

Holy Week
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The Great Vigil of Easter
Easter Sunday



Holy Week is the most sacred time in the Christian year. This year we cannot be together to commemorate God's saving acts, but this will not stop us from marking this holy time.

The liturgies in this book can be used by families, small groups, or individuals. We believe in one Baptism, so no Christian is ever alone. Whether we gather together physically or gather in spirit, Christ is in the midst of us. If you live alone, consider scheduling a time to call a friend or church member to share in these liturgies with you from a distance.

It will be helpful to read the directions (in italics) for each service before you begin. There is more information about each service, as well as links to sermons and music, on SaintLukesAuburn.org/holy-week.

Easter Vigil



Saturday, April 11, 2020

What You'll Need

- A large candle, plus smaller candles for each person participating
- A pitcher of water and empty basin
- A small bowl or container of salt
- Sprigs of rosemary or a similar plant
- This worship booklet
- The recording of the Exultet (on our website)
- Fr. Brian's Easter sermon (on our website)
- The recording of the Great Alleluia (on our website)

Easter Vigil At Home

Concerning the Service: This service is conducted once the sun has set, in a central room of the house, around a central table. Gather a large candle to represent the parish's paschal candle, which Fr. Brian will kindle with flint and steel at St. Luke's on this night, and smaller candles for each person participating. The large candle should be placed in a central area.

You will also need a pitcher of water, an empty bowl or basin, a small container of salt, and sprigs of rosemary or other greenery.

The service begins in the dark. Once the candles are lighted, they remain so through the readings until the lights are turned on before the Proclamation of the Resurrection.

If you have the option to begin by lighting a fire outside, that is recommended. If not, light the large candle during the first part of the service. The different parts marked "Leader" can be read by different members of the household, or friends connected by phone or video chat.

The Service of Light

The fire (or large candle) is kindled while someone says

Leader: 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 proclaiming his Resurrection, we share in his victory over death.

All other candles are then lighted from the large candle or fire. A candle is given to each person in the home or service.

Leader: The light of Christ.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Listen to our vocalist sing the Exultet on saintlukesauburn.org/holy-week. You may also read the Exultet aloud.

Leader: 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.

Thanksgiving for the Paschal Candle

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader:

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 Service of Lessons

Lighted candles are held during the reading of the lessons. Readings and psalms may be divided among those participating. After the reading and the Psalm or canticle that follows, the reader or another leader may say the concluding collect.

Leader: 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 First Lesson: The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:2

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:1-11

Together or responsively

Exultate, justi

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

¹¹But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

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. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10—15:1

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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 Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

The Song of Moses

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

Cantemus Domino

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *

the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *

the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *

the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to
your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

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. Amen.

Third Reading: The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

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, "Prophecy 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 143

Together or responsively

- 1 LORD, hear my prayer,
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 For my enemy has sought my life;
he has crushed me to the ground; *
he has made me live in dark places like those who
are long dead.
- 4 My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the time past;
I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.
- 7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
do not hide your face from me
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for I put my trust in you; *
show me the road that I must walk,
for I lift up my soul to you.

- ⁹ Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, *
for I flee to you for refuge.
- ¹⁰ Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- ¹¹ Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; *
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.
- ¹² Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
and bring all my foes to naught, *
for truly I am your servant.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Still by candlelight, gather in a central location with an empty basin and pitcher of water. You will also need a few sprigs of rosemary or another plant with which to sprinkle the water, and a small bowl of salt.

One person begins with the following prayer

Leader: 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 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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

One person pours clean water from a pitcher into a bowl or basin, while another says the following prayer.

Leader: 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.

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.

Each person then puts a pinch of salt into the water to represent the purity offered to us in Baptism, the salt waters of the Red Sea and the tears of repentance that lead our hearts to Christ.

The Baptismal Covenant

If you are not baptized and are saying this service alone, continue with the Apostles Creed on pg. 53 of the Book of Common Prayer. If an unbaptized person is with friends and family, say the portions of the Creed (the "I believe" sections) but remain silent for the baptismal promises.

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

Response: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

Response: 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.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Response: 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.

Leader: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Response: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

Response: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in
Christ?

Response: I will, with God's help.

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

Response: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Response: I will, with God's help.

Leader: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Each of the people gathered takes turns sprinkling water on one another with a sprig of rosemary or another plant. If you are alone, sprinkle the water on yourself, and remember that you are united to every other Christian through baptism or your desire to be baptized.

