



# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

MARCH 30, 2024  
7:30PM

*Welcome to St. George's Episcopal Church* on this special day when we gather to worship God and rejoice at the baptism of these new members into God's household.

BAPTIZED AT TONIGHT'S SERVICE

*John Patrick Brothers, son of Cassie & Matthew Brothers*  
*Alexander Stewart Mason, son of Jacci & Beau Mason*  
*Amelia Rose Mason, daughter of Jacci & Beau Mason*  
*Hensley Raines Shaw, daughter of Jackie & Wallace Shaw II*

"God is love (1 John 4:16)." God loves every man, woman, and child unconditionally and forever. At baptism, God's love for us is not changed — our relationship with him is. Baptism is the way that we are united with the life, death, and resurrection of Christ "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" (Romans 6:4). Through the power of the Holy Spirit who seals us as his own at baptism, we are adopted by God as his children, we are engrafted into the living spiritual organism that is his Church, and we are empowered to share God's royal status and his ongoing work to redeem the world.

Furthermore, at our baptism, we are not only united with Christ; we are also united with one another through Christ. "We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" (Romans 12:5). Having been adopted through baptism into a family of God's saints that is bigger than we can ever imagine, we are heirs of an experience of life that Jesus described as the kingdom of God, in which we continually grow in an awareness of the love of God that starts today and lasts forever. Our baptism into the life of Jesus Christ gives us the power to love God and to love one another the way God loves us.

Following the ancient practice of the apostles and the early Church, we baptize infants as well as adults. The gift of salvation and of new life in Christ is a free gift, preceding and making possible our response to it. "We love God because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). In the same way that we were born into earthly life as a gift, so we too are born anew by God into heavenly life as a gift. The spiritual promises that are made on behalf of infants by their parents and godparents at baptism are affirmed when those children mature and are ready to participate in the Rite of Confirmation.

Because of our baptism, even when we feel lonely, we know that we are never alone because we trust in the indwelling presence of God. Because of our baptism, even when we feel sad, we know that we can place our hope in God whom we can trust to bring all things to serve his purpose. Because of our baptism, even when we feel weary, we know that we can trust in the power of God's Spirit who will always restore and renew us and will never leave us. All of these gifts, and so many more, are made possible through the gift that God makes of himself to us and to all who receive him at baptism.

A NOTE ON INCENSE *Incense is a sign (in sight and smell) of our prayers rising before God, of purification, and of blessing. It also reminds us that in worship, we are covered by and caught up in God's holy presence.*

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*The people's responses are in bold.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP, p. 285)*

*The congregation gathers in the Gathering Space Courtyard. In the darkness, fire is kindled, after which the Celebrant says:*

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

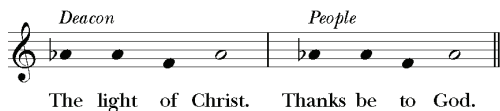
Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to him, and all ages. To him be glory and power through every age forever. **Amen.**

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. **Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon bearing the Candle leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing*



*Hymnal S68*

*At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively higher.*

### THE EXSULTET

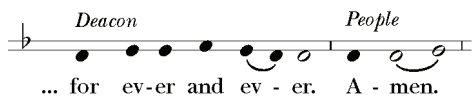
*Hymnal S69*

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God...



Deacon  
The Lord be with you.

People  
And al - so with you.

Deacon  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning - he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns...

Deacon  
... for ev - er and ev - er.

People  
A - men.

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.

*Please be seated.*

THE FIRST OLD TESTAMENT READING • The Story of Creation

*Genesis 1:1—2:4a*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.



And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM • *Salvation is created*

Salvation is created in midst of the earth,  
O God, O our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Woosug Kang*  
*Choir & Senior Choristers of St. George's*  
*Soloist: Leah Joseph, Head Chorister*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated.*

THE SECOND OLD TESTAMENT READING • Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac

*Genesis 22:1-18*

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16 • *Conserva me, Domine*

*Chant Tone VIII.1*

*Soloists: Mareike Sattler and Ben Petty*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."  
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.  
But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.  
Their libations of blood I will not offer,  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me, night after night.  
I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.  
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.  
You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

Let us pray.

