

The Great Vigil of Easter



Saturday, April 19, 2025
7pm

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

5801 Hampton Street

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

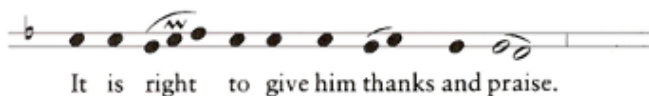
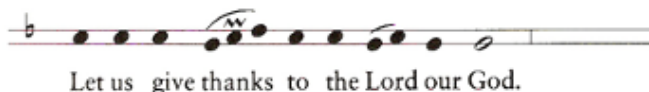
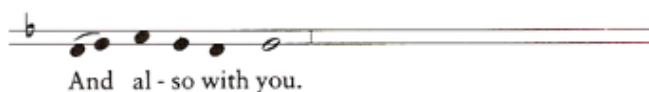
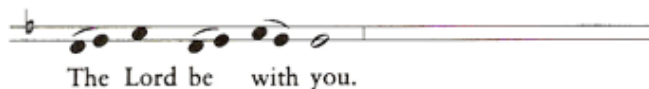
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Please participate in our service in whatever way you feel comfortable. Invitations to stand, kneel, or sit, are included in the text. Congregational responses are in **bold**.

Children are welcome to use the resources in the front left corner of the nave, and the nursery will be open for parent/guardian-supervised play (with live streaming of the liturgy).

Our worship will be live-streamed. In the regular course of the service, attendees will not be visible, except at communion. If you do not wish to appear, please let an usher know and we will bring the sacrament to you at your seat. Also, please note that if you are near a camera, your audio may be broadcast.

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.



Then continues: 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated for the Vigil readings from the Hebrew Scriptures. Following each reading is a hymn, chant, or psalm; a period of silence; and a prayer.

THE STORY OF CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

YOUR LOVE IS NEVER ENDING

The cantor sings the phrase and the choir and congregation sings the part marked "all" after each verse.

Psalm 136 Marty Haugen

Cantor

All

For your love is nev - er end - ing.

Cantor

All

For your love is nev - er end - ing.

1. We give thanks unto you, O God of might:
We give thanks unto you, the God of gods:
2. In your wisdom and love you shaped the skies:
You spread out the earth upon the sea:

3. You have filled all the skies with glory and light:
The sun for the day and moon for night:

(Silence)

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.**

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA Exodus 14:10-3, 15:20-21

HYMN #199

Come ye faithful (vs. 1 & 4)

(Silence)

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.**

SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL

Isaiah 55:1-11

SURELY, IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME

The refrain is repeated at the beginning by the congregation after the choir sings it through and then sung by all after each sung verse.

Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -
 fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -
 fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

1. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation and on that day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name."
2. Make God's deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that the Lord is exalted. Sing praises of the Lord, for God has done great things and this be known to all the world.
3. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion; ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

(Silence)

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14

HYMN #204

Now the Green Blade Riseth

(Silence)

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand as each is able. The Celebrant addresses the people:

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 faithful in his holy catholic Church.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The people remain standing. The Celebrant leads them in the Renewal of Vows:

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.**

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

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

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows:

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant asks the people to stand and then says in a loud voice:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

As the lights are turned on, the people ring their bells. The candles at the Altar are lit from the Paschal Candle.

HYMN #207

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

During the hymn, the Celebrant casts the holy water asperges upon the people, recalling their day of Holy Baptism.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant offers the prayer of the day (BCP 295).

EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

ALLELUIA VERSE

Sung twice, then again after the choir sings the verse.

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then

they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Jodie Moore

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(Silence)

*The People may add their own petitions.
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

*We shake hands and greet each other with a sign of God's peace.
Please, feel free to leave your seat!*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Sing We All Now Alleluia (*Walter Ehret*)

THE DOXOLOGY - HYMN #400

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the Celebrant.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. **Amen.**

The people remain standing.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 given for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S-129

(Powell)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

FRACTION ANTHEM S-163

(Powell)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

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This is the table of Jesus Christ, who welcomes everyone. You may drink from the chalice or dip your bread in the cup. If you'd prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Young children are also welcome to receive. Gluten-free wafers are available; let the priest know. Note that there are several steps up to the altar rail; please signal to an usher if you wish to have communion brought to you in your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN #711

Seek ye first

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #180

He is Risen

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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EASTER SUNDAY - 10AM

Christ is risen! We celebrate with the celebration of baptism.
The service will be livestreamed. Easter egg hunt to follow!
[No 8am service on Easter Sunday.]

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Watson Montgomery

Eucharistic Server: Wes Rohrer

Second Chalice: Anthony Crisafio

Lectors: Patty Maloney, Laurel Roberts, Ed Donovan,
& Thatcher Montgomery

Ushers: Melissa Harding & Arthur Noonan

Cantor: Lynea Csefalvay

ST. ANDREW’S PRAYER LIST

Healing for Joan Price, friend of Mary Roehrich; Pat Huie,
friend of Tadd Bevan; Karen, neighbor of Ed Donovan; Rebecca
Byerly; Patty Maloney; Jim Ghrist, brother of Bill Ghrist; Peg
Ghrist; Lorette Fuller; Helen Hagopian; Linda Hagopian;
Emma Mosley; Nancy Gillies, cousin of Molly Montgomery;
Andrew Dartt, godson of Nita and John Kellum; Bruce Phillips;
Lynn Phillips, daughter-in-law of Paul Phillips; Frank Plavan,
brother of Karen Plavan; William, friend of Karen Plavan;
Chris, daughter of Dana Phillips.

Welcome to Saint Andrew's!

Please fill out a newcomer card if you're here for the first time. Put it in the offering plate, or give it to the clergy.

About our service: This is the Great Vigil of Easter from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Celebrate again with us tomorrow for Easter Sunday at 10am, with Easter egg hunt after the service. Our 8am service will be back next Sunday; it meets in the chapel and is a spoken, contemplative service.

Restrooms: For the restrooms, please exit the church at the front pulpit side door. Restrooms (with changing tables) are down the hall on the right. An all-gender restroom is at the top of the stairs to your right; it is also accessible by elevator.

The Episcopal Church: St Andrew's is part of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, which extends south to West Virginia, north to the perimeter of Butler County, and as far east as Somerset. Our diocesan bishop is The Rt. Rev. Ketlen Solak. The head of the Episcopal Church in the US is the Most Rev. Sean Rowe. We are part of the global Anglican Communion, with congregations in 160 countries.

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VESTRY

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Junior Warden: Matthew Walsh (26)

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Term 2026: Ray Williams

Term 2027: Ben Kelley, Chuck Reynolds, & Laurel Roberts

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