky the Heavens; It was evening, it was morning-Day Two. God spoke: "Separate! Water-beneath-Heaven, gather into one place; Land, appear!" And there it was. God named the land Earth. He named the pooled water Ocean. God saw that it was good. God spoke: "Earth, green up! Grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants, Every sort of fruit-bearing tree." And there it was. Earth produced green seed-bearing plants, all varieties, And fruit-bearing trees of all sorts. God saw that it was good. It was evening, it was morning— Day Three. God spoke: "Lights! Come out! Shine in Heaven's sky! Separate Day from Night. Mark seasons and days and years, Lights in Heaven's sky to give light to Earth." And there it was. God made two big lights, the larger to take charge of Day, The smaller to be in charge of Night;

and he made the stars.

God placed them in the heavenly sky to light up Earth And oversee Day and Night, to separate light and dark. God saw that it was good. It was evening, it was morning-Day Four. God spoke: "Swarm, Ocean, with fish and all sea life! Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!" God created the huge whales, all the swarm of life in the waters, And every kind and species of flying birds. God saw that it was good. God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Ocean! Birds, reproduce on Earth!" It was evening, it was morning-Day Five. God spoke: "Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind: cattle and reptiles and wild animals all kinds." And there it was: wild animals of every kind, Cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug. God saw that it was good. God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth." God created human beings; he created them godlike, Reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

Then God said, "I've given you every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth And every kind of fruit-bearing tree, given them to you for food.

To all animals and all birds, everything that moves and breathes, I give whatever grows out of the ground for food." And there it was.

God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good! It was evening, it was morning-Day Six.

Heaven and Earth were finished, down to the last detail. By the seventh day God had finished his work. On the seventh day he rested from all his work. God blessed the seventh day. He made it a Holy Day Because on that day he rested from his work, all the creating God had done.

This is the story of how it all started, of Heaven and Earth when they were created.

(The Message)

PSALM 136:1-9, 23-26

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)



Cantor Give thanks to the Lord of lords, People for God's mercy endures for ever.

Cantor

Who only does great wonders, for God's mercy endures for ever.

People

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,

for God's mercy endures for ever. People

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.

Cantor Who remembered us in our low estate,

People for God's mercy endures for ever.

Cantor And delivered us from our enemies,

People for God's mercy endures for ever.

Cantor Who gives food to all creatures, 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 Collect

Leader 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 Lord.

People Amen.

The Second Lesson

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

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."

CANTICLE: THE SONG OF MOSES

The cantor introduces the refrain, then all repeat three times.



Leader 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 Lord. People Amen.

The Third Lesson

A new heart and a new spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28

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.

CANTICLE: 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, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. Refrain

THE COLLECT

Leader	Let us pray.
	Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation:
	Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they
	profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Pentle	Amen

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The Fourth Lesson

The gathering of God's people

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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M. McCarthy

The cantor introduces the refrain, then all repeat.



The Collect

Bishop Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Holy Baptism & Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

The Presentation \mathcal{C} Examination of the Candidates

The candidates, Olivia Grace, Ethan Derek, and Jacqueline Marie are presented.

The bishop questions the candidates about their desire and readiness to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The bishop invites the people to stand and addresses the congregation.

- BishopWill you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?PeopleWe will.
- *Bishop* 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 join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and 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.

The Baptismal Covenant

- *People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- *Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- PeopleI 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.

Bishop 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.

Obispa	¿Crees en	Dios el Padre?
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Pueblo Creo en Dios, Padre todopoderoso, creador del cielo y de la tierra.

- Obispa ¿Crees en Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios?
- Pueblo Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuestro Señor, que fue concebido por obra y gracia del Espíritu Santo, nació de la santa María Virgen, padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato, fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado, descendió a los infiernos, al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos, subió a los cielos y está sentado a la derecha de Dios, Padre todopoderoso. Desde allí ha de venir a juzgar a vivos y muertos.
- Obispa ¿Crees en el Espíritu Santo?
- *Pueblo* Creo en el Espíritu Santo, la santa iglesia católica, la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección de los muertos y la vida eterna.

Bishop People	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.	Obispa Pueblo	¿Seguirás fiel a la enseñanza y comunión de los apóstoles, en el partir el pan y en las oraciones? Lo haré, con la ayuda de Dios.
Bishop	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?	Obispa	¿Seguirás firme en resistir el mal y, cada vez que caigas en pecado, te arrepentirás y te volverás al Señor?
People	I will, with God's help.	Pueblo	Lo haré, con la ayuda de Dios.
Bishop	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?	Obispa	¿Proclamarás por palabra y ejemplo la buena noticia de Dios en Cristo?
People	I will, with God's help.	Pueblo	Lo haré, con la ayuda de Dios.
Bishop	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?	Obispa	¿Buscarás y servirás a Cristo en toda persona, amando a tu prójimo como a ti mismo?
People	I will, with God's help.	Pueblo	Lo haré, con la ayuda de Dios.
Bishop	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?	Obispa Pueblo	¿Lucharás por la justicia y la paz en el mundo y respetarás la dignidad de todo ser humano? Lo haré, con la ayuda de Dios.
People	I will, with God's help.		

