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The Great Vigil of Easter

April 20, 2025 | 6 a.m.



Alleluia! He is Risen!

WELCOME

We are so glad that you have come to the Cathedral. We would love to get to know you. If you would like to learn about our community, please fill out a connection card that can be found in front of your seat. You can place the card in the silver offering plate that passes by half way through the service or simply hand it to an usher. You can also go to our website at jaxcathedral.org/welcome and fill out a welcome card online.

CHILDREN

We love having children join us and they are always welcome in worship. We embrace their energy and joy they bring to our church family! While in church, **Blessings Bags** are available on the Narthex rack to help keep hands and minds engaged. They contain quiet activities and materials to enhance their worship experience. Feel free to borrow one during the service and return afterward so they can be shared with others. If your child needs a break during the service, there is a sitting area nearby with toys, books and a live stream of the service. Just ask an Usher for directions!

We also offer the **Hakimian Nursery**, staffed with trained caregivers for babies and toddlers up to 3. The nursery is open today from 8:45 a.m. to Noon. Children ages 4 and up are invited to gather in the Narthex at the start of the 9 a.m. service to join in the Procession and proceed to **faith formation**, rejoining their families at the Peace. Thank you for making worship a family experience!

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Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

7:30 a.m.

Easter breakfast in Taliaferro Hall
immediately following the service

9 a.m.

Holy Eucharist and
Flowering of the Cross

10:15 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt in the Bishop's Garden;
Please bring your own basket or bag. A
photographer will be present for
family photo opportunities!

11:15 a.m.

Choral Eucharist, with Incense

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✠ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✠ THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

All stand.

As the Celebrant addresses the People, fire is kindled.

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.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is then lit from the newly-kindled fire. The cantor, carrying the Paschal Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times while the following is sung:

Cantor The light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then a cantor standing near the Candle sings the Exsultet.

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.**

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.

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 Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings

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.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis: The Story of Creation

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters

from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all 5

the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:1-11 (*a metrical version of the text*):

Puer Nobis



1. All who are just, sing praise to God, With harp and lyre let all rejoice;
Let trumpets sound with all your skill, Sing a new song, lift every voice.
2. For this we know: God's word is right, And sure the working of his hands;
The Lord loves justice, righteousness, His loving-kindness fills all lands.
3. God made the heavens and heavenly host, His word alone caused them to be;
He gathers up the ocean's waves, Stores up the waters of the sea.
4. Let all who dwell upon the earth now stand in awe and fear the Lord;
For when he spoke, it came to pass; All things were finished at his word.
5. God thwarts the nations' purposes, their plans before him cannot last;
His plans endure from age to age, the purpose of his heart stands fast.

Pam Searcy, flute

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.**

All sit.

The Second Lesson

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13

Reader

A reading from Genesis: The Flood

The Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive

on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind-- every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, “Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh-- birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth-- so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Hymn 679

“Surely it is God who saves me”
Thomas Merton
Lewis Hunt, guitar; Pam Searcy, flute

Silence

Celebrant 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 People are seated.

The Third Lesson

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

Reader A reading from Exodus: Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." 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 the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

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. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the

chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Hymn 648 *(The congregation sings the refrain only.)*

"When Israel was in Egypt's land"

Go Down, Moses

Paul Fisher, soloist

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All sit.

The Fourth Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader A reading from Ezekiel: The valley of dry bones.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All sit.

The Psalm

Psalm 114

**Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
Judah became God’s sanctuary and Israel his dominion.
The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.
The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?
You mountains, that you skipped like rams? you little hills like young sheep?
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

The Homily

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll

✠ THE HOLY BAPTISM ✠

The People remain standing as the Candidates and Sponsors come forward.

The Presentation of the Candidates

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Candidates are presented by the Parents and Godparents

Parents I present Saul Gabriel Pizano to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
 I present Nathan Thomas Usztoke to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the children.

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

Parents 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?

Parents I will, with God's help.

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

Parents I renounce them.

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

Parents I renounce them.

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

Parents I renounce them.

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

Parents I do.

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

Parents I do.

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

Parents I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation.

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

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with these Candidates who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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 strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

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

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over 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 everlasting 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

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. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidates are presented by name for Baptism and Chrismation, and are presented with a Baptismal candle, a sign of the Light of Christ within them.

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All

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 EASTER PROCLAMATION ∞ THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

The Great Noise

The People begin softly and slowly ringing bells and other noisemakers they have brought with them. The crescendo builds until it is brought to a climax with the organ. The Altar candles are lit from the Paschal Candle. The people may now extinguish their individual candles.

Easter Alleluia

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**



Cantor: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast.
People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

Priest 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.

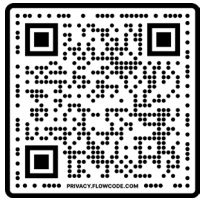
People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Peace

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

Greet one another with the peace of Jesus.

Welcome and Announcements



As the altar is prepared for Communion, please place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed. You may also give by texting jaxcathedral \$(amount) to 73256. Or use the QR code to give online. Thank you for your generosity.

✿ THE HOLY COMMUNION ✿

The Offertory Anthem

Since by man came death (from *Messiah*), G.F. Handel

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

LEVAS 189

“Great is thy faithfulness”

The 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.

