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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

March 30, 2024

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Oxford



Welcome to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. We're glad you are here! All are invited to receive Communion at Christ's Table. The Worship service/Mass is projected on the screen. Our Book of Common Prayer (BCP) contains all prayers & services. Hymns are in the hymnal blue book (H).

Lighting of the Pascal Candle (in darkness) **(BCP) p285**

Celebrant: 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.**

(Chanted, pausing three times)

Celebrant: The light of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

(Paschal Candle returned to stand)

A version of the Exsultet (Celebrant & Choir)

Celebrant/Cantor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant/Cantor continues

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Sentence **(BCP) p288**

The Story of Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:2) (Carol)

Psalm (Choir)

Let us pray. **(BCP) p288**

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea (Betty)

(Exodus 14:10-15:1)

Canticle 8, *The Song of Moses* (Choir)

Let us pray. **(BCP) p289**

The Gathering of God's People (Betty)

(Zephaniah 3:12-20)

Psalm (Choir)

Let us pray. **(BCP) p291**



The Celebrant continues.....

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues.....

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer p364 (BCP) (SPOKEN)

Breaking of the Bread

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

Agnus Dei

INVITATION TO ALL TO RECEIVE COMMUNION
Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn: #178 (H) "Alleluia, Alleluia!", (v1-3)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

Recessional Hymn: #207 (H) "Jesus Christ is Risen Today", (v1-3)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

(BCP) p292-294

Celebrant: 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.**

At the Eucharist (lights go on)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
ALL: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Gloria

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

ALL: 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. **Amen.**

First Lesson: [Romans 6:3-11](#)
[Psalm 114](#) (CHOIR)

Sequence Hymn: #180 (H) *"He is Risen, He is Risen!"* (v1&2)

Gospel: [Mark 16:1-8](#)
Sermon: The Reverend Julia Dunbar

Prayers of the People: Form IV (BCP) p388



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: *Vivaldi's Gloria & "Jesus is Risen"*, (CHOIR)

Doxology: #380 (H) *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* (v3)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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-128

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.