

# *Our Journey through Holy Week to Easter*



*The Parish of Saint Joseph  
Kings Park, New York  
Holy Week 2021*



# Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil  
7:30 PM

*Tonight is a special night of vigil or waiting – waiting for the Resurrection of the Lord. Beginning in darkness we welcome the Light of Christ made present in our lives and in our Church. As part of the services this evening, new members will be received into the Church.*

## The Service Of Light

### The Blessing of the Fire and the Easter Candle

*The Service begins with the Blessing of the Easter Fire. The Easter Candle is prepared by the Presider and He lights the candle from the new fire, saying:*

May the Light of Christ, rising in glory,  
Dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*As the Easter Candle, the symbol of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, is brought in procession, it will be presented three times.*

*Celebrant:* Lumen Christi, Light of Christ

*Response:* Deo gratias, thanks be to God.

Exsultet is sung (*stand*)

## **The Exsultet** (*Easter Proclamation*)

This is an ancient Easter Proclamation of the risen Christ, the Light of the World. This chant is identified with the Easter candle which is decorated with a cross and five wax nails (with grains of incense on the inside). These are symbolic of the five wounds of Christ now glorified in his Resurrection. In this ancient hymn, the Church gives thanks and praise to God for all that is recalled this night: Adam's fall, the deliverance from Egypt, the Passover of Christ, the wedding of earth and heaven, our reconciliation with God and one another.

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,  
Exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,  
Let the trumpet of salvation  
sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!  
Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory fills her,  
ablaze with light from her eternal King,  
let all corners of the earth be glad,  
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,  
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,  
let this holy building shake with joy,  
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just,  
with ardent love of mind and heart

and with devoted service of our voice,  
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,  
and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal  
Father, and, pouring out his own dear Blood,  
wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These then are the feasts of Passover,  
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,  
whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night,  
when once you led our forebears, Israel's children,  
from slavery in Egypt  
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.

This is the night  
that with a pillar of fire  
banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night  
that even now, throughout the world,  
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices  
and from the gloom of sin,  
leading them to grace  
and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night,  
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death  
and rose victorious from the underworld.

O wonder of your humble care for us!  
O love, O charity beyond all telling,  
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!  
O truly necessary sin of Adam,  
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

O happy fault  
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!  
The sanctifying power of this night  
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,  
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners.

O truly blessed night,  
when things of heaven are wed to those of earth  
and divine to the human.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,  
accept this candle, a solemn offering,  
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,  
an evening sacrifice of praise,  
this gift from your most holy Church.

Therefore, O Lord,  
we pray you that this candle,  
hallowed to the honor of your name,  
may persevere undimmed,  
to overcome the darkness of this night.

Receive it as a pleasing fragrance,  
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.  
May this flame be found still burning  
by the Morning Star:  
the one Morning Star who never sets,  
Christ your Son,  
who, coming back from death's domain,  
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,  
and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Afterwards please extinguish your candles.*

# The Liturgy Of The Word

*(Please Sit)*

## **First Reading:**

*Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 2*

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw how good the light was. God then separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." Thus evening came, and morning followed—the first day.

Then God said, "Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters, to separate one body of water from the other." And so it happened: God made the dome, and it separated the water above the dome from the water below it. God called the dome "the sky." Evening came, and morning followed—the second day.

Then God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin, so that the dry land may appear." And so it happened: the water under the sky was gathered into its basin, and the dry land appeared. God called the dry land "the earth," and the basin of the water he called "the sea." God saw how good it was.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it." And so it happened: the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the third day.

Then God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

Then God said, "Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky."

And so it happened: God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of swimming creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw how good it was, and God blessed them, saying, "Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth." Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures: cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds." And so it happened: God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. God saw how good it was.

Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground."

God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God also said: "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food." And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. Since on the seventh day God was finished with the work he had been doing, he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken.

## **Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 104

*Refrain:* Send forth your spirit O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth!

## **Psalm – Prayer** (*stand*)

### **Second Reading:** (*sit*)

*Exodus 14: 15 - 15: 1*

The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that

they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers."

The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the LORD hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the LORD had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;  
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.



**Responsorial Psalm:** *Ex 15: To God Be Praise and Glory*

**Response:** To God Be Praise and Glory

**Refrain:** I will sing to the Lord, triumphant is he,  
The horse and chariot He cast into the sea!

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**Psalm – Prayer** (*stand*)

**Third Reading:** (*sit*) *Is 55 :1-11*

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Isaiah 12: We Shall Draw Water*

**Refrain:** We shall draw water joyfully,  
singing joyfully, singing joyfully,  
We shall draw water joyfully,  
from the wellsprings of salvation.

