

A Creative Spiritual Community



The Great Vigil of Easter

March 30, 2024

8:00 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - We gather on lands which have been the home of SENĆOTEN and HUL'Q'UMI'NUM' speaking Coast Salish peoples from time immemorial, and their encounter with the Creator in this place goes before our own.

The Service of Light

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.**

Blessing the Candle

Celebrant

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age for ever. **Amen.**

The Paschal candle is lit from the new fire.

Cantor May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel

the darkness of our hearts and minds.

All Amen.

The candle is processed into the sanctuary.

The cantor and congregation proclaim the light of Christ three times during the procession.

Cantor The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Exsultet

The Cantor chants the Exsultet responsively.
Those who wish may join the responses.

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.

The Story of Creation

A Reading from Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Reader The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Silence

Hymn (CP #413) The Stars Declare His Glory

1 The stars declare his glory
The vault of heave springs
Mute witness of the Master's hand
In all created things
And through the silences of space
Their soundless music sings

2 The dawn returns in splendour
The heavens burn and blaze
The rising sun renews the race that measures all our days
And writes in fire across the skies
God's majesty and praise

3 So shine the Lord's commandments
To make the simple wise
More sweet than honey to the taste
More rich than any prize
A law of love within our hearts
A light before our eyes

4 So order too this life of mine
Direct it all my days
The meditations of my heart
Be innocence and praise
My rock, and my redeeming Lord
In all my words and ways

Prayer

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.**

The Flood

A Reading from Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Reader The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Silence

Hymn (CP #173) *Creator of the Earth and Skies*

1 Creator of the earth and skies To whom the words of life belong Grant us your truth to make us wise Grant us your power to make us strong

2 We have not known you
To the skies our monuments of folly soar
And all our self wrought miseries
Have made us trust ourselves the more

3 We have not loved you
Far and wide the wreckage of our hatred spreads
And evils wrought by human pride
Recoil on unrepentant heads

4 For this, our foolish confidence
Our pride of knowledge, and our sin
We come to you in penitence
In us the work of grace begin

5 teach us to know and love you, Lord And humbly follow in your way Speak to our souls the quickening Word And turn our darkness into day Prayer

Faithful God, you have placed the rainbow in the skies as the sign of your covenant with all living things. May we who are saved through water and the Spirit, worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

A Reading from Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Reader The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Silence

Hymn, Go Down Moses

1 When Israel was in Egypt land
Let my people go
Oppressed so hard they could not stand
Let my people go

Go down Moses
Way down in Egypt land
Tell old Pharaoh
Let my people go

We need not always weep and mourn
Let my people goAnd wear these slav'ry chains for lorn
Let my people go

Refrain

3 The devil thought he had us fast
Let my people go
But we thought we'd break his chains at last
Let my people go

Go down Moses Way down in Egypt land Tell old Pharaoh Let my people go

4 Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said
Let my people go
If not I'll strike your first born dead
Let my people go

Refrain

5 No more shall they in bondage toil Let my people go Let them come out with Egypt's spoil Let my people go

Refrain

Prayer

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.

Salvation offered freely to all

A Reading from Isaiah 55:1-11

Reader The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Reflection

Prayer 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.

Learn wisdom and live

A Reading from Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4

Reader The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn (CP #409) Before the Earth had Yet Begun

1 Before the earth had yet begun Her journey round the burning sun Before a seed of life had stirred There sounded God's creating Word

- 2 In that bright dawning of the world Ere ocean surged or wind unfurled The vaults of heaven with praises rang The morning stars together sang
- 3 Thus when creation's Lord did take The clay of earth our form to make God willed that to our race belong The gifts of music, word and song

4 For us who would this God attend No earthly mind can comprehend eternal glory; praise alone is our companion by that throne

Prayer

Creator of the universe, Source of all light, each us to hold fast to the ways of wisdom, that we may live for ever in the radiance of your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

A new heart and a new spirit

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel 36:24-28

Reader The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn Song of the Exile

All - Refrain

As a deer longs for running streams so my soul longs for you and my heart thirsts for the God of my life when shall I go to see the face of God?

