



# All Saints Anglican Church

BIBLICAL FAITH + APOSTOLIC ROOTS

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March 30, 2024

Easter Eve, 8:30 pm

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## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

*If you are visiting with us today, Welcome! Please take time to let us get acquainted. Pick up a “Welcome bag” from one of our greeters, complete the visitor’s card attached, and drop it in our offering plate as your offering.*

*The liturgy begins at the front door of the church*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

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.

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire, we pray, and so set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and kindled affections we may attain to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant traces the cross, Alpha and Omega, and year saying:*

*Tracing the cross*

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end.

*Tracing the A and Ω*    The Alpha and the Omega

*Tracing the year*    His are the times and the ages.  
To him be glory and dominion  
through all ages of eternity. *Amen.*

*As the nails are fixed*    Through his holy and glorious wounds  
may Christ the Lord guard and  
preserve us. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle is lit from the newly kindled  
fire, and says*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness  
from our hearts and minds.

*The people's candles are lit from the Paschal Candle as the Celebrant  
leads the procession into the Church, pausing three times and  
singing:*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*The congregation remains standing, holding their candles, for the  
Exsultet—an ancient song of praise for Easter:            (Steve Moran)*

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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

*Answer* **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Answer* **It is meet and right so to do.**

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 for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### THE LESSONS

*The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings by saying*

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, remembering how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that God may bring to completion in each of us the saving work he has begun.

*The people are seated*

- I. The story of Creation:** Genesis 1.1—2.3 *Pew Bible, p. 1*

*The people stand for the versicles, responses and prayers after each Old Testament Lesson.*

- V. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto to your Name, O Most High,

- R. To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning, and of your faithfulness in the night season,**

V. Upon an instrument of ten strings and upon the lute, with the sound of melody upon the harp.

**R. For you, LORD, have made me glad by your deeds, and I will shout for joy because of your handiwork**

*(Psalm 92.1-4)*

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.*

**II. Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea:** Exodus 14.10-15.1  
*Pew Bible, p. 56*

V. I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

**R. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God and I will exalt him.**

*(Exodus 15.1-2)*

Let us pray.

O God, whose 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 offered to all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**III. A new heart and a new spirit:** Ezekiel 36.24-28  
*Pew Bible, p. 724*

V. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

**R. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.**

V. “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

**R. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”**

*(Isaiah 12.2-6)*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you promise your faithful people new life in the water of Baptism: Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**IV. The gathering of God’s People:** Zephaniah 3.14-20  
*Pew Bible, p. 790*

V. Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

**R. For my eyes have seen your salvation**

V. That you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

**R. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.**

*(Luke 2.29-32)*

Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The people remain standing for the renewal of Baptismal vows.*

#### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS:

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, [now that our Lenten observance is ended,] to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit yourself to keep them?

**R. I do.**

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**R. I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**R. I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

**R. I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

**R. I do.**

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**R. I do.**

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

**R. I will, the Lord being my helper.**

Let us now reaffirm our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**R. I do.**

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

**R. I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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 and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**R. I do. 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. Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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#### THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*The Altar candles are lit from the Paschal Candle at this time.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*All* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The Church's lights are turned on for the singing of the first Hymn of Easter (The peoples' candles are now extinguished).*

**132 The strife is o'er, the battle done**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;

The victory of life is won;

The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst,

But Christ their legions hath dispersed;

Let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped;  
He rises glorious from the dead;  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!

Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,  
From death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with your spirit.**

V. 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 forever. *Amen.*

*The congregation may be seated for the Epistle lesson*

EPISTLE: **Romans 6.3-11**

*Pew Bible, p. 942*

*Please stand for the singing of the gradual hymn and remain standing until invited to sit by the preacher.*

144 **He is risen, he is risen!** (*verses 1-2*)

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice;  
He has burst his three days' prison;  
Let the whole wide earth rejoice;

Death is conquered, man is free;  
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
With glad smile and radiant brow:  
Lent's long shadows have departed;  
All his woes are over now,  
And the passion that he bore;  
Sin and pain can vex no more.

**789**    *Gloria tibi*

*Prayer Book, p. 70*

V. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Saint...

R. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL: **Matthew 28.1-10**

*Pew Bible, p. 835*

V. The Gospel of the Lord

R. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**144**    **He is risen, he is risen!** (*verses 3-4*)

Come, with high and holy hymning,  
Chant our Lord's triumphant lay;  
Not one darksome cloud is dimming  
Yonder glorious morning ray,  
Breaking o'er the purple east,  
Symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate;  
We are free from sin's dark prison,  
Risen to a holier state;  
And a brighter Easter beam  
On our longing eyes shall stream.

SERMON:

*Fr. Don*

*All kneel for the prayers and confession*

*At the conclusion of each petition is said:*

*Reader*            Lord, in your mercy:  
*People*            **Hear our prayer.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Prayer Book p. 129

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence. The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your  
ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION &amp; COMFORTABLE WORDS

p. 130

*The congregation stands for the exchange of peace*

PEACE

*V.* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*R.* **And with your spirit.**

*Please be seated for the announcements*

OFFERTORY HYMN:

**146 Welcome, happy morning!**

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say;  
Hell today is vanquished; heaven is won today!

Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!  
Him, their true Creator, all his works adore!  
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,  
All flesh gifts returned with her returning King:  
Bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,  
Speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now.  
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,  
Thou from heaven beholding human nature’s fall,  
Of the Father’s Godhead true and only Son,  
Manhood to deliver, manhood didst put on.  
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,  
Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;  
Come then, true and faithful, now fulfil thy word;  
'Tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord!  
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan’s chain;  
All that now is fallen raise to life again;  
Show thy face in brightness; bid the nations see;  
Bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!  
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

*The congregation stands for the Doxology*

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*Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRESENTATION

- V. ...All things come from you, O LORD,  
R. **And of your own have we given you.**

SURSUM CORDA

*Prayer Book, p. 132*

- V. The Lord be with you.  
R. **And with your spirit.**  
V. Lift up your hearts.  
R. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
R. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Therefore...

SANCTUS

*Schubert*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, (2x)  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*All kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*Prayer Book, p. 132*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*p. 133*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The congregation is invited to join in the conclusion of the*

*Eucharistic prayer:*

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

LORD'S PRAYER

*Prayer Book p. 134*

**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.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*p. 135*

**We do not presume to come to this your table,  
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord  
whose character is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean  
by his body, and our souls washed  
through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

*p. 136*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**Grant us your peace.**

*All visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion who have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and who receive Communion in their own church.*

*Children are encouraged to come to the altar rail with their parents and participate in the Lord's Supper if they have been baptized and taught the meaning of Communion; if they are not yet ready to receive, they may cross their arms and receive a blessing.*

*Those who may have difficulty coming to the communion rail, may speak to one of the ushers and a member of the clergy will bring communion to you in your seat.*

*Please stand for the singing of the post-communion hymn*

**Because He Lives**

God sent his son, they called him Jesus;

He came to love, heal, and forgive;

He lived and died to buy my pardon,

An empty grave is there to prove My Savior lives.

*Chorus:* Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because he lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living Just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days because he lives. *Chorus*

And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;



And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. *Chorus*

*Please kneel for the post-communion prayer.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Prayer Book, p. 137*

**Heavenly Father,  
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.**

EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**124 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

- V.* Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia,  
alleluia.
- R.* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

<b>UPCOMING SERVICES</b>		
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March 31	8:15 am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion
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