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Grace Episcopal Church

The Great Vigil of Easter

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THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, fire is kindled. The Celebrant addresses the people.

Then, Paschal Candle is lighted. The Celebrant bearing the candle, leads the procession to the altar, pausing three times and singing or saying

Cantor The light of Christ has come into the world.

People The light of Christ has come into the world.

The members of the congregation have their candles lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

The Exsultet

Offered by Kim Cockroft and confirmands as the congregation remains standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The confirmands pray.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Confirmand youth

The Story of Creation | Genesis 1.1 - 2.4

The reader says The Word of the Lord.

The people respond **Thanks be to God.**

Song in Response | Let the Light Shine

by Alexei Murdoch

May the grace of God be with you al- ways in your heart, May you know the truth in- side you from the

3
start, May you find the strength to know that you are part of some- thing beau ti - ful.

5
And I thought that I saw the light shine. I thought I saw the light shine, And I

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thought that I saw the light shine. I thought I saw the light shine. **D.C.**

Thought I saw the light shine, Thought I saw the light shine, Thought I saw the light shine, Shine!_____

Celebrant Creator of light and granter of life who molded us all individually and who made all things in love, open all people to your goodness, healing, and comfort. In your love, make us your new creation. Amen

The Story of Exodus | Exodus 14.10-31, 15.20-21

The reader says The Word of the Lord.

The people respond **Thanks be to God.**

Song in Response | Oh, Mary, Don't You Weep

by William Farley Smith

If I could I surely would
Stand on the rock where Moses stood
Pharoah's army got drowned
Oh, Mary, don't you weep.

Chorus:

Oh Mary, don't you weep, don't you
mourn

Oh Mary, don't you weep, don't you
mourn

Pharoah's army got drowned
Oh, Mary, don't you weep.

Mary wore three links of chain
Every link was Jesus' name
Pharoah's army got drowned
Oh, Mary, don't you weep.

Chorus

Well Moses stood on the red sea shore
Smote the water with a two by four
Pharoah's army got drowned
Oh, Mary, don't you weep.

Chorus

Well old mister Satan he got mad
Missed that soul that he thought he had
Didn't Pharoah's army get drowned?
Oh, Mary, don't you weep.

Chorus

Brothers and sisters don't you cry
There'll be good times bye and bye
Didn't Pharoah's army get drowned?
Oh, Mary, don't you weep.

Chorus

Celebrant God who is faithful, caring, and kind. You helped your people out of imprisonment and slavery, bringing your people into freedom. Grant light to us that we may be free from every kind of oppression, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 55.1-10

The reader says The Word of the Lord.

The people respond **Thanks be to God.**

Song in Response | I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

Words & Music: Unknown. Public Domain

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
 one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
Sit at the welcome table one of these days,
 one of these days

I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
Oh yes, I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
 one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
Feast on milk and honey one of these days,
 one of these days

I'm gonna to tell God how you treat me
Yes, I'm gonna to tell God how you treat me
 one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna to tell God how you treat me
Tell God how you treat me one of these
 days,
 one of these days

Yes, hallelujah
Welcome table, one of these days

All God's children gonna sit together
Yes, all God's children gonna sit together
 one of these days, hallelujah
All God's children gonna sit together
All God's children gonna sit together,
 one of these days, one of these days

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
Yes, I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
 one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
Sit at the welcome table one of these days,
 one of these days
Sit at the welcome table one of these days,
 one of these days
Yes, gonna sit at the welcome table
 one of these days, one of these days

Celebrant God of salvation, you who provide all that sustains, we come to you hungry in many ways. Fill us and all throughout the world who hunger, with wine, milk, and finest of food. **Amen.**

Ezekiel 36.24-28

The reader says The Word of the Lord.