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE THIRD OLD TESTAMENT READING • Salvation Offered Freely to All

*Isaiah 55:1-11*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated.*

THE FOURTH OLD TESTAMENT READING • A New Heart and a New Spirit

*Ezekiel 36:24–28*

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM • *Sicut cervus*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina  
Choir & Senior Choristers of St. George's

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

As the deer longs for the springs of water  
so my soul longs for thee, O God.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## HOLY BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP, p. 301

*The congregation extinguishes their candles and remains standing for the procession to the baptistry.*

**Celebrant** The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates are presented individually by their sponsors.*

**Sponsors** I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the following of each candidate when presented.*

**Celebrant** Do you desire to be baptized?

**Candidate** I do.

*Then the celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates.*

**Question** Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer** I renounce them.

**Question** Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer** I renounce them.

**Question** Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer** I renounce them.

**Question** Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Answer** I do.

**Question** Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Answer** I do.

**Question** Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Answer** I do.

*After all have been presented, the celebrant addresses the congregation.*

**Celebrant** Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People** **We will.**

**Celebrant** Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP, p. 304

**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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*BCP, p. 305*

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*BCP, p. 306*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it 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 bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.**

## THE BAPTISM

*BCP, p. 307*

*Each candidate is presented by name to the celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying:*

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*The godparents are presented with a candle, and the celebrant says:*

Receive the light of Christ. Bear it faithfully in the world.

*After all have been baptized, the celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, 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.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

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*In celebration of the resurrection, the Church is illumined and a joyful sound is made.*

*Repeated three times.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant sprinkles the congregation with the water blessed during Holy Baptism, as a reminder of our own baptisms.*

HYMN • 207 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

*EASTER HYMN*

## THE COLLECT

*BCP, p. 295*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE READING

*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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 16:1-8*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## HOMILY

*The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*

*Charles V. Stanford*

*Choir & Senior Choristers of St. George's*

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

Triumphant in his glory now  
To him all power is given;  
To him in one communion bow  
All saints in earth and heaven.

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,  
Crushing the serpent's head;  
And cries aloud through death's domains  
To wake the imprisoned dead.

While we, his soldiers, praise our King,  
His mercy we implore,  
Within his palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.

Devouring depths of hell  
Their prey at his command restore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where Jesus goes before.

All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## AT THE PRESENTATION The Festal Doxology

*LAAST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low; Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly  
Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer D*

*BCP, p. 372*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



It is truly 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 splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of 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 say,

*Holy, holy, holy*

*(Hymnal S128) Mathias*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, ...

heaven and earth are full of your glo- ry. 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.

*Please kneel or remain standing, as you are able.*

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 Savior. 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 fulfill 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 fulfillment 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 this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his 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.

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

Lord, 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 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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. George all the saints who have found favor 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 honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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 FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP, p. 364

Christ our Passover

(Hymnal S154) Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*NOTES ON RECEIVING COMMUNION* All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If desired, you may intinct (dip) your wafer at the altar rail or have the LEM intinct it for you. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.

### MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION

*O sons and daughters*

*H. Walford Davies*

*Choir & Senior Choristers of St. George's*

*Soloists: Avery Seigler and Eli Culley*

O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
Over death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;  
Amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
And said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

How blessed are they who have not seen,  
And yet whose faith has constant been;  
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sat, and spake unto the three,  
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee." Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days  
Our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise  
To thee, in jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

CLOSING HYMN • 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

*GELOBT SEI GOTT*

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata in G major*

*Théodore Dubois*

## WORSHIP NOTES

*Clergy* The Rev. Colin Ambrose, celebrant; the Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, preacher; the Rev. Sarah Puryear; and the Rev. Margery Kennelly

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*Thurifer* David Weeks

*Acolytes* Bennett Sullivan, Izzie Playfair, and Tinsley Graham

*Lectors* Jan Allison, Don Padfield, Edward Playfair, Dyer Rodes, and Breck Wheeler

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## ART NOTE

Cover: Detail from *Untitled* (2024) by Kathryn Dettwiller. Oil and cold wax on Arches paper. Currently on display in Legacy Hall of St. George's Church, Nashville.

Created to accompany worship during the Lenten and Easter seasons, this two-paneled artwork was designed to fit in the wooden architectural elements of the Legacy Hall chancel. The panels were first created by the artist at half the final size, then each was scanned and enlarged to their final display size and mounted on a rigid form. The first panel shows the traditional white Easter lily at the top, representing purity, life, and remembrance, under which are vertical shapes containing prayers appropriate for the Lenten season. The second depicts the green hills of Tennessee topped with a rising sun, symbolizing the risen Christ on Easter.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church in the Yard** We're always looking for volunteers for our ongoing partnership with Church in the Yard on the second Sunday of the month. Volunteers are needed to prepare food on Saturday, April 13 and/or to set up worship and serve the meal on Sunday, April 14 at Church of the Holy Trinity (615 6th Ave. S). Details at [stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach).

**Interest Meeting for Young Adult Mission** Trip Young Adults are invited to attend an interest meeting to learn more about our second mission trip to Guatemala to serve with Hogar de Vida, a children's home and nutritional respite facility. The trip will take place from June 27 to August 4. Come to Library on Thursday, April 11 at 7:30pm to learn more!

