

#### Welcome

#### **Preamble**

We will watch the following live, but you may click on this link to watch at any time https://drive.google.com/file/d/11zoRkTPtMMaDLfQUbbLt2VzYtnNaT6f0/view?ts=5e90c110

#### ✤ The Service of Light

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, **Priest:** when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and praver. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and though we fast this year from celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

#### Lighting the Easter Candle

The Candle is lit. Please light your own candle's at home, to share in the light of Christ. The Cantor: sings the following three times, all respond as indicated.

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Thanks be to God.

The Exultet

Cantor: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!



- *Cantor:* Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!
- People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Chris Mayell

Roshni Jayawardena

*Cantor:* Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!



- *Cantor:* The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.
- Cantor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

# *People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Cantor:* It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father.

*Cantor:* This is the Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

# People: Alleluia!

*Cantor:* This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

# People: Alleluia!

*Cantor:* This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

# People: Alleluia!

*Cantor:* This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

# People: Alleluia!

- *Cantor:* Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave, you gave away your Son.
- People: Alleluia!

*Cantor:* The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.



- *Cantor:* Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!
- People: Alleluia!
- *Cantor:* Therefore Heavenly Father in the joy of this night receive our evening sacrifice of praise your church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter Candle, may it always dispel the darkness of this night.

People: Alleluia!

*Cantor:* May this Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

# ✤ Vigil of Readings and Prayers

Roshni Jayawardena

*Priest:* Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

First Reading - Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18, 8.6-18, 9.8-13

Read by John Castillo

Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.

Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh - birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth - so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Song: "Come See the Rainbow" – arr. Doug Cowling *Led by the Norman family* 1. Come the rain - bow, sign of God's God see mer - cy, has 2. Come. see the rain - bow, sign of God's jus - tice, God will 3. Come. the rain - bow, sign of God's glo - ry, God see has come, see the rain-bow, sign of God's giv - en pro - mise true; us а come, see the rain-bow, sign of God's shel - ter us with migh - ty hand; e - ter - nal light; pro - mised us come, see the rain-bow, sign of God's mer-cy, God has set it in the heav -ens blue: jus -tice, God has set its arch a - bove our land: set its col-ours glow-ing bright: glo -ry, God has Refrain God's love is shin - ing in the sky, lift up your hands and your voice, God's love is shin-ing in the sky, lift up your heart and re - joice!

A brief silence is observed

# Collect

Priest: 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.

All: Amen.

# Second Reading - Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt. "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth.

As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Song: "The Song of Miriam"

Led by Will Reid



A brief silence is observed.

# Collect

Priest: 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.

All: Amen.

# Third Reading – Jonah 1-2.10

Read by Carol Scovil

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, 'Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.' But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them.

Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, 'What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.' The sailors said to one another, 'Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.' So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, 'Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?' 'I am a Hebrew,' he replied. 'I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.'

Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, 'What is this that you have done!' For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so. Then they said to him, 'What shall we do to you, that the sea may quieten down for us?' For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, 'Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quieten down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.' Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them.

Then they cried out to the Lord, 'Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.' So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying, 'I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, "I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?" The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me for ever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God. As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!' Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

Video Presentation: "You Better Run" - Bernard Bates Edmiaston Performed by the Musicians

You better run! You better run to the city of refuge. You better run!

God sent Jonah to Nineveh land, He didn't obey the Lord's command. Wind blew the ship from shore to shore, the whale swallowed Jonah and he was no more. He had to run.

He had to run to the city of refuge, he had to run.

A brief silence is observed.

# Collect

Priest: O God,

as the prophet Jonah spent three days in the belly of the great fish, so your Son Jesus spent three days in the heart of the earth. Grant us repentance to embrace our death in him through Holy Baptism and to proclaim his victory over sin and death to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



At this point the video ends, and we return to the service, as it continues, live

#### ✤ The Easter Proclamation

Roshni Jayawardena

# Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

# People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A fanfare sounds.

Everyone ring your bells, shake your shakers, or beat your pots and pans. In short, make lots of noise! Then all sing the Gloria on the next page.



#### The Collect of the Day

Priest: 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.

All: Amen.

#### **First Reading**

Read by Kate Werneburg

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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. 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.All:Thanks be to God.

Romans 6.3-11

A moment of silence is observed

The Gradual: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" Led by Jill Daley and Mike Daley Hal -le, hal -le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal -le, hal - le -Hal -le, hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal -le lu - jah! Hal -le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal -le -Hal -le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal -le -

- lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

# The Gospel

Read by Susan Haig

# *Reader:* The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.*All:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# Homily

A moment of silence is observed.

#### The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

- *Priest:* 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 the ways of darkness and turned toward the light of Christ.
- *Priest:* Do you believe in God the Father?
- *People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- Priest: 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.

Steven Mackison

Roshni Jayawardena

Matthew 28.1-10

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

- *People:* I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- *Priest:* 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.

- *Priest:* 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.
- *Priest:* Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

- *People:* I will, with God's help.
- *Priest:* 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.
- *Priest:* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
- *People:* I will, with God's help.
- *Priest:* God our creator, the rock of our salvation, we thank you for our new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptised in your name; keep us faithful to our calling, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
- People: Amen.

#### The Prayers of the People

Read by Susan Haig

- *Leader:* Gracious God, we come with anticipation on this Easter Eve and ask you to roll away the stone from the tombs of our hearts, that we may share in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. We pray to you, risen Lord:
- All: Hear us, Lord of glory.

- *Leader:* Heavenly Father, you have filled us with new life and made us witnesses to the conquering love of Jesus. Empower your whole church, with your Holy Spirit, that we may bring words of new life to all who seek your presence in their lives. We pray to you, risen Lord:
- All: Hear us, Lord of glory.
- *Leader:* Almighty Father, by your right hand you have triumphed over all injustice, bringing new hope to the whole world. Breathe your life into all who lead and hold authority among the nations, that they may be agents of peace and light to those they serve. May the whole human family be given a renewed vision of your will for our relationship with creation. We pray to you, risen Lord:
- All: Hear us, Lord of glory.
- *Leader:* God of mercy, your son became the wounded healer who brought relief to those in need. May Christ's resurrection bring healing and hope to those who cry out in darkness or despair, and to whose for whom we pray today, cares weigh heavily on our hearts. We pray to you, risen Lord:
- All: Hear us, Lord of glory.
- *Leader:* God of light and life, your son is risen, bringing life and immortality to all. We remember those who have died, praying that you will welcome them home. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Bless and comfort their loved ones and give us faith in your promise of eternal life. We pray to you, risen Lord:
- All: Hear us, Lord of glory.
- *Leader:* Eternal God, into the emptiness of the tomb, you have birthed new life in the person of your Son. May be his witnesses to Christ's resurrection, sharing in his work of reconciliation and peace throughout the world. We ask this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: 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.

Said by all



TEXT: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. MUSIC: Llanfair; Melody Robert Williams (1781? -1821); harm. John Roberts (1822-1877).

#### The Dismissal

# *Priest:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

#### After the service you are invited to remain online while our D. J. – Morgan Yew – plays some post-resurrection music

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