

GRACE GRACE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Great Vigil of Easter

The Service of Light

April 3, 2021

WELCOME TO GRACE

We recognize, celebrate, and give thanks for the many diverse gifts of God among us. We welcome persons of every race, language, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, national origin, immigration status, and economic level. We hold that discrimination is incompatible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We affirm all relationships founded on the principles of God's love and justice.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, following in the way of Jesus, seeks to effect transformational change in individuals, in our Portland neighborhoods, and in other communities near and far. To do this we will engage our spiritual, human and financial resources in creative partnerships with people and organizations to further God's work in our world.

The Great Vigil of Easter

8:00 pm

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, Page 285

Today's readings can be found at www.Lectionarypage.net

About the Great Vigil of Easter

This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and rose victorious from the grave. Tonight we hear the ancient stories of God's redeeming work, moving from darkness to light, from solemn chant to joyful song, as we celebrate the glorious Resurrection. This is the holiest night of the Christian year as God in Christ invites us into new life.

BELL PEAL

THE LIGHTING OF NEW FIRE

Book of Common Prayer, page 285

Cantor The Light of Christ

People Thanks be to God. (*Sung three times.*)



Beloved 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 linger in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord in which, by virtue of our baptism into his death, into the hope of his resurrection, we celebrate the New Life we have received by his Mercy, awaiting the time when we may gather again around your holy altar.

Light a candle for each person present.

Let us pray.

O God, you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that 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.**

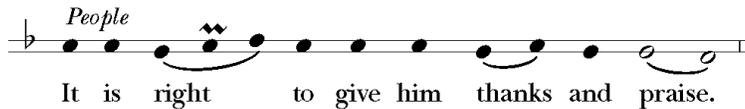
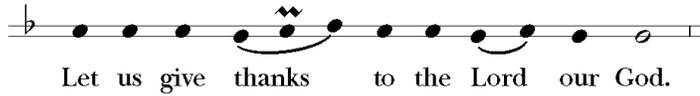
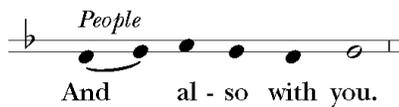
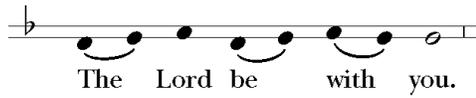
THE EXULTET

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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.

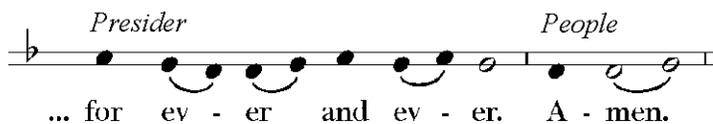


It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, 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.

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...



The Liturgy of the Word

Presider

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.



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- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the /heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the /clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great /deep; *
you save both man and beast, O /LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O /God! *
your people take refuge under the
shadow of your /wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your /house; *
you give them drink from the river of your de/lights.
- 9 For with you is the well of /life, *
and in your light we see /light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know /you, *
and your favor to those who are true of /heart.

COLLECT

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



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- 1 God is our refuge and /strength, *
a very present help in /trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be /moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the /sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and /foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its /tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with /us; *
the God of Jacob is our /stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of /God, *
the holy habitation of the Most /High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be over/thrown; *
God shall help her at the break of /day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are /shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt a /way.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with /us; *
the God of Jacob is our /stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the /LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on /earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the /world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with /fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am /God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the /earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with /us; *
the God of Jacob is our /stronghold.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE THIRD LESSON ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10-15:1

CANTICLE 8 THE SONG OF MOSES

Hymnal S-208

Antiphon in Lent and at the Easter Vigil (b)



I will sing to the Lord for he has risen up in might.

1. I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and up-lift-ed;
 the horse and its rider has he hurled in-to the sea. 2. The Lord is my
 strength and my re-fuge; the Lord has be-come my Sa-vior.
 3. This is my God and I will praise him, the God of my people and I
 will ex-alt him. 4. The Lord is a might-y war-rior;
 Yah-weh is his Name. 5. The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has
 he hurled in-to the sea; the finest of those who bear armor have been
 drowned in the Red Sea. 6. The fathomless deep has o-ver-whelmed them;
 they sank into the depths like a stone. 7. Your right hand, O Lord, is glor-ious

in might; your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the en - e - my.

