

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**During this time of social distancing:** Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles** are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

**Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.**

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Symbols in the Bulletin:** **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

***A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.***

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words*

☞ 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, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

☞ 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.**

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted. The Deacon processes down the aisle, pausing three times to chant.*

☞ The light of Christ.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

☞ 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. **Amen.**

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☞ **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.

**☞ Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

### BAPTISMAL RITE

**P** The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**R** We present **Olivia Marie Dickie** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

**P** I ask **Olivia Marie's** parents and sponsors: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian Faith and life?

**R** I will, with God's help.

**P** Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

**R** I will, with God's help.

**P** Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**☞ I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**☞ I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**☞ I renounce them.**

**P** Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**☞ I do.**

**P** Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**☞ I do.**

**P** Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**☞ I do.**

**P** Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this candidate in their life in Christ:

**☞ We will.**

- P** Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

- P** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C** **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.**

- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** **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.**

- P** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**C** **I will, with God's help.**

- P** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**C** **I will, with God's help.**

- P** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**C** **I will, with God's help.**

- P** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**C** **I will, with God's help.**

- P** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**C** **I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

- D** Let us now pray for **those** who are about to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
- L** Deliver **Olivia**, and all your people, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Open all hearts to your grace and truth.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Fill **Olivia**, and all your people with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Keep **Olivia**, and all your people in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Teach **Olivia**, and all of us to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Send **Olivia**, and all of us into the world in witness to your love.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Bring **Olivia**, and all your people to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** 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 forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- P** We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
- P** We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**P** Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

**C Amen.**

### THE BAPTISM

**P** **Olivia Marie**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray... Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servants 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 to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

**C Amen.**

**P** **Olivia Marie**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

**C Amen.**

*A lighted candle is presented.*

**P** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**P** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C** **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.**

### AT THE EUCHARIST

**P** Alleluia. Christ is risen:

**C** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**P** Let us pray... Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Note: It is a tradition to ring small, tuneful bells as the Gloria is sung.*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
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you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most  
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glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray... Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection 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 resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

☞ **Amen.**

## 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.

☞ The Word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*H. 207, vs 1-3*

☞

***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!***



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."

**Sermon**

Michael Durning

*[Please be seated.]*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Good Christians All*

H. 205 vs 1,2,3

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** 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:

**A** ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]*

**P** 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."

**P** 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:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P** 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.

**P** 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.

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.

**A** Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**C 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**P** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C Alleluia. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**P** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray.

**G** **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

**P** The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**G** **Amen.**

**D** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**G** **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.**

HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection*

H. 210 vs 3

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Acolyte	Pat Cates
Lectors	Maureen Belote Pat Cates
Prayers for the Candidate	Maureen Belote
Ushers	John Schmidt and Jay Harvey
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates