

# ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**WELCOME TO THE TRIDUUM—The Great Three Days—**Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Great Vigil of Easter. These services comprise *one liturgy* stretching over three days, and are the most important liturgies of the year.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** we remember the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the great commandment to love one another.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** we celebrate the glory of the cross of Christ, the salvation of the world.

**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER:** the first service of Easter, and the most central liturgy of the entire year. The Vigil begins in darkness with the lighting of the Paschal Fire, continuing in candlelight and ending in the Alleluias of Easter and the first Eucharist of Easter.

**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER  
MARCH 30, 2024  
8:00 PM In-person & Livestream**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant address the people and prays. Incense pins are added to the Candle during the prayers.*

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Celebrant bearing the Candle leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*The People are given candles by ushers as they enter.*


## THE EXSULTET

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. The Cantor, standing nearby, sings the Exsultet.*


Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,  
and let your trumpets shout Salvation  
for the victory of our mighty King...

*The Exsultet continues:*

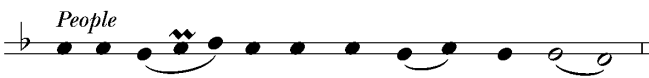
All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,  
pray with me to God the Almighty  
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;  
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Exsultet continues, and concludes with:*

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 people extinguish their candles and place them in the baskets at each end of each pew.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings in these or similar words*

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 People may be seated.*

**THE FIRST READING:** The Story of Creation

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

*At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says:*

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 136:3-9** *The Psalm is chanted by the Choir.*

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*The People stand as able.*

*The Celebrant continues:*

Let us pray. *(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.*

*The People may be seated.*

**THE SECOND READING:** Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

**Exodus 14:10-15:1**

*At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says:*

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 136:1-2, 10-15** *The Psalm is sung by the Choir.*

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*The People stand as able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Let us pray. *(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.*

*The People may be seated.*

**THE THIRD READING:** The Valley of Dry Bones

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says:*

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 143:1-8** *The Psalm is sung by the Choir.*

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*The People stand as able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Let us pray. *(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.*

## THE GREAT ALLELUIA AND THE GREAT FANFARE OF EASTER

*The People stand. The Celebrant addresses the people three times, and three times they respond robustly:*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*During the above versicles, the lights of the Sanctuary and Altar are lit, and immediately after the three versicles, all sing*

## THE GLORIA

**Hymnal S-236**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*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. *Amen.*

*The People may be seated.*

## THE EPISTLE

**Romans 6:3-11**

A Reading from Letter of Paul 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.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The Cantor sings this refrain, and then the whole congregation sings the refrain. The Cantor next sings a verse, followed by all singing the refrain below:*

### Congregational Response

Al-le-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE GOSPEL

**Mark 16:1-8**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho**

*Silence may follow*

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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*The Celebrant says*

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form III)

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## THE PEACE

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Don Michael Dicie

### THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 (verse 3)

*All stand as able.*

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.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer D)

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*The People remain standing.*

### Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

*The People stand or kneel, and the Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding with the Great Amen:*

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*People:*

A - men, a - men, a - men!

A - men, a - men, a - men!

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

**Hymn S-155**

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**COMMUNION HYMN**     *As longs the deer for cooling streams*

**Hymnal 658**

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

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*The People stand or kneel.*

**THE FINAL BLESSING**

*The Celebrant says*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**CONCLUDING HYMN**     *Christ is alive!*

**Hymnal 182**

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

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

**POSTLUDE**



# EASTER FLOWER & MUSIC SPONSORSHIPS

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*The Vestry, Clergy, and Staff of St. Catherine's  
wish you and yours a joyful Eastertide  
and many blessings during this holy season.*

## **Worship Services**

### **Sundays**

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 AM  
Choral Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM

### **Wednesdays**

Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing 12:10 PM

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho, Rector**

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*The mission of St. Catherine's  
is to nurture each other  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
to share the Good News with all.*