8. Who can be compared with you, O Lord, a - mong the gods? Who is like you,

glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of won - ders?

9. You stretched forth your right hand; the earth swal - lowed them up.

10. With your constant love you led the peo - ple you re - deemed;

with your might you brought them in safety to your ho - ly dwell - ing.

11. You will bring them in and plant them on the mount of your pos -

ses - sion, 12. The resting - place you have made for your - self, O Lord,

the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has es - tab - lished.

13. The Lord shall reign for ever and for ev - er.

14. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:

15. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

COLLECT

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.**

THE FOURTH LESSON THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14

HYMN

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

Hymnal 508

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

COLLECT

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 with your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIFTH LESSON THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Zephaniah 3:14-20



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- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of /Zion, *
then were we like those who /dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with /laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of /joy.
- 3 Then they said among the /nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for /them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for /us, *
and we are glad in/deed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O /LORD, *
like the watercourses of the /Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with /tears *
will reap with songs of /joy.
- *7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the /seed, *
will come again with joy,
shouldering their /sheaves.

**second half of chant*

COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God of changeable 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 tranquillity 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. **Amen.**

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.

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
 1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
 the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,
 From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch. . . der Herzogl. Württembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.; adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973)
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GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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

People I do.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Presider

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.**

HYMN

WE WALK HIS WAY

South African words; tr. Anders Nyberg and Sven-Bernard Fast
Arr. Anders Nyberg; John Bell

E - we, thi - na. E - we,
We walk his way. We walk

thi - na. E - we, thi - na.
his way. We walk his way

E - we, thi - na.
We walk his way.

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SERMON

The Rev. Jeanne Kaliszewski

ANTHEM BE STILL

Rick Sowash
Psalm 46:10

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know God.

INTERCESSIONS

On this most holy night, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, those in need, and all the members of God's family, responding to each petition with the words *Hear our prayer*.

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for all the churches around the globe: for their bishops and clergy; for the newly baptized; for the believers who cannot assemble for worship; for faithful endurance during this time of sorrow and distress; and for a deepening sense of your presence among us.

A brief silence.

O God, you are our Temple: in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

We pray, O God, for the well-being of creation: for the health of seas and rivers and lakes; and for the will to care for your earth.

A brief silence.

O God, you are our Rainbow of promise: in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

We pray, O God, for peace and justice in the world: for an end to war and international turmoil; for concord in our troubled society; for the heads of state, legislators, and local civic leaders, that they enact wise procedures to deal with the coronavirus.

A brief silence.

O God, you are our Mighty Fortress: in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

We pray, O God for all who are facing the coronavirus: for all who mourn their dead; all who have contracted the virus; those who are quarantined or stranded away from home; those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future. We pray for physicians, nurses, and home health aides; medical researchers; and the World Health Organization. Fill the aching in our hearts with your merciful power.

A brief silence.

O God, you are our Everlasting Arms: in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

We pray, O God, for all in need: for those suffering for the faith; for those who are poor, hungry, and homeless; for those who are sick and those awaiting death; and for those we name before you here.

A brief silence.

O God, you are the Healer of our every ill: in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

We pray, O God, for the desires of our hearts:

A longer period of silence.

O God, you are our Heart's Desire: in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

Receive our thanks for all who died in the faith, and bring us at the final resurrection into your everlasting life, where sorrows will be no more.

A brief silence.

