

Saturday, March 31, 2018

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


“He has
been
raised;
he is not here.”

MARK 16:6

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 Command to Sacrifice Isaac Genesis 22:1–18

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber
Tune Hymn #96 Conditor Alme Siderum (CP 96)

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| <p>1 Protect me, Lord, for I have said,
“You are my good; none is like you;”
The godly are my chief delight,
Those who have noble hearts and true.</p> <p>2 Those who run after other gods
Shall have their troubles multiplied;
I will not offer blood or name
Their gods; these I cannot abide.</p> <p>3 You are my portion and my cup,
You make my lot always secure;
My boundaries close a pleasant land,
Indeed my heritage is sure.</p> | <p>4 I bless the Lord who counsels me,
My heart helps me to understand;
I set the Lord always before,
And as my guard at my right hand.</p> <p>5 My heart and spirit both rejoice,
My body, too, in hope shall lie;
You will not leave me in the Pit,
Nor in the grave with those who die.</p> <p>6 You show me, Lord, the path of life,
With you I find fullness of joy;
The pleasures found at your right hand
Are those which time cannot destroy.</p> |
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Gracious God, we bless your holy name for the heritage you have given us. Show us the path of life, that we may follow it in hope, and come to know the joy of the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebrant God and Father of all who believe in you, you promised Abraham that he would become the father of all nations, and through the death and resurrection of Christ you fulfil that promise; everywhere throughout the world you increase your chosen people. May we respond to your call by joyfully accepting your invitation to the new life of grace. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Second Reading: Crossing the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10–31;15:20–21

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 1 (Exodus 15:1–6,11–13,17–18)

The Song of Moses: *Cantemus Domino*

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #224 Richmond

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| <p>1 The Lord I sing, uplifted, high,
And powerful to save;
He hurled the rider and his horse
Beneath the Red Sea’s wave.</p> <p>2 My strength, my refuge, Savior, Lord,
The God whom I acclaim,
A warrior strong, my people’s God,
And Yahweh is his Name.</p> <p>3 The chariots of Pharaoh has
He hurled into the sea;
The finest arms and army all
Lie drowned while we walk free.</p> <p>4 The deep has overwhelmed them all,
They sank down like a stone;
Your right hand, Lord, is glorious;
The foe is overthrown.</p> | <p>5 What gods can be compared with you
In holiness and dread?
When you stretch forth your mighty arm
Your enemies fall dead.</p> <p>6 Yet with your constant love you led
The people you redeemed
And brought them safely to the land
Of which our fathers dreamed.</p> <p>7 And you will bring them, plant them on
The mountain called your own,
The sanctuary, resting place,
Which you have made alone.</p> <p>8 Forever now our God shall reign,
The Lord whom we adore;
All glory to the Father, Son,
And Spirit evermore.</p> |
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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: An Invitation to Abundant Life

Isaiah 55:1–11

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12:2–6): Song of Thanksgiving [Hymn #361 “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”]

Celebrant O God, by the power of your Word you have created all things, and by your Spirit you renew the earth. Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom. We ask this through 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] page 186

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: Dying and Rising in Christ

Romans 6:3–11

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #14 Tallis's Canon

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| <p>1 When Israel came, and Judah's house,
From Egypt's alien speech and ways,
Israel was his dominion then,
Judah became his holy place.</p> | <p>3 What ailed you, sea, that thus you fled?
Mountains, what made you skip like rams?
Jordan, what was it turned you back?
You hills, why did you leap like lambs?</p> |
| <p>2 The sea beheld these things and fled,
Jordan turned back, its bed was dry;
The lofty mountains skipped like rams,
The little hills like lambs leaped high.</p> | <p>4 Now tremble at his presence, earth;
The God of Jacob, God alone;
Who turned hard rock into a pool,
Brought flowing streams from hard flintstone.</p> |

Source of all life, you have brought us to new being through the waters of baptism. May your love shown in our lives become a wonder and a beacon of hope to the whole human family. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Gradual: Alleluia

Holy Gospel: The Resurrection of Jesus

Mark 16:1–8

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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.**

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.****Eucharistic Prayer #3**

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Proper Preface Easter

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* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.*People* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**Arranged by
Michael Leach**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."*People* Therefore, Father, according to his command, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;***Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **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"

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 love 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 1

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 4

12:00 noon

Easter Wednesday

Seniors' Communion followed by lunch provided by Delmanor Senior Community

Celebrant & Preacher

Subdeacon

Readers

Server

Chalice

The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD

Margie Lyttle

Scott McFarlane, Raj Sircar, Maggie Sumner, Max Wynter

J-C Lewis-Pompey

Margie Lyttle, Aili Maki



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

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

Services

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS)
Wednesday	12:00 noon	Worship at Midday

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

Interim Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
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Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria