



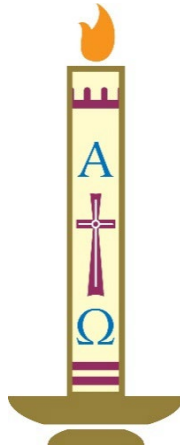
**The Great Vigil of Easter  
with Holy Baptisms  
April 4, 2026  
with St Dunstan's Episcopal Church**



THE GREAT VIGIL OF  
**EASTER**

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## ABOUT THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Great Vigil of Easter is a significant liturgy in the Christian year and culminates the Triduum Sacrum, the sacred three days of Holy Week

The service begins in darkness. We light a fire that represents the "new fire" of Christ's resurrection. The new fire is used to light a new Paschal candle, a symbol of the light of Christ in our midst.

The church nave is gradually illuminated by the candles of the faithful as we reflect on the Paschal Mystery, the passage from darkness into light, from death into life.

Readings from scripture and sacred music tell of God's saving actions through history. Into this story, we welcome those who are to be baptized into the household of God and we reaffirm our own baptismal vows.

The great moment of this night is the celebration of the First Eucharist of the Resurrection, gloriously announced with Alleluias.

The Paschal Candle burns as a sign of the presence of the resurrected Christ and will burn throughout the Easter season, known as the Great Fifty Days.

Thank you for celebrating with us tonight and we hope you will join us tomorrow morning at 9 am or 11 am, and throughout the celebration of this season. All Saints has a wonderful community of faith and programs for children, youth, and adults, and we would love to welcome you here!

# THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*In the darkness in the crossing, fire is kindled.*

**Celebrant:** 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.

**Celebrant:** 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.

*The Paschal Candle is lit from the newly kindled fire and is brought forward. During the procession, the Deacon or Celebrant and People chant responsively three times:*

**Celebrant:** The light of Christ.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Exsultet

*The Cantor leads the Exsultet, found on page 286 in the Book of Common Prayer, the red book in the pews.*

*The exsultet includes this dialogue:*

**Cantor:** ... one God, for ever and ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**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 him thanks and praise.**

*The Exsultet ends with:*

**Cantor:** He who gives his light to all creation and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Celebrant:** 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.

### The First Lesson

The Story of Creation

*Genesis 1:1-2:2*

*(found on page 1 in the Bible in your pews)*

### Hymn

**Hymnal 177 - Over the chaos of the empty waters**

**Celebrant:** 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.**

### The Second Lesson

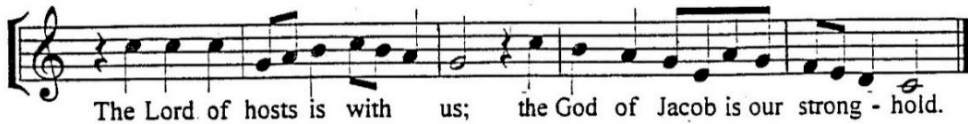
The Flood

*Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13 (Bible, page 6)*

# Psalm 46

Arranged from Martin Luther

Verses sung by choir; refrain sung by choir and congregation.



*Choir:* God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though  
the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;  
Though it waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble  
at its tumult. **(Refrain)**

*Choir:* There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy  
habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help  
her at the break of day.  
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has  
spoken, and the earth shall melt away. **(Refrain)**

*Choir:* Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, what awesome  
things he has done on earth.  
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow,  
and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.  
"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the  
nations; I will be exalted in the earth." **(Refrain)**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant  
with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and  
the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Third Lesson

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea  
*Exodus 14:10-15:1 (Bible, page 60)*

### Canticle 8

The Song of Moses - Thaddeus P. Cavuoti

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*Cantor sings Antiphon. Then all repeat Antiphon:*

**I will sing to the Lord, for he is lof-ty and up-lift-ed; the  
horse and its rider has he hurled in-to the sea.**

*Cantor:* The Lord is my strength and my refuge; the Lord has become my Savior. This is my God, and I will praise him, the God of my people: I will exalt him.

***(Antiphon)***

*Cantor:* The Lord is a mighty warrior; Yahweh is his name. The chariots of Pharaoh has he hurled into the sea; they sank to the depths like a stone.

***(Antiphon)***

*Cantor:* Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy. Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? Glorious, Awesome, and Worker of Wonders!

***(Antiphon)***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Fourth Lesson

A New Heart and a New Spirit  
*Ezekiel 36:24-28 (Bible page 793)*

*Please stand. All may join in singing.*

## Hymn

## Hymnal 679 - Surely it is God Who Saves Me

*Celebrant:* 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.**

## HOLY BAPTISM

*All sit.*

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*The baptismal candidates and sponsors proceed to the area near the font.*

*Children may come forward to sit on the carpets at the front of the church to observe.*

*Celebrant:* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows*

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

*When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the candidate:*

*Celebrant:* Do you desire to be baptized?

**Answer:** **I do.**

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents :*

**Celebrant:** Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

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

**Celebrant:** Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

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

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate and of the parents and godparents.*

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

**Answer:** **I renounce them.**

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

**Answer:** **I renounce them.**

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

**Answer:** **I renounce them.**

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

**Answer:** **I do.**

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

**Answer:** **I do.**

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

**Answer:** **I do.**

*Then the Celebrant addresses the congregation, asking:*

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

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

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant:* 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 Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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

*People:* **I do.**

*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

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

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* 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 forever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Celebrant blesses the water:*

*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.**

*Celebrant:* 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 ever-lasting 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.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water, saying,*

*Celebrant:* 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

## The Baptisms

*Each candidate is presented by name.*

**Celebrant:** Name this person.

**Celebrant:** *N.*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

*The candidate is marked on the forehead with holy oil in the sign of the cross.*

**Celebrant:** *N.*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

*A Baptismal Candle is lighted from the Paschal Candle and presented, the Celebrant saying,*

**Celebrant:** Receive the light of Christ.

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Celebrant prays over the newly baptized:*

**Celebrant:** 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.

**People:** **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 Peace

*All stand.*

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*All exchange a sign of peace. The congregation may extinguish their candles.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The candles at the Altar are lighted from the Paschal Candle. The Celebrant and People say responsively three times:*

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The people ring bells.*

## Canticle

God's Paschal Lamb

*(Sung to Sine Nomine. All may join in singing.)*

***God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us: Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast; forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

***Now Christ is raised and will not die again; death has no more dominion over him; Through him we die to sin and live to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

***In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall all be made alive. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

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## Easter Collect

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

## The New Testament Lesson

*Romans 6:3-11*

*Reader:* A reading from Paul's Epistle 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. 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand. All may join in singing.*

## Sequence Hymn

**Hymnal 208, vv. 1-3, The strife is o'er**

## The Gospel

*Matthew 28:1-10*

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

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord 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. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 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.' This is my message for you." 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 worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily: The Rev. Meredith Kefauver Olsen, Associate Rector**

**Offertory Anthem**

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

Melody from "Airs sur les hymnes sacres, odes et noels."

arr. Peter Crisafulli

**Offering**

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*Please stand. All may join in singing.*

**Presentation Hymn**

**Hymnal 205, v. 1-2, Good Christians all**

***Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

***The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

## The Holy Communion

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says:*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the altar, the Celebrant proceeds with the prayers, found on page 361 in the Book of Common Prayer, the red book in your pew.*

## Sanctus et Benedictus

Hymnal S-125

*All may join in singing.*

*After the Benedictus, please sit or kneel as able. The Celebrant continues on BCP p. 362 until:*

*Celebrant:* Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All:* **Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues on BCP p. 363 until:*

*Celebrant:* 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.

*All:* **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

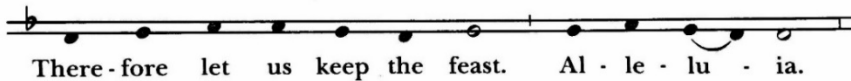
**Celebrant:** And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**People:** **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.**

## Fraction Anthem

## Hymnal S-152 Christ our Passover

*All may join in singing:*



**Celebrant:** 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.

*All Saints Church welcomes all baptized Christians to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you do not wish to receive Communion at this time, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms on your chest, with each hand on the opposite shoulder, to receive a blessing. If you have limited mobility, please alert an usher and we will be happy to bring you Communion in your seat.*

## Communion Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth - arr. T. W. Ripper  
*Sung by the Choir*

## Post communion prayer

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*People:* **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

## Closing Hymn

*Please stand. All may join in singing.*

**Hymnal 207 - Jesus Christ is risen today**

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

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# EASTER Sunday

## Easter Sunday, April 5

**9 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II**, festival service with hymns, brass and choir  
Children's Chapel available during the sermon

**10:30 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt** on the All Saints lawn. Coffee and lemonade available.

**11 am, Holy Eucharist, Rite II**, festival service with hymns, brass and choir  
Children's Chapel available during the sermon

*Nursery available for both services*

## Upcoming Events

Find our full calendar at [allsaintschurch.net](http://allsaintschurch.net) or in our Friday email, *All Things All Saints*. If you are not receiving the weekly emails, contact Allison Winter ([allison.winter@allsaintschurch.net](mailto:allison.winter@allsaintschurch.net))

### Sunday April 12, regular Sunday schedule

**8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

**9:00 am All Saints Sunday Breakfast**

**9:15 am Sunday School for children and youth**

Godly Play PK3- Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class

Middle School Crew

High School Club

**9:30 am Adult Christian Formation**

Theology Forum, Easter Season study: *Jesus and the Old Testament: A Study of Matthew*

Christian Conversations, Easter Season study: *Bridging Divisions: How to be Peacemakers*

**10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II** (livestream available)

**5:00 pm Family Table Contemporary Service** in the Great Hall

**Student Ministry Connect Night**, Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (resumes April 15)

**Welcome Wednesday Dinner**, Wednesdays at 6 pm (resumes April 15)

**All Saints Bible Study**, Wednesdays 6:45 pm

**Student Ministry High School Circle**, Apr. 12, April 26

**Coffee & Crafts, Rockville Women's Shelter**, Apr. 12, May 3

**Newcomers Meet & Greet**,

**Movie on the Lawn**, May 1

**Parish Annual Meeting**, May 17



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