The Prayers for the Candidates

The following is sung in response:

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L	ord, hear our prayer.		
Bishop	Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.	Obispa	Oremos por estas personas que están por recibir el sacramento de la nueva vida.
Cantor	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.	Cantor	Libera, Señor, a estas personas de la senda del pecado y de la muerte.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.	Pueblo	Señor, escucha nuestra oración.
Cantor People	Open their hearts to your grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer.	Cantor	Ábreles el corazón para que reciban tu gracia y tu verdad.
Cantor	Fill them with your holy and life-giving	Pueblo	Señor, escucha nuestra oración.
People	Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.	Cantor Pueblo	Llénalos del Espíritu que nos aviva y purifica. Señor, escucha nuestra oración.
Cantor	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.	Cantor	Guárdalos en la fe y en comunión con tu santa Iglesia.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.	Pueblo	Señor, escucha nuestra oración.
Cantor	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.	Cantor	Enséñales a amar al prójimo con la fuerza del Espíritu.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.	Pueblo	Señor, escucha nuestra oración.
Cantor	Send them into the world in witness to your love.	Cantor	Envíalos al mundo para dar testimonio de tu amor.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.	Pueblo	Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

Cantor	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.	Cantor Pueblo	Tráelos a la plenitud de tu paz y de tu gloria. Señor, escucha nuestra oración.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.	Obispa	Concede, Señor, que toda persona bautizada
Bishop	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.	Todos	en la muerte de tu Hijo viva en el poder de su resurrección con la esperanza de su regreso en gloria; por Jesucristo, que vive y reina ahora y siempre. Amén.
All	Amen.		

The ministers, candidates, and sponsors move to the baptismal font at the mid nave.

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

1	The Lord be with you. And also with you.	1	El Señor esté con ustedes. Y también contigo.
1	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.	1	Démosle gracias al Señor nuestro Dios. Es justo y necesario.

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

The Baptisms

The bishop baptizes the candidates, marks the sign of the cross on the foreheads of the newly baptized, and presents them with a lighted candle. After each action, the people respond, Amen.

Once the baptisms are concluded, the bishop prays over the newly baptized, saying:

Bishop	Let us pray.	Obispa	Oremos.
D . 1	Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.		Padre celestial: Te damos gracias porque por agua y el Espíritu Santo les has concedido a estos siervos tuyos el perdón de los pecados y los has levantado a la vida nueva de gracia. Sostenlos, Señor, con tu Espíritu Santo. Dales un corazón inquisitivo y perspicaz, la valentía de comprometerse y perseverar; la pasión por conocerte y amarte, y el don de gozar y maravillarse ante todas tus obras.
People	Amen.	Pueblo	Amén.
Bishop People	Let us welcome the newly baptized. 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.	Obispa Pueblo	Recibamos a los recién bautizados. Te recibimos en la familia de Dios. Confiesa la fe de Cristo crucificado, proclama su resurrección y participa con nosotros de su sacerdocio eterno.

The people remain standing as the ministers sprinkle them with blessed water, a sign of the renewal of their baptismal covenant.

The Hymn at the Asperges



First refrain sing "brothers," second "sisters," third "mothers," fourth "fathers."

The Acclamation of the Resurrection

Bishop	Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Bishop	Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Bishop	Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People	The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The people ring bells as they sing the hymn.

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The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop 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.

People Amen.

The people are seated.

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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Romanos 6:3-11

¿No saben ustedes que, al quedar unidos a Cristo Jesús en el bautismo, quedamos unidos a su muerte? Pues por el bautismo fuimos sepultados con Cristo, y morimos para ser resucitados y vivir una vida nueva, así como Cristo fue resucitado por el glorioso poder del Padre. Si nos hemos unido a Cristo en una muerte como la suya, también nos uniremos a él en su resurrección. Sabemos que lo que antes éramos fue crucificado con Cristo, para que el poder de nuestra naturaleza pecadora quedara destruido y ya no siguiéramos siendo esclavos del pecado. Porque, cuando uno muere, queda libre del pecado. Si nosotros hemos muerto con Cristo, confiamos en que también viviremos con él. Sabemos que Cristo, habiendo resucitado, no volverá a morir. La muerte ya no tiene poder sobre él. Pues Cristo, al morir, murió de una vez para siempre respecto al pecado; pero al vivir, vive para Dios. Así también, ustedes considérense muertos respecto al pecado, pero vivos para Dios en unión con Cristo Jesús.

Lector	Palabra de Dios.
Pueblo	Demos gracias a Dios.

The people stand as able at the introduction of the Great Alleluia.



The Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the bishop.

The Sermon

The people stand as able.

THE PEACE

Bishop	The peace of the Risen Christ be always
	with you.
People	And also with you.