The people respond **Thanks be to God.**

Song in Response | Joyful, Joyful

Words: Henry Van Dyke | Music Ludwig van Beethoven; adapt. Edward Hodges

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Celebrant Holy and Gracious God, you have gathered and restored us, giving us new hearts and new spirits. Grant us the clarity, wisdom, and courage to reflect your goodness in the world. **Amen.**

The candles at the altar are now lit from the Paschal Candle

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.**

The Confirmands bring in the flowers of Easter. As we sing, all are invited to ring Easter bells.



Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia..

Gospel Song | Bright Morning Stars

Traditional folksong; arr. Darden Burns



Bright morn - ing stars are ris - ing. Bright
Oh where are our dear moth - ers, Oh
They are sow - ing - seeds of glad - ness, They are



morn - ning starts are ris - ing. Bright
where are our dear moth - ers. Oh
sow - ing seeds of glad - ness. They are



morn - ing stars are ris - ing.
where are our dear moth - ers.
sow - ing seeds of glad - ness.



Day _____ is a break-ing in my soul.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
People **We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh.
Born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.
Knowing full passion and deep sorrow, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present.
And his Kingdom will one day be known.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **We believe in God within us,
The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church.
She is the Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and of life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fail, repent and return to the Lord?
People **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **We 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 **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant

Let us pray.

God of life, by water and the Spirit you have bestowed upon us forgiveness, and you have raised us to a new life of grace. Sustain us, O Lord, by your spirit. Give us compassionate and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Led by Confirmands



Shine on, Let it shine on, Let your light from the light-house shine on me,



Shine on, Let it shine on, Let your light from the light-house shine on me!

To the bidding, "God of life," we respond, "hear our prayer."

After the Prayers of the People, we all sing



Shine on, Let it shine on, Let your light from the light-house shine on me,



Shine on, Let it shine on, Let your light from the light-house shine on me!

The Peace

We conclude these prayers with the sharing of God's peace.

Now the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Offertory Song | Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

African American Spiritual

1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -
lu - jah! Since I laid my bur - den down.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
Since I laid my bur - den down!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The second staff has a fermata over the final note. The third staff has a fermata over the final note. The fourth staff has a first ending bracket over the first two measures and a second ending bracket over the last measure, which ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

2. I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down ...
3. Feel like shouting "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burden down ...
4. Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Since I laid my burden down ...

EUCCHARIST

We stand as the table is set with the gifts of our hearts and hands.

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, Almighty God,

for you are the Lord of creation,

of covenant and new covenant.

You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land,

and you brought your Son from the depth of death

to the glory of resurrection life.

And so we gladly thank you,

with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!
 San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart is glad to say the words you are ho - ly, Lord!
 Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God,
 for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you.

Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit,
 that your children may be blessed with power and grace,
 and that this bread and cup may become for us
 the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
 broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
 “take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
 “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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God,
 for you have rolled away the stone of despair,
 the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief,
 the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear.

Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace,
breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life,
that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger,
and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread
and be lifted up by your touch.

Shape your church to be your risen body;
make our scars beautiful like your scars,
make our lives life-giving like your life,
and make our communion holy with your saints,
until you come again in glory
and we eat with you in your kingdom,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept. The silence is broken with these words.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please know that at Grace Church the bread and wine is for all who seek it. This sacrament is God's free gift. Assist the Chalice Bearers by tipping the cup from the base. Please tell your server if you prefer a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, and dairy.

Music During Communion | She's Got the Whole World in Her Hands

African American Spiritual

She's got the whole world in Her hand, She's got the whole world in Her hand, She's got the whole world in Her hand, She's got the whole world in Her hand.

- 2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
- 3. She's got you and me brother, etc.

- 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
- 5. She's got everybody here, etc.

All Creatures of our God and King

Words: St. Francis of Assisi tr. William H. Draper | Music: melody adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your

1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
5 part, O sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that

1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:

Refrain
O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Our Prayer after Communion

We stand and say together

**Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Celebrant offers a blessing.

May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you and the blessing of God who was and is and is to come, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**