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## Psalm – Prayer (*stand*)

### Fourth Reading:

Ezekiel 36:16-17A, 18-28

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their land, they defiled it by their conduct and deeds. Therefore I poured out my fury upon them because of the blood that they poured out on the ground, and because they defiled it with idols. I scattered them among the nations, dispersing them over foreign lands; according to their conduct and deeds I judged them. But when they came among the nations wherever they came, they served to profane my holy name, because it was said of them: "These are the people of the LORD, yet they had to leave their land." So I have relented because of my holy name which the house of Israel profaned among the nations where they came. Therefore say to the house of Israel: Thus says the Lord GOD: Not for your sakes do I act, house of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you profaned among the nations to which you came. I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations, in whose midst you have profaned it. Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you. For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 42

Refrain: As the deer longs for running streams  
So I long, so I long, so I long for you.

## Psalm—Prayer (*stand*)

## Gloria:

*Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

## Prayer

### Epistle: *(sit)*

Romans. 6: 3-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Triple Alleluia*

CHANT

*Festival Alleluia*

James Chepponis

### Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'"

## Homily

# The Rites of the Christian Initiation of Adults

### Presentation of the Catechumens

#### Litany of the Saints

Leader of Song:

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

All:

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

After each invocation:

Pray for us.

After each petition:

Be merciful to us sinners;  
Jesus, Son of the living God,  
Christ hear us  
Christ, graciously hear us

Lord, deliver us we pray

Lord we ask you, hear our prayer  
Lord we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Christ hear us,  
Christ, graciously hear us.

### The Blessing of the Easter Holy Water

### The Baptismal Rite of the Elect

### The Renewal of Baptismal Promises of the Community

### The Sprinkling with Easter Water

*As a reminder of the new life we received in Baptism, we are blessed with the Easter water.*

Hymn during the sprinkling:

*With Joy You Shall Draw Water*

Bob Hurd

Refrain

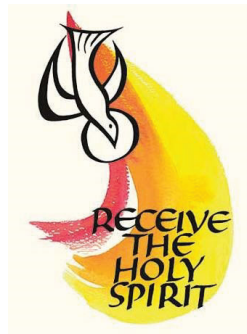
With joy you shall draw wa-ter, with joy you shall draw wa-ter  
from the foun-tain of God's mer-cy, from the well-spring of love.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/2 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Please extinguish candles.*

## Confirmation of the Elect and Candidates

## Universal Prayer



## The Liturgy Of The Eucharist

**Offertory Anthem:**

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Again*  
Philip Stopford

### COMMUNION RITE

#### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

# Communion Hymns:

At the Lamb's High Feast

SALZBURG



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic -  
 2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel  
 3. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, Sin a - lone can



1. to - rious King, He has washed us in the tide  
 2. sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
 3. this de - stroy; From sin's pow'r do thou set free



1. Flow - ing from his o - pen side; Praise we him, whose  
 2. Through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose  
 3. Souls new-born, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glo - ry,



1. love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine, Gives his  
 2. blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread; With sin -  
 3. songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise: Ris - en



1. Bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
 2. cer - i - ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove.  
 3. Lord, all praise to thee With the Spir - it ev - er be.

Text: 77 77 D; *Ad regias Agni dapes*; Latin, 4th cent.; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.  
 Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750.

## Out of Darkness

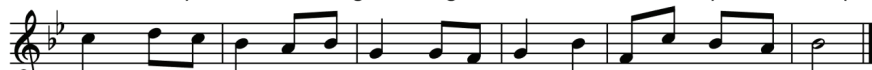
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Out of dark-ness the light of Christ will shine, as the



dawn of day breaks through the night. Then the poor and op -



pressed will cry out and be heard by the light that ris - es from the night.

## Solemn Blessing

**Solemn Dismissal:** Go in the peace of Christ.  
alleluia, alleluia

**Response:** Thanks be to God.  
alleluia, alleluia.

## Recessional Hymn:

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*  
EASTER HYMN

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Text: st. 1, Latin, 14th Cent., para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt; sts. 2,3, *The Compleat Psalmody*, c. 1750; st.. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Music: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708.

**Postlude:** Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel

*May the Peace,  
the Joy  
and  
the Love of Christ  
fill your hearts  
and your homes  
on this  
Easter Day.*