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

EvangelistaSanto evangelio de nuestro Señor
Jesucristo según Marcos.PuebloGloria a ti, Cristo Señor.

Pasado el sábado, María Magdalena, María la madre de Santiago, y Salomé, compraron perfumes para perfumar el cuerpo de Jesús. Y el primer día de la semana fueron al sepulcro muy temprano, apenas salido el sol, diciéndose unas a otras: «¿Quién nos quitará la piedra de la entrada del sepulcro?» Pero, al mirar, vieron que la piedra ya no estaba en su lugar. Esta piedra era muy grande. Cuando entraron en el sepulcro vieron, sentado al lado derecho, a un joven vestido con una larga ropa blanca. Las mujeres se asustaron, pero él les dijo: «No se asusten. Ustedes buscan a Jesús de Nazaret, el que fue crucificado. Ha resucitado; no está aquí. Miren el lugar donde lo pusieron. Vayan y digan a sus discípulos, y a Pedro: "Él va a Galilea para reunirlos de nuevo; allí lo verán, tal como les dijo."» Entonces las mujeres salieron huyendo del sepulcro, pues estaban temblando, asustadas. Y no dijeron nada a nadie, porque tenían miedo.

Diácono	El evangelio del Señor.
Pueblo	Te alabamos, Cristo Señor

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Obispa La paz del Cristo Resucitado sea siempre con ustedes.Pueblo Y también contigo.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing the joy of Christ's love and resurrection this Easter season. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code on the back of this leaflet, or online at cathedral. org/give.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Anthem at the Offertory

Don't Cry	Sung by the ensemble and choir.	Kirk Franklin (b. 1970)
Why do you cry? He has risen. Why are you weeping? He's not dead. Why do you cry? He has risen. Why are you weeping? He's not dead.		
He paid it all on that lonely highway, And his anointing I can feel. He shed his blood for my transgressions, And by his stripes we are healed.		
Why do you cry? He has risen. Why are you weeping? He's not dead.		
So, as you go through life's journey, Don't you worry; lift up your head. Don't you cry, stop your weeping. He has risen. He's not dead.		
Don't cry, Wipe your eyes, He's not dead.		
Oh, don't weep. He's not asleep. Jehovah. He's not dead.		
The people stand as able at the introduction t	o the hymn.	

Hymn at the Presentation



The Great Thanksgiving

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

Bishop	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Bishop	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Bishop	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Bishop	It is right, and a good and joyful thing, alw

Bishop It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sung by all.

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.



We recall God's acts of salvation history. The bishop says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

Bishop Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Bishop We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the bishop has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

People	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,	Pueblo	Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino;
	thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.		hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.
	Give us this day our daily bread.		Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
	And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.		Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
	And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.		No nos dejes caer en la tentación y líbranos del mal.
	For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.		Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...

The Breaking of the Bread & the Fraction Anthem

The bishop breaks the bread in silence.



The Invitation to Holy Communion

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. For those who wish to consume wine, there are separate chalices for drinking and intincting (dipping the bread). You may either drink from a silver chalice or intinct (dip the bread) into a glass chalice. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion, you may indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

Those unable to receive Communion today are invited to say the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

Anthem at the Communion

Christus resurgens ex mortuis

Sung by the choir.

Sung in Latin.

Christ, being raise 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. He was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia.

(Romans 6:9-10 and Romans 4:25)

Hymn at the Communion



The people stand as able.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Señor Dios nuestro Padre, a través de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo has asegurado la vida eterna a tus hijos y en el bautismo nos has hecho uno con él: líbranos de la muerte del pecado y resucítanos a la nueva vida en tu amor, la comunión del Espíritu Santo, por la gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Amén.

THE EASTER BLESSING

The bishop blesses the people and the people respond, Amen.

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

Hymn at the Closing • 180

He Is Risen		Sung by all.		Unser Herrscher
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 He Come, Come, He 	is ris - en, ye sad and with high and is ris - en,	he is ris - en! Tel fear - ful heart - ed, wit ho - ly hymn - ing, hai he is ris - en! He	h glad smile and I our Lord's tri	ra - diant brow! - um - phant day;
he Death's not we	hath burst his long sha - dows one dark - some are free from	cloud is dim - ming yo	t the whole wide e - sus' woes are n - der glo - rious s - en to a	o - ver now,
death and break and	is con-quered, the pas - sion - ing o'er the a bright - er	we are free, Chri that he bore— sin pur - ple east, sym Eas - ter beam on	st has won the and pain can n - bol of our	vic - to - ry. vex no more. Eas - ter feast. eyes shall stream.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon	We are raised to new life with Christ. Go in	Diácono	Somos resucitados a la vida nu
People	his peace. Alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!	Pueblo	Cristo. Vayan en su paz. ¡Aleluya, a Demos gracias a Dios. ¡Aleluya, a

Postlude

Improvisation on "Victimae paschali laudes"

nueva con aleluya! aleluya!



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