The Proclamation of the Resurrection

The Great Alleluia

Listen to a recording of the Great Alleluia, available at saintlukesauburn.org/holyweek

All the lights in the room are lighted at this point as someone says

Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Response: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Leader: 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 forever. Amen.

The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Listen to Fr. Brian's Easter sermon on saintlukesauburn.org/sermons

Prayers of the People

A leader bids the prayers with the following sentence of scripture

Leader: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy night, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, who has vindicated your Son before the nations of the world, guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another, and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, who has exalted our humanity by raising your Son to sit at your right hand, bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours and all those who are preparing to be baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son, especially Rhonda, Katy and Taylor; so transform us in the renewal of our minds that we may serve Christ in the world, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, who raised up your only Son that all may have new life in him, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially, _____; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, who by the resurrection of your only Son put death to flight and brought life and immortality to light, we commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Roger, Audrey, Ruth, Molly, Megan and Allene, that your will for

them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the ever blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Together, say the Pascha Nostrum

Pascha nostrum: Christ our Passover

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,

so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Dismissal

Leader: Alleluia! Alleluia! May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon us the riches of his blessing.

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Easter Sunday



Sunday, April 12, 2020

What You'll Need

- Your Easter dinner! Bread, wine, lamb, and eggs are most traditional, but you can serve what you normally would
- This worship booklet
- Bishop Megan's Easter Sermon (on our website)
- Recording of "In the Garden" Easter Hymn (on our website)

Easter Sunday Feast At Home

Concerning the Service: This service is best celebrated in the context of your primary Easter dinner. Prepare the meal, and then gather in a nearby room for the first half of the service.

After the prayers of the people, gather at the table. Bread, wine (or non-alcoholic alternative), lamb, and eggs are most traditional and have their own Easter blessings. The candles from Easter Vigil should be on the table, and will be lighted before the blessing on the Paschal Meal.

Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Response: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Easter

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn

Before the Gospel, sing your favorite Easter hymn or listen to the hymn "In the Garden" available on saintlukesauburn.org/holy-week

The Gospel: John 20:1-18

Reader: A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Please listen to Bishop Megan's Easter sermon, which can be found on our website. If you did not celebrate the Easter vigil, you may choose to listen to Fr. Brian's Easter sermon. Both sermons are available on saintlukesauburn.org/holy-week

All stand for the prayers

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Easter Blessing

One person reads the following prayer

Remember, O blessed Lord, the world you have made, and on this Easter Day visit our home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who have gathered here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort and strengthen us; and preserve us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

The Paschal Feast with Spiritual Communion

Those gathered now move to the dinner table. This form of Spiritual Communion was compiled in 1916 by the Anglican Bishop of Melanesia for use by missionaries in rural areas who could not regularly receive Holy Communion in a church.

The candles on the table are lighted. The people stand around the table for the following prayer.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

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 following prayers may be read together, or people may alternate, praying on behalf of all gathered.

In union, Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.

I present to you myself — my soul and body — with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you.

And since I cannot now receive the Holy Sacrament, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from you, O Lord. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

After this act, the and the table is set with meat, bread, wine (or alternative beverage), eggs, and other food for the Easter Feast. Food is distributed to all parties before the prayers begin. Different people may read the different prayers.

Blessing Over Wine

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of the fruit of the vine: Grant that we who share this wine, which gladdens our hearts, may share for ever the new life of the true Vine, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing Over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God; you bring forth bread from the earth and make the risen Lord to be for us the Bread of life: Grant that we who daily seek the bread which sustains our bodies may also hunger for the food of everlasting life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing Over Lamb

Stir up our memory, O Lord, as we eat this Easter lamb that, remembering Israel of old, who in obedience to your command ate the Paschal lamb and was delivered from the bondage of slavery, we, your new Israel, may rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the true Lamb who has delivered us from the bondage of sin and death, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing Over Eggs

O Lord our God, in celebration of the Paschal feast we have prepared these eggs from your creation: Grant that they may be to us a sign of the new life and immortality promised to those who follow your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing Over Other Foods

Blessed are you, O Lord our God; you have given us the risen Savior to be the Shepherd of your people: Lead us, by him, to springs of living waters, and feed us with the food that endures to eternal life; where with you, O Father, and with the Holy Spirit, he lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Leader: Grant, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The gathered people enjoy the Easter feast.

Dismissal

After the meal the service concludes with the following

Leader: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring us to our eternal inheritance.

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!