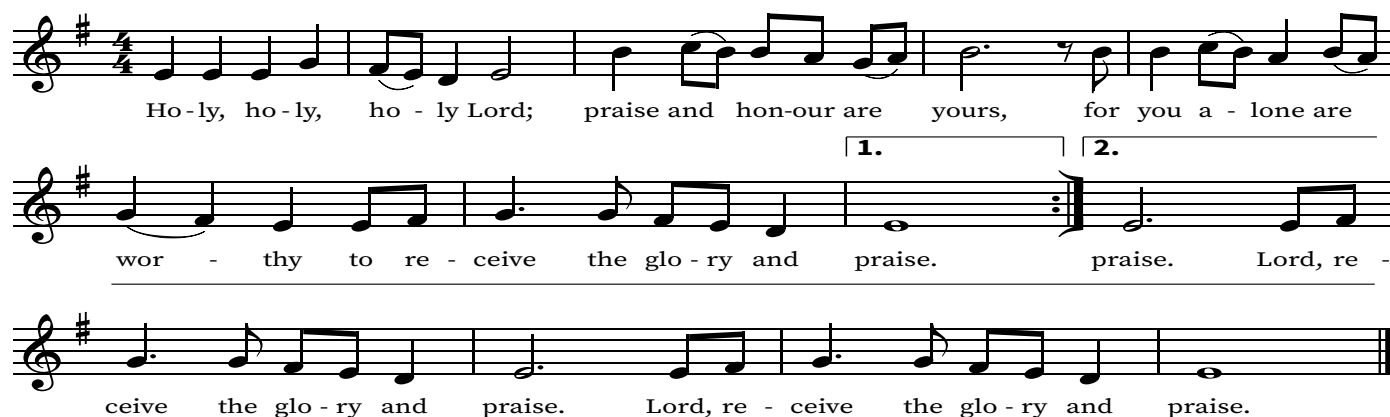
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Liat Chung Ham



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; praise and hon - our are yours, for you a - lone are

1. wor - thy to re - ceive the glo - ry and praise. 2. praise. Lord, re -

ceive the glo - ry and praise. Lord, re - ceive the glo - ry and praise.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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 who long for God are welcome to receive communion. Please let clergy know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by folding your arms across your chest. If you would like to receive communion and are unable to come to the altar, please ask an usher for assistance. A socially distant communion table is set in the chapel to the left of the altar (the North Transcept). Intercessory prayers may be received at the Baptismal Font.

Music at Communion

Hymn 174, "At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise"

Salzburg

Antiphon of Spring, Everett Titcomb

I went down into my garden to see the fruits of the valley, and to see if the vines had flower'd, and the pomegranates were in blossom. Return thee, O Shulamite, that we may look upon thee. Alleluia, allelulia.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Easter Blessing

Celebrant Almighty God has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

All stand

Hymn 207

"Jesus Christ is risen today"

Easter Hymn

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Voluntary

The Holy Savior is Arisen!, J.S. Bach



Join Us on Sunday Mornings at the Cathedral

**8 am Holy Eucharist
Cathedral Nave**

**10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Cathedral Nave, Livestream available
Featuring: Cathedral Choir, Gospel Singers, and Celebration Choir**

Jax Cathedral Welcomes You To Come Engage With Us

Children's Sermons for the Whole Family

Children and families are vital to our community at St. John's Cathedral. **Next Sunday, April 27**, we will be incorporating a Children's Sermon to our 10:30 service. We invite you to join us, and we encourage all children to come forward when invited.

Welcome Luncheon – We Want to Get to Know You

If you are looking to be more involved at the Cathedral, please join us at our Welcome Luncheon on **Sunday, May 4 at 11:30 in Burwell Court**. RSVP with Linda O'Dell at lodell@jaxcathedral.org.

Jazz in the Garden – Music, Childcare & More

This **Friday, April 25** join us for Jazz in the Garden from 5:30-7 p.m.. Wine and charcuterie will be provided, and a \$10 donation is suggested. We also provide a fun-filled evening for children, ages infant – 4th Grade, from 4:30-7:30. (Please register your child at with Felicia Bullock at fbullock@jaxcathedral.org) Our beautiful, one of a kind bookstore will also be open across the street from 4:30-6:30, so be sure to take some time to shop!

“The Chosen” – Let's Talk About This Show

“The Chosen” is a dramatic production of the life of Jesus in its 5th Season. Available on Amazon Prime, the series' use of Gospel scriptures allows space for own interpretation of our relationship with God. From **June 15-August 3, we will gather at 9am on Sunday mornings** to discuss and explore “The Chosen.”

Other Announcements and Events

Each Wednesday, we offer a full day of activities to nourish your faith, foster fellowship, and deepen your spiritual journey. Visit our website for more information:
jaxcathedral.org/wednesdays.

Consider joining our **Greeter Team**! Training meeting: Sunday, April 27, 9am, Room 302.
Smiling is contagious, so come share yours!

Enjoy more of the Cathedral's incredible music! Join us at 5pm on April 27 for our **St. George's Choral Evensong Service**. Led by Tim Tuller, Canon for Music, the Cathedral Choir, Cathedral Brass, and the Jacksonville Pipes and Drums, this evening service will be one to share with friends and family.



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Tim Tuller and the Cathedral Choir
The Clergy and Staff of the Cathedral



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Love at the Core is our motto; it refers to the heart of who we are. For nearly 200 years, St. John's Cathedral has sought to lead people in worship and community service here in the urban core of Jacksonville. We believe that through beauty, art, and worship we can draw people into community to experience God's love and serve those in need. We are a diverse congregation that welcomes all people. You are welcome to learn about the love of Jesus with us.

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Kate Moorehead Carroll**
Dean



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Mark S. Anderson**
Vicar



**The Rev. Dr.
Linda Privitera**
Associate Priest



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and Outreach



The Rev. Thomas O'Dell
Associate Priest for Welcome
and Engagement

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