ALL SOULS’ EPISCOPAL CHURCH
POINT LOMA

THE GREAT VIGIL of EASTER EVEN
AND FIRST EUCHARIST of EASTER
April 3, 2021
Seven Thirty in the evening
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LIGHTING OF THE PASchal CANDLE

In the darkness, fire is kindled. The Celebrant says;

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.

The Celebrant says

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 Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire.

EXULTET Exsultet jam angelica

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,

The Precentor 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.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Celebrant*

**ET** 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.

**STORY OF CREATION**

*Psalm 33: 1-11 Exultate, justi*  
*Genesis 1:1-2:2*  
*Tone 1.2*

REJOICE in the Lord, you righteous; * it is good for the just to sing praises.  
1. Praise the Lord with the harp; * play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.  
2. Sing for him a new song; * sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.  
3. For the word of the Lord is right, * and all his works are sure.  
4. He loves righteousness and justice; * the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.  
5. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, * by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.  
6. He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin * and stores up the depths of the sea.  
7. Let all the earth fear the Lord; * let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.  
8. For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he commanded, and it stood fast.  
9. The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; * he thwarts the designs of the peoples.  
10. But the Lord’s will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.

*Celebrate*  

Let us pray.

**O** GD, 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 14:10-15:1*  
*Cantemus Domino*  
*Tone 1*

I WILL sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; * the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; * the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, * the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; * Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; * the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; * they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; * your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? * who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; * the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them * on the mount of your possession,
The resting place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign * for ever and for ever.

Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord for he has risen up in might.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Sicut Cervus

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

(Text: Psalm 42: 1)

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Psalm 30 Exaltabo te, Domine

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up*
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
2. O Lord my God, I cried out to you,* and you restored me to health.
3. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
4. Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
5. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,* his favor for a lifetime.
6. Weeping may spend the night,* but joy comes in the morning.
7. While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.”*
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.
8. Then you hid your face; * and I was filled with fear.
9. I cried to you, O Lord;* I pleaded with the Lord saying,
10. “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
11. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; * O Lord, be my helper.”
12. You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
13. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;*
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

*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 GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Psalm 126 In convertendo

William Crotch (1775-1847)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
3. Then they said among the nations, * “The Lord has done great things for them.”
4. The Lord has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
5. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
6. Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

*Let us pray.

GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERMON

The Reverend Joseph Dirbas
Rector of All Souls’ Church

The Celebrant then 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.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

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 says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into 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.

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.

ASPERGES

The Celebrant continues with the ASPERGES while the VIDI AQUAM is sung.

I BEHELD water which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, Alleluia: And all they to whom water came were healed every one, and they say, Alleluia.
FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

William Mathias (1934-1992)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

A reading from the 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Al-le - lu - ia.
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.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The Leader and People pray responsively

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 concludes the prayer with the following COLLECT.

**FOR** yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**PEACE**

*The Celebrant says to the People*

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

**LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY**

**AT THE OFFERTORY,** Motet: *Dum transisset sabbatum*  
*John Taverner (1490-1545)*

**D** um transisset Sabbatum, Maria Magdalene et Maria Jacobi et Salome emerunt aromata ut venientes ungerent Jesum. Alleluia. Et valde mane una sabbatorum veniunt ad monumentum orto iam sole. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

*And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. Alleluia.*

*And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

(Text: Third Responsory at Matins of Easter Day)

**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 thank to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Celebrant**

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 sacrificed 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:
HOLY and gracious Father: 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant

WE celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

LORD’S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

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.
FRACTION  A period of silence is kept.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, alleluia,
   is the communion of the body of Christ. [Ant.]

2. One body are we, alleluia,
   for though many we share one bread. [Ant.]

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

MINISTRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE COMMUNION, Motet: Rise up, my Love, my Fair one  Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear upon the earth. The time of singing of birds is come. Arise my love, my fair one, and come away. (Text: Song of Solomon)
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.
1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!
PASCHAL BLESSING

The Priest blesses the People, saying

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.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY

Cantio Sacra: Christ lag in Todesbanden SWV 131 (2 settings) Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)