

Cantor

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

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 people remain seated throughout the Liturgy of the Word.

ISRAEL’S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

The Lesson: Exodus 14:10-15:1 A. Joshua Parillo

Canticle 8, The Song of Moses *Book of Common Prayer p. 85*
(Sung by the choir)

The Collect *(Please kneel)*

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

The Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-11 Ginger Blake

Psalms 42:1-7 *Book of Common Prayer p. 643*
(Sung by the choir)

The Collect *(Please kneel)*

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

The Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Gordon Matheson

Psalms 30 *Book of Common Prayer p. 621*
(Sung by the choir)

The Collect *(Please kneel)*

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 RESURRECTION OF JESUS

The Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10 *(Please stand)*

Response before the Gospel **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Response after the Gospel **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Easter Acclamation:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The organ plays and bells are rung

Hymn 207 Jesus Christ is risen today *Easter Hymn*

(During the hymn the church is lit and people may extinguish their candles.

At the conclusion of the hymn, clergy, baptismal candidates, parents, and godparents take their places at the font.)

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES *Book of Common Prayer p. 301*

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *Book of Common Prayer p. 304*

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES *Book of Common Prayer p. 305*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER *Book of Common Prayer p. 306*

THE BAPTISMS *Book of Common Prayer p. 307*

THE PEACE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

HYMN 199 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain *(Please stand)* *St. Kevin*

SERMON *(Please be seated)* MS. HERSHEY MALLETTE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM *William Byrd*
(c.1543-1623)

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus; exsultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.
Easter Antiphon; Psalm 118: 24

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Remain standing)* Eucharistic Prayer B
The Full text of the Eucharistic Prayer may be found on page 367 of the BCP.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface. Then the Choir sings:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Gerre Hancock Missa Resurrectionis (1934-2012)*
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 comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All may kneel after the Choir sings Sanctus and Benedictus. The Celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving, until saying:

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Celebrant continues, saying:

By him and with him and in him, in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit

all ho - nor and glo - ry is yours, Al - migh - ty Fa - ther, now and for ev - er.

All *A - men.*

All

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

AGNUS DEI *Sung by the Choir* *Gerre Hancock Missa Resurrectionis*
Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Proceed to the high altar when the usher opens your pew door. Fill in tightly at the Altar rail from the outside walls towards the center. Once you have received, please return to your pew and join in singing the Communion hymn.

AT THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM, Cantique de Jean Racine *(sung in French)* *Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal Light of the earth and the sky,
On this Thy holy day, we kneel in adoration,
O Savior turn on us Thy loving eye!
Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all-consuming, whose
wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,
And rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all-illum'ning, that they
may waken Thy mercy to tell!
O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee, who here are
gathered on penitent knee,
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine everlasting glory and these Thy
gifts we return to Thee!
Harold Heiberg

HYMN 174 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing

Salzburg

When all have received Communion, the Celebrant and People say together:

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 *(Please stand)*

HYMN 208 The strife is o'er, the battle done

Victory

THE EASTER DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE Toccata (Cinquième Symphonie, Opus 42/1)

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

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Please pray for our baptismal candidates:

Izaak Young Cenedella

Camilla Rose Bates

Lillian Martin Davis-Bosch

Jaxson James Terrill

Serving Tonight

The Adult Choir;

Lesa Bowman, Luke Waring *Acolytes*;

Lesa Bowman, Ginger Blake, *Altar Guild*;

Gordon Matheson, Dana Newman, Matt Schneiderman, *Ushers*.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring, Rector

The Rev. Stephen C. Holton, Associate Rector

Hershey Mallette, Pastoral Resident

The Rev. Mary Catherine Young, Chaplain, Canterbury Downtown

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, *in the Church*

11 a.m. Morning Prayer, *in the Church*

Holy Eucharist 1st & 5th Sundays of the Month

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, The Adult Choir

Seasonally, as announced.

