

Saturday, April 15, 2017

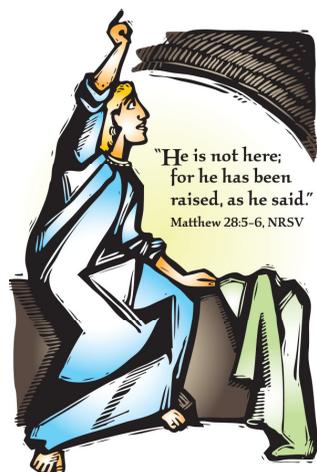
The Great Vigil of Easter

8:00 p.m. – Renewal of baptismal promises & 1st Eucharist of Easter

Welcome

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available
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Please ask an usher for a copy of the service music



The Service of Light

The Church remains as we left it on Good Friday, stripped and in solemn darkness.

All gather outdoors on the front steps (those who arrive early may want to sit in the Narthex until the service begins).

In the darkness, fire is kindled.

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray:

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The paschal candle is lighted from the new fire.

Cantor The light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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The paschal candle is placed in its stand in the middle of the Sanctuary.

The ancient Easter Hymn, The Exsultet, is sung.

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

First Reading: The Creation Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #641 “Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid”

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Second Reading: The Exodus Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #565 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Celebrant God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered 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. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Third Reading: The Gathering of God’s People Zephaniah 3:14–20

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #312 “Sing a New Song unto the Lord”

Celebrant O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably 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.**

The Resurrection Proclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

We extinguish our candles. The church lights come on. Festive music plays while the Sanctuary is vested for resurrection and the flowers of Easter are placed around the church.

Glory to God [Hymn #686]

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Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

People **and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Epistle Reading: Romans 6:3–11

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Acclamation: Alleluia

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1–10

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water 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 celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

Celebrant Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

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

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?

People **I will with God's help.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

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

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

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

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Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?

People **I will with God’s help.**

Those who wish to be marked with the sign of the cross are invited to come to the Font.

Celebrant God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the First Eucharist of Easter

Offertory Hymn #203 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving [from the Scottish Episcopal Church]

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

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Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women’s sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel’s release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: “Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.” After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

People

Arranged
by Michael
Leach

Celebrant

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People **Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Celebrant Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer [Arranged by Michael Leach]

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread #8

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

People **Now we share in your resurrection. Live in us, that we may live in you.**

The Communion

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia! The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymn

#207 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Doxology [Arranged by Michael Leach]

People **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you and those whom you live and serve, this holiest of nights, throughout this season of joyous resurrection and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #212 "Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er"

Dismissal

Subdeacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

We express our thanks to the Altar Guild, staff, and members of the congregation for their contributions to the Celebration of Holy Week.

Please join in the Resurrection Party following the service in the Narthex.

We express our thanks to Laura Pummell for arranging the party.

Easter at St. George on Yonge

Sunday, April 16

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Communion celebrating the resurrection

Sung Communion celebrating the resurrection with children's ministry



Wednesday, April 19

10:30 a.m.

Easter Wednesday

Seniors' Communion followed by lunch provided by Delmanor Senior Community

Celebrants	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Preacher	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Subdeacon	James Yu
Readers	Doug Heyes, Maggie Sumner, Geraldine Sperling, Max Wynter
Server	Doug Heyes
Chalice	Margie Lyttle

The Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Arthur Beecham, Betty & Terence Beecham, and Betty & Bill Woodruff from Ann Beecham & Family

Irving Chung, our loving brother, from his beloved sisters, Gloria, Ruth, Joan, Maureen, & the rest of the family

our parents, Helen & John Hunter and Gladys & Stan Pummell, from John & Laura Pummell

and in thanksgiving for my brothers & sisters in Christ from Marcia George Browne



Services

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS)
	3rd Sunday of the month (AAawe)	

BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a “harbour for love,” where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

AAawe (Amazing, Awesome, Alternate Worship Experience) is a Communion service that is more informal with alternative music and prayers

Incumbent	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Associate, Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Student Intern	James Yu
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria