ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BAYSIDE, NEW YORK



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021, 8:00 PM

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The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

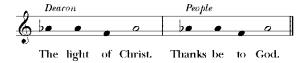
In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the people in these or similar words

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 the following prayer Let us pray.

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*.

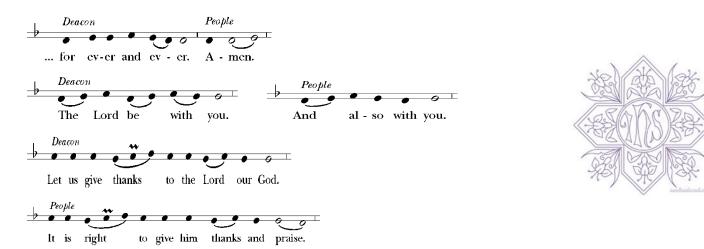
The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, the congregation's candles are lit from the Paschal Candle, and the Celebrant bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing



At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

Then the Celebrant, standing near the Candle, sings the **Exsultet**, as follows: (Complete Text begins on P. 286 of the BCP)

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



The Celebrant continues...

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere...for ever and ever. Amen



The Liturgy of the Word

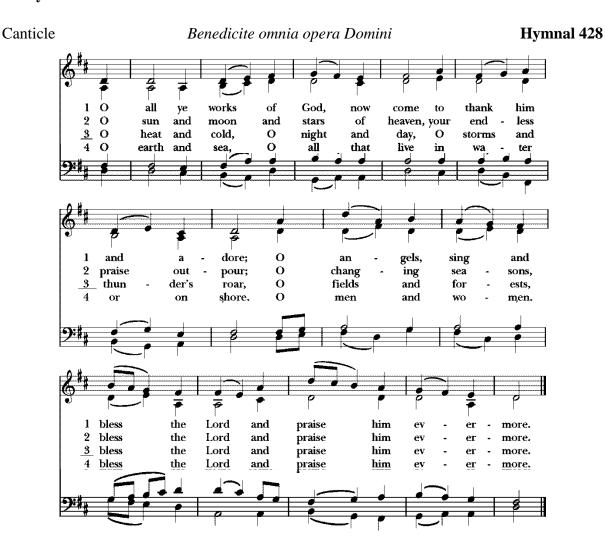


The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings in these words

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.

I. The Story of Creation

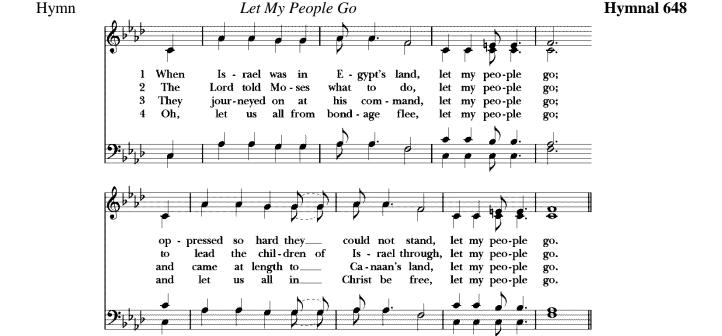
Genesis 1:1—2:4



The Collect 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.**



Refrain





The Collect: 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**.



III. Salvation offered freely to all

Isaiah 55:1-11

Anthem

The First Song of Isaiah

Hymnal 679



The Collect: 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.**

IV. The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 30:1-6,12-13

- 1 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.
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth 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.



The Collect: 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 Rev. Laurence G. Byrne



The Baptismal Liturgy



Hymn in Procession

Lord of the Dance

TRADITIONAL SHAKER MELODY

Tom Espenshade, voice and guitar

Please join in the refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be. I am the Lord of the Dance said He, And I'll lead you all wherever you may be and I'll lead you all in the Dance said He.

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

Parents and Godparents I present Henry Sugamori Bjornson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents 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 and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces

of wickedness that rebel against God

Answer: I renounce them

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world

which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer : I renounce them

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you

from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them

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

Answer: I do



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

Answer: I do

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

Answer: I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ? *People* We will.

Let us join with Henry whom we commit to Christ this night 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.

The Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Henry who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth

Leader Deliver Henry, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill Henry with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

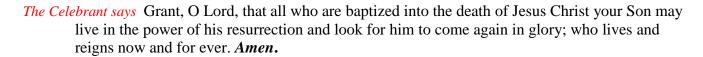
Leader Teach Henry to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring Henry to the fullness of your peace and glory. *People* Lord, hear our prayer.



The Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying 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[or dips the paschal candle in it]

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 of *Henry Sugamori Bjornson*

Henry Sugamori, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, And of the Holy Spirit.

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 him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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.