O God, our Beginning and our End, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

Into your gracious and mighty hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

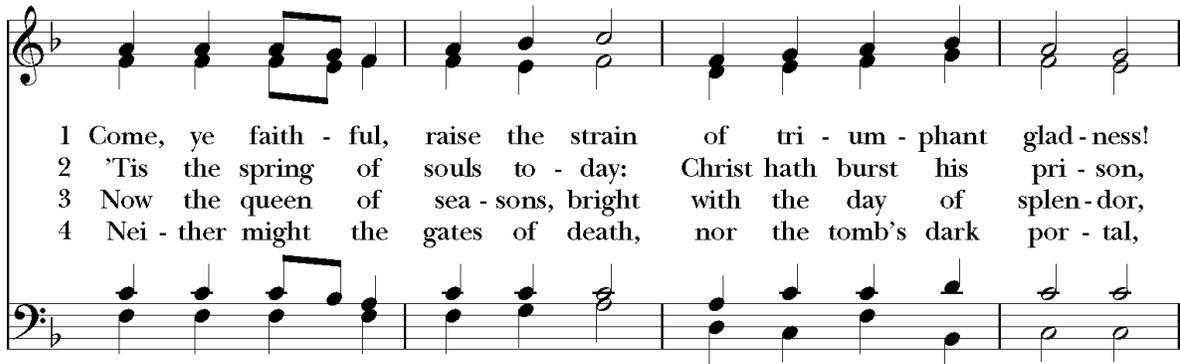
*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

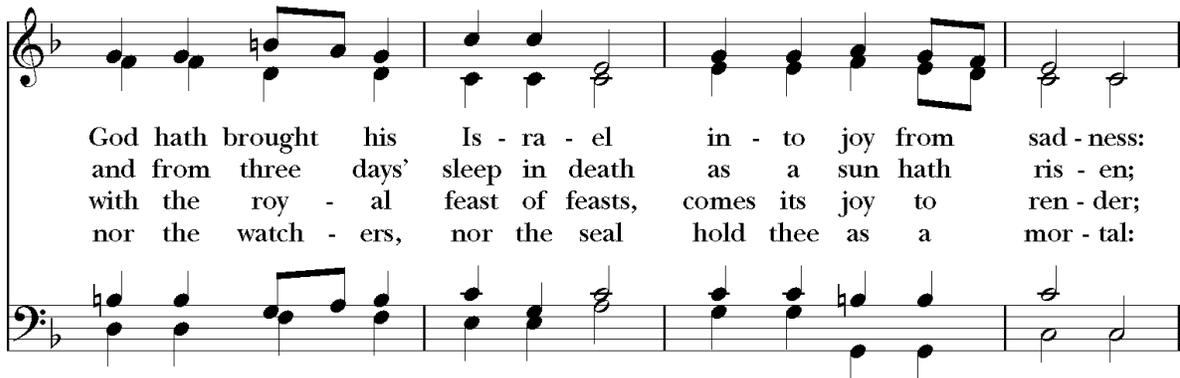
Presider Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

All are invited to ring bells throughout the final hymn.



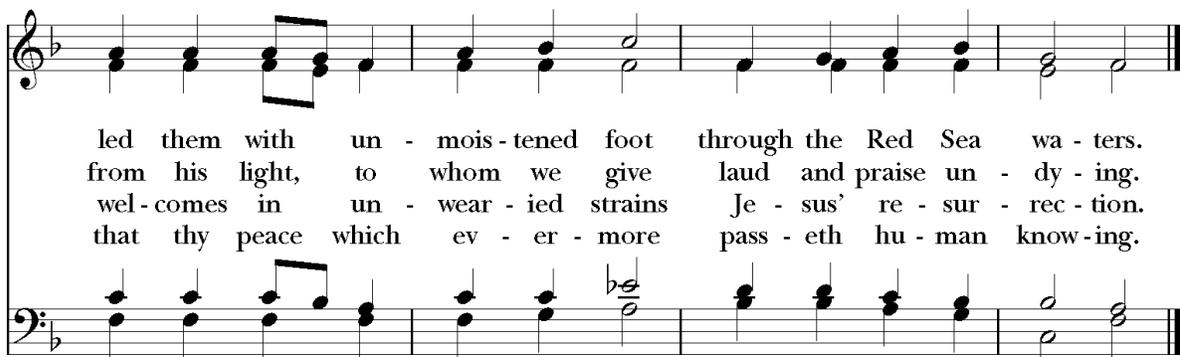
1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

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