

The Great Vigil of Easter

March 30, 2024

As you enter the church, you're invited to spend time in prayer and reflection.

At 7:05, after the welcome, move outside for the liturgy of light.

Chant: *You are my light, my light and salvation. In you I trust, in you I trust.*

The Liturgy of Light

Welcome

Tamra Tucker

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

The Light of Christ

Thanks be to God

The Exsultet

Jimmy Lim and Jillian Carelli

The Liturgy of Lessons

After each story and “turn & talk”:

You have called us by our name and we belong to you.

You have called us by our name and we are yours.

1. Story of Creation

The Cathedral Schola

2. Story of Creation, Today

Ms. Penny Cost

3. The Great Flood

MANNA Community

4. Crossing the Red Sea

Union Combined Parish

“But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."... 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.”

5. The Abundance of Bread (1 Kings 17:10-16)

Sanctuary Church

6. Three Young Men in the Fiery Furnace

Dean Amy & Y'all

7. The Valley of Dry Bones

Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back

and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath[a] enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ Therefore prophecy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’”

8. The Gospel

Mark 16: 1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” 4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white

robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 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. 7 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." 8 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.

(this is the story of our risen Christ: **thanks be to god!**)

Confirmation of Christian Faith

*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father (Author)?
**I believe in God, the Father (Author) almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
And, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

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

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

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
And respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God,
and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
I will, with God's help.

*The sprinkling of water and prayer takes place. If you wish not to be sprinkled with
water, please step back and rejoin us at the prayer.*

Confirmations

**We thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit, you have forgiven and
released us, your servants, from sin, and raised us to the new life of grace.**

**Sustain us, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give us inquiring and discerning
hearts, the courage to do your will, a spirit to know and to love you, and the
gift of joy and wonder in all that you have created. Amen.**

Proclamation

Easter Proclamation

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

bells may be rung!

Oh! Ah! Sing hallelujah!
Oh! Ah! Sing hallelujah, Oh
Sing it out to the risen Lord!
Come on sing hallelujah!

Peace

May the peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Offering

The offering will go to BAGLY, Inc, an LGBTQ youth support organization that works for queer youth justice in Boston

"Hallelujah" by William Walker

The Schola

The Liturgy of the Table

*All make their way to the front of the sanctuary
and gather around the altar.*

The Meal

Glory to God forever!

Sanctus

*Holy, holy and mighty
Holy, holy we praise you! Oh!
The earth is full of your glory! Oh!
We sing hosanna in the highest!*

The Lord's Prayer

We pray to God who is Parent of us all:
Our Author, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Fraction

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Come now, all those who hunger,
Come now, all those who thirst for God.
God is living among us! Oh!
God is living within us!

wine is in silver, juice is in pottery. the bread is gluten-free

Communion Songs

Refrain: I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away. **Refrain**

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. **Refrain**

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I've got a river of life flowing out of me,
makes the lame to walk and the blind to see,
opens prison doors sets the captives free,
I've got a river of life flowing out of me.
Spring up oh well within my soul.
Spring up oh well and make me whole.
Spring up oh well and give to me,
That life abundantly.

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Glory, glory, Hallelujah,
since I laid my burdens down
Glory, glory, Hallelujah
since I laid my burdens down

I feel better, so much better...
Friends don't treat me like they used to...
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This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine
Oh, this little light of mine I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine
All around the neighborhood I'm going to let it shine x2
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine X2
Don't let hatred blow it out I'm gonna let it shine X2

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.
**God of our salvation,
in this Eucharist you renew us to abundant life
and make a way out of no way.
Help us to follow in the path of Christ
who came to bring healing out of our scars
and prisoners into freedom.
Continue this healing work within us.
May we who partake of this mystery
grow in courage and compassion,
offering our lives to your service.
Amen.**

Sending Hymn

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!*

*To the tomb the women bring, Alleluia!
Spices rich, an offering, Alleluia!
Asking where my Jesus be, Alleluia!
Savior come to set us free, Alleluia!*

*There the angel clothed in white, Alleluia!
Tells the news with great delight, Alleluia!
This the news the angel gives, Alleluia!
That the sovereign glorious lives, Alleluia!*

*“Hasten now to Galilee,” Alleluia!
“Tell the others what you see!” Alleluia!
With excitement trembling, Alleluia!
Off we run, good news to bring, Alleluia!*

Blessing & Sending

Beloved in Christ,
our worship has ended,
but our service has only begun.
Go forth by the power of the Spirit
to love and serve our God!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Thanks be to God!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

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and to all who poured their hearts out in the stories of our past,
the sextons of the cathedral for creating every space this Holy Week,
and countless people who helped set up, bring food, fold bulletins, and
spread the word:

Thank you.

Cathedral Church of St. Paul is a house of prayer for all people. We are home to a Sunday congregation; the Episcopal Chinese Congregation; The Crossing; MANNA; and a Muslim community who gathers for Jum'ah Prayers.

MANNA is a ministry of and with the homeless community in downtown Boston, offering a weekly meal, worship, meditation group, writing group, and micro-library at St Paul's Cathedral.

The Crossing is a grassroots, justice-focused, do-it-yourself, ecumenical community of hipsters, heretics, homeless, and incognito clergy who gather Thursday nights at Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

The Sanctuary Boston is a spiritual community- a place of dynamic worship, authentic connection, and transformation for seekers of all kinds. Grounded in Unitarian Universalism, and shaped by a diversity of traditions.

Union Combined Parish is a liberationist Methodist community that does justice, loves mercy, and hustles humbly. We grow from inclusive community, racial equity and social justice, prophetic service, and transformational worship.

The Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard proclaims Christ's life, death, and resurrection; embraces faith, mystery, and doubt; and strives to love like Jesus through the grace of the Holy Spirit. We pray, serve our neighbor, and challenge one another to grow in faith.

We are The Crossing:

an unlikely band of pilgrims and heretics, students and artists, mystics and activists, following the radical and subversive way of Jesus. Sharing our lives with each other, we are transformed into Christ's likeness and filled with God's passion and power. We strive to live with authenticity and intentionality, to be of and with the marginalized and excluded, and to embody the love, beauty, and justice of God in the city of Boston
Welcome to the journey.

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