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, *in the Chantry*

TUESDAY

6 p.m. Choral Evensong, *in the Church*

Sung by the Junior Choristers when GCS is in session

WEDNESDAY

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, *in the Chantry.*

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EASTER DAY, APRIL 5

ALL SERVICES IN THE CHURCH

9 A.M. FESTIVE CHORAL EUCHARIST

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Combined Choirs of Grace Church

11 A.M. FESTIVE CHORAL EUCHARIST

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music by *Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock, Parker & others*

The Combined Choirs of Grace Church with Brass & Tympani

4 P.M. ORGAN MUSIC FOR EASTER DAY

Music by *Bach, Handel, Pachelbel & Widor*

6 P.M. FESTIVE CHORAL EUCHARIST

Preacher: The Reverend J. Donald Waring.

Music by *Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock, & others.* The Adult Choir.

COMING SOON

APR 5 - SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON RECESS but Easter activity bags are available for the kids! (*Made possible by the generous donations of Jay Sammons, Cassie Glover, and Jenny Vorhoff.*)

APR 6 - THE CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Easter Monday.

APR 12 –THE BOOK OF REVELATION from the perspective of Jungian depth psychology. THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM. The focus will be on the symbolic, collective unconscious and archetypal images that will include the journey of the Self into conscious realization and the vision of the numinosum – visionary and mystical. *Led by Krystyna Sanderson, licensed psychoanalyst with a Doctorate in Psychology and extensive postgraduate psychoanalytical training from the Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute in New York, where she is now a faculty member in the Psychoanalytic Training Program. She is also on the faculty of the Harlem Family Institute.*

APR 12 – EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL’S MESSIAH PART III - The Adult Choir with the Parish Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from the Easter Portion of Handel's MESSIAH.

APR 18 –A SPRING CONCERT ON THE BICENTENNIAL ORGAN This New York debut of Dr. Delbert Disselhorst, Professor Emeritus, University of Iowa, will feature the works of Muffat, de Arauxo, J.S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Lemmens, Samuel Adler, Helmut Walcha, Billy Strayhorn and Craig Phillips. Sat, April 18 at 2 pm. Tickets \$20 and available online at www.gracechurchnyc.org (click GIVE) or at the door the day of the Concert.

APR 19, 26, MAY 3 – NEWCOMERS’ CLASSES – Members of the clergy speak, and answer questions, about Christianity, the Episcopal Church, and what it’s like to be a member of Grace Church. A light lunch will be served. Sundays, Apr 19, 26 & May 3, from 12:45 – 1:45 pm in the Reception Room.

APR 24 – THE ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT OF THE CHOIRS OF GRACE

CHURCH 7 p.m. on Friday, April 24. The Choir of Men and Boys, The Girls’ Choir and Adult Choirs will join forces to offer some of our favorite anthems by Bairstow, Beethoven, Byrd, Mozart, Palestrina, Stanford and Tallis. The music offered is a sampler of the program the choirs will offer this summer as they tour France. Get your tickets to the special benefit reception and help the Choirs raise funds for their summer concert tour to France. Visit www.gracechurchnyc.org (click GIVE).

APR 30 – GRACE NEWCOMER NETWORKING RECEPTION. Join us for the Spring Newcomers Reception, Thursday, April 30th 6:30-9 pm in the Reception Room. Meet Clergy, Staff and Parishioners who represent a diverse range of professional and Grace affiliations. Not sure if you are still a newcomer and want to get to know the Grace community better, please contact Singleton Cox (singleton.cox@gmail.com) for more information. Come Grow your Grace Network!

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday, April 4, 2015

at seven o’clock p.m.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The People rise and face the Narthex.

THE NEW FIRE IS KINDLED AND BLESSED

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.

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 Cantor, bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession into the dark church from the chancel, pausing three times and singing:

Cantor

The light of Christ.

Choir and People

Thanks be to God.

Candles which have been distributed to members of the congregation are lighted during this Procession of Light. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. All remain standing for the Proclamation of the Resurrection.

THE EXSULTET

The Proclamation of the Resurrection

Cantor

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.**

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Exsultet. The first staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The third staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).