Soloist (Corvi Zeman)- Verses

1. I remember, and my soul melts within me
I am on my way to your wonderful tent, to the house of God
singing my songs of joy and thanksgiving

Refrain (All)

2. I am broken, so I call to my Saviour as the waves roar down, sweeping over my head, and I call to you, be with me now, O God of my life

(All) As a deer longs for running streams so my soul longs for you and my heart thirsts for the God of my life when shall I go to see the face of God?

3 In the daytime may the Lord's love be with me In the night your song will be still on my lips I will sing to you, sing prayers to you, God of my life

Refrain (All)

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, in the paschal mystery you established the new covenant of reconciliation. Grant that all who are born again in baptism may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith. Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Valley of Dry Bones

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader The Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn O Holy Spirit, by Whose Breath

- 1 O Holy Spirit, by whose breath life rises vibrant out of death, come to create, renew, inspire; come, kindle in our hearts your fire.
- 2 You are the seeker's sure resource, of burning love the living source, protector in the midst of strife, the giver and the Lord of life.

3 In you God's energy is shown; to us your varied gifts made known. Teach us to speak; teach us to hear; yours is the tongue and yours the ear.

Prayer

Living 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 power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The gathering of God's people

A Reading from the book of Zephaniah 3:14-20

Reader The Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn (CP #528) O God, our Help in Ages Past

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
 - 5 Time like an ever-rolling stream bears all our years away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Prayer

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 Proclamation of Easter

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All The Lord is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!

(church bells are rung).





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The Collect of the Day

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.

Readings

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 6:3-11

Reader The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 114 (in unison)

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? * O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob.
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

"Gospel Acclamation"

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark 16:1-8.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom

Message of Music "Wade in the Water" - Gracie Vanthuyne & Amanda Reyes

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. 16

Celebrant 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 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 hu-

man being?

People I will, with God's help.

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 celebrant sprinkles the congregation with water, Inviting them to remember their baptism.



The Peace

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn (CP #48) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand Ponder nothing earthly-minded For, with blessing in his hand Christ our God to us approacheth Our full homage to demand

- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary
 As of old on earth he stood
 Lord of lords, in human vesture
 In the body and the blood
 He will give to all the faithful
 His own self for heavenly food
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day That the powers of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away
- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph
 Cherubim with sleepless eye
 Veil their faces to the presence
 As with ceaseless voice they cry
 Alleluia, alleluia
 Alleluia, Lord most high!

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #6

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

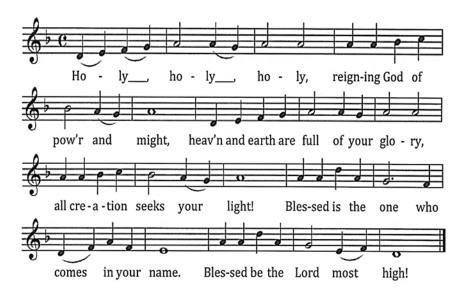
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

It is right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendour of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name, as we sing,



Celebrant

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power; your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.

You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Saviour. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfil your purpose he gave himself up to death and, rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfilment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end:

at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

> Father, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Linda, our Primate, Lynne, our Metropolitan, Anna, our Bishop, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. 23

Celebrant

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Andrew and all the saints who have found favour with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

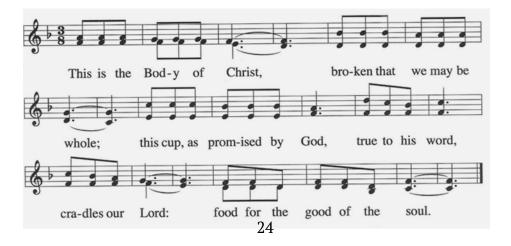
People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant All As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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.**

Fraction Anthem

This is the Body of Christ



The Communion



Communion hymn (CP #237) *Now the Green Blade Rises*

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain Love lives again, that with the dead has been Love is come again like wheat arising green
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain Thinking that he would never wake again Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen Love is come again like wheat arising green
 - 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain He that for three days in the grave had lain Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen Love is come again like wheat arising green
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain Your touch can call us back to life again Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been Love is come again like wheat arising green

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more

than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in

Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn (CP #203) Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured, Alleluia! now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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