The Asperges

When the procession returns to the chancel, the candles at the altar are lit from the Paschal Candle



The Holy Eucharist



The Celebrant says to the people ALLELUIA. CHRIST IS RISEN!

People THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

The Great Noise

Bells are rung and the organ is played to signify the breaking of the seal of the tomb.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; Hymnal S-280

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord
you alone are the most High
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen



The Collect

The Celebrant then says The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you. **Celebrant** Let us pray.

A lmighty 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*

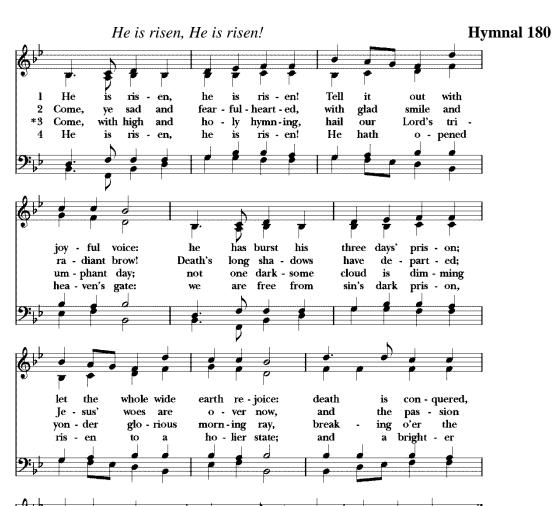
The Epistle Romans 6:3-11

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.





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The Gospel Mark 16:1-8

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After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord**

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

Organ meditation

Offertory Anthem

With Songs of Rejoicing

Bach

Tune: Vigiles et sancti

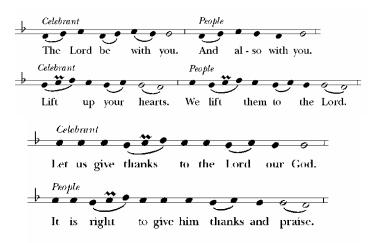
Festival Doxology

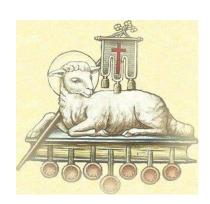
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

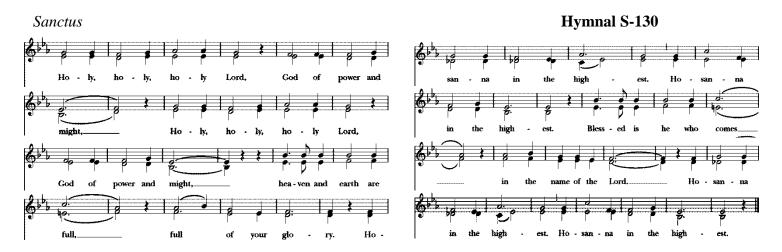
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B





The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:



The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues : We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

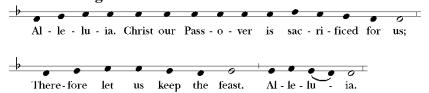
The Celebrant continues And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine...

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*.

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

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.

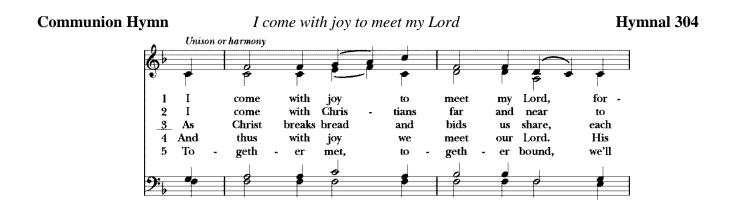
The Breaking of the Bread

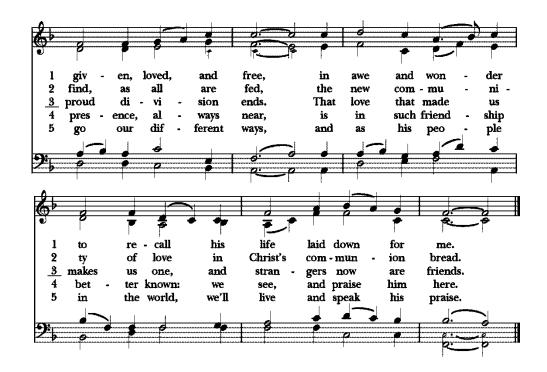




THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

The few gathered receive on behalf of themselves and all who are gathered virtually. Communion will be distributed at the foot of the chancel steps. **Please keep your mask on**. Receive the wafer and step either to the left or right to the before consuming the wafer and returning to your seat via the side aisles.





Post- Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Those worshipping remotely may say this act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



After Communion, the Celebrant says, Let us pray together:

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.

The Blessing 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*.



