

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BAYSIDE, NEW YORK



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026, 7:30 PM

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The Liturgy of the Word



The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings in these words

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.

I. The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1—2:4

Canticle

Benedicite omnia opera Domini

Hymnal 428

1 O all ye works of God, now come to thank him
 2 O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your end - less
 3 O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and
 4 O earth and sea, O all that live in wa - ter

1 and a - dore; O an - gels, sing and
 2 praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
 3 thun - der's roar, O fields and for - ests,
 4 or on shore. O men and wo - men.

1 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 2 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 3 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 4 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.

The Collect 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.*



Hymn

Let My People Go

Hymnal 648

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;
 2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
 3 They jour-neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;
 4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
 to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
 and came at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.
 and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Refrain
 Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

The Collect: 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.*



III. Salvation offered freely to all

Isaiah 55:1-11

Hymn

The First Song of Isaiah

Hymnal 679

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
 2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
 fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
 help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with
 va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
 liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

The Collect: O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV. The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 30:1-6,12-13

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.



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

The Homily

Fr. Byrne



THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY



A Litany for the Renewal of Baptismal Vows

On this most holy night, let us pray for all those throughout the whole Church who will receive the Sacrament of new birth and for ourselves as we prepare to renew our own Baptismal vows.

Leader Deliver *us*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open *our hearts* to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill *us*, with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep *t us*, in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach *us* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send *us* into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

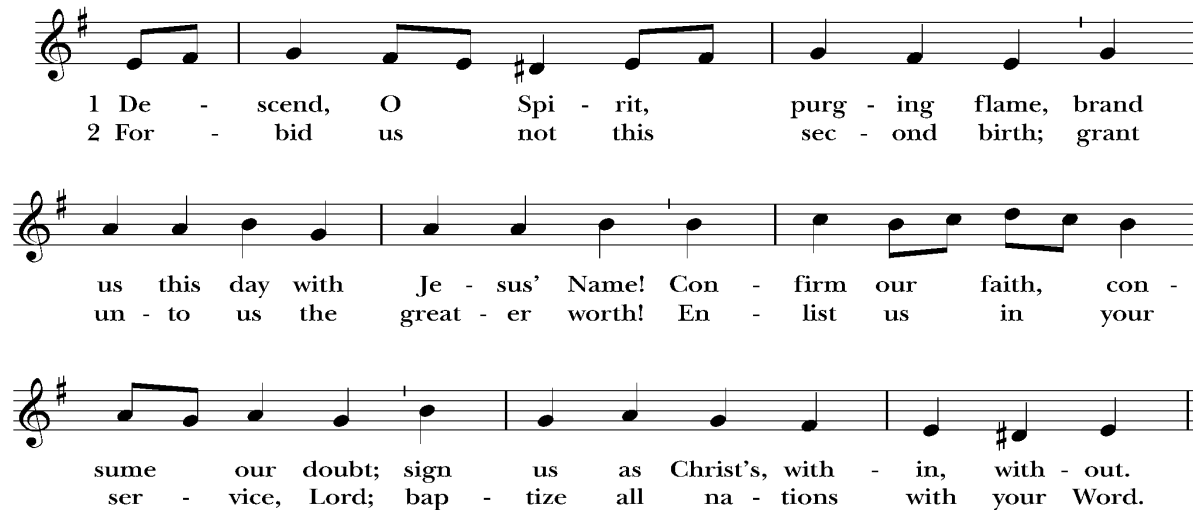
Leader Bring *us* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**



Grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs and all the saints; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the eternal life of the saints in light, through the merits of 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.



1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant

us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your

sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

The Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying 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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water...

baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water[or dips the paschal candle in it]

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us renew our Baptismal vows

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 neighbor 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 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.*

The Asperges

When the procession returns to the chancel, the candles at the altar are lit from the Paschal Candle



THE HOLY EUCHARIST



The Celebrant says to the people **ALLELUIA. CHRIST IS RISEN!**

***People* THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

The Great Noise

Bells are rung and the organ is played to signify the breaking of the seal of the tomb.

The *Gloria in Excelsis*

Hymnal S-280

Glory to God in the highest,
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 on 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



The Collect

The Celebrant then says The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

The Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn (H 180)

He is risen, He is risen!

UNSER HERRSCHER

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re-joice: death is con- quered,
 Je- sus' woes are o- ver now, and the pas- sion
 yon- der glo- rious morn- ing ray, break- ing o'er the
 ris- en to a ho- lier state; and a bright- er

we are free, Christ has won the vic- to- ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur- ple east, sym- bol of our Eas- ter feast.
 Eas- ter beam on our long- ing eyes shall stream.

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a

white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing

Alington / Vulpius

Festival Doxology

Tune: *Vigiles et sancti*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
alleluia. alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.



Cross from the foot of the Jubilee Chalice

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth [**Here a proper preface is said or sung.**] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: -

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

Hymnal S-130

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son....

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People ***We remember his death; We proclaim his resurrection;
We await his coming in glory,***

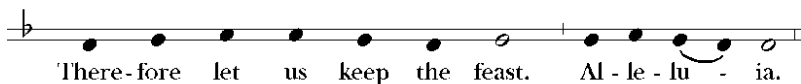
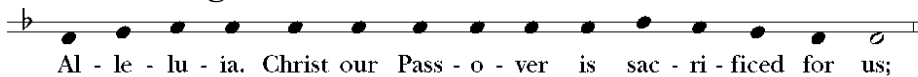
and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine....

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Hur 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



Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us. give us your peace, give us your peace.



THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL



Communion will be distributed at the foot of the chancel steps. All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion in this church



Communion Hymn (H 304)

I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says, Let us pray together:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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 May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*



Hymn in Procession (H199)

Come ye faithful, raise the strain

ST. KEVIN

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.

Postlude

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!



WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS



Whether you are a first-time visitor, long-time parishioner, or somewhere in between, we are honored and enriched by your on-line or in-person presence this evening, and offer you a sincere welcome home to this parish church. As we worship, we encourage you to join fully in the prayers and hymns and to share spiritually in the Holy Communion. If you are at home, sing out the great hymns of the Church and make the responses out loud. Should you be seeking a church to call your own, we hope that your search is over and that you will become a member of All Saints.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the altar guild members and all who helped to make the church so beautiful for Holy Week and Easter.

Special thanks to: Susan Byrne for creating the Good Friday retreat, and liturgical help over and above the call. Teddy Byrne for endless hours of work producing services and keeping us online, throughout the year. Thanks also to Diana Gilday for many hours photography, behind-the-scenes work and compiling the Easter flower list. to our acolytes whose dedication and service enhance our worship immeasurably

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