**Senior Appreciation Sunday** It's a new tradition at St. George's to honor our thriving senior adult ministry and the many gifts they bring to this community of faith. Join us on Sunday, April 14 for a morning celebrating the seniors in our midst with a reception at 10:05am in the Jones Rotunda and Bradford Gallery.

**Special Parenting Event** Guest speaker David Zahl will engage parents with his talk "The Religion of Parenting: The Search for Enoughness and the Relief of Grace" on Tuesday, April 16. David is Director of Mockingbird Ministries, an organization devoted to connecting the Christian faith with the realities of everyday life. Hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at 5:30pm will precede the discussion at 6:00pm. Registration is encouraged for this free event, which is co-sponsored by St. George's Church and Kindergarten. Details at [stgeorgesnashville.org/parenting](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/parenting).

**Prime Time Speakers Series** Last July, our talented choir and choristers led worship for daily evensong and Sunday services at "the mother church" of the Anglican tradition. Join us Thursday, April 18 at 11:30am in Hampton Hall, to hear an exciting report from Dr. Woosug Kang as he shares stories from the pilgrimage. Register and pay online for the \$12 lunch at [stgeorgesnashville.org/seniors](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/seniors) or call 615-385-2150 x 262.

**Youth Amazing Race** Youth are invited to join us in our annual citywide scavenger hunt on Saturday, April 20 from Noon to 6:00pm. Teams of four students and a driver will race to find clues and complete challenges all over the city. Space is limited, so gather your team and register today at [stgeorgesnashville.org/youth](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/youth).

**Women's Event for St. George's Feast Day** In honor of our patron saint, the women of St. George's are invited to special evening with dinner, joyful fellowship, and a special guest speaker. The event on Sunday, April 21 at 5:30pm will be hosted by the men of the church as they coordinate all the details to provide a special evening. We'll hear from Sherrie Moore, coined "the most interesting woman in whiskey." We encourage you to register with a friend for this relaxing and inspiring evening together as women of the church. Register at [stgeorgesnashville.org/news](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/news).

**Marriage Retreat: Relax & Reconnect** We invite you and your spouse to join us at Paris Landing State Park June 13-15. There will be time for private discussion as a couple paired with teaching from licensed clinical pastoral counselor Chris O'Rear, who will

provide us with helpful tools to strengthen our relationships and address obstacles that may keep us from better communication and intimacy. Invest in your marriage and make your reservation by Friday, April 26 at [stgeorgesnashville.org/news](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/news) — space is limited.

**Mission Day** Save the date for Saturday, April 27, when St. George's will come together for a morning of service in our community. Registration is coming soon with meaningful ways to help our partners in Nashville, include a new opportunity with Siloam Health sorting the medical supplies recently donated through our Lenten drive. Registration will be posted soon at [stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach).

**Hymn Festival: Together We Sing!** Last year, the In Excelsis series began with a triumphant Hymn Festival as the opening program for our organ dedication series. We continue the celebration of our beautiful and thrilling Episcopal hymns as the Choir & Choristers of St. George's lead the congregation in joyful singing on Sunday, April 28 at 6:00pm in the Nave.

**St. George's Farmers Market** Farmers market season is almost here, and we are looking forward to an exciting market with new and returning vendors with fruit, veggies, meat, eggs, flowers, and more. Mark your calendar for opening day on Thursday, May 2, and shop during our newly expanded hours from 3:30-6:30pm. Details and social media links can be found at [stgeorgesnashville.org/farmersmarket](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/farmersmarket). See you at the market!

**Calling All Men** Save the date for a fun and casual evening at the Men's Cookout on Thursday, May 23. Watch your email for details and registration coming soon.

**75th Anniversary Celebration** In celebration of St. George's 75th anniversary, we are thrilled to announce a monthly preaching series continuing through October. We've invited previous members of our clergy to serve as guest preachers as we reflect on our shared history together. Watch for details to come, and save the dates for a weekend of 75th anniversary festivities October 25-27.

**VBS: Diving Deep** Do you have a young sailor who wants to dive deep with us this summer? In this year's exciting VBS program, we'll explore how God invites us to accept grace and shine his light and glory in the world around us. Kids from Pre-K 4s through 4th-graders will learn beautiful truths about themselves and their relationship with God as they lean into friendship with him. Space is limited, so register today for this year's exciting VBS program, July 16-19. Details at [stgeorgesnashville.org/children](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/children).



**Your Gifts Make a Difference** Thank you for supporting St. George's with your financial gifts and pledges. Donations like yours allow us to continue serving this congregation and our community by offering worship services, discipleship opportunities, and mission work. We could not do this work without you. Visit [stgeorgesnashville.org/give](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/give) or scan the QR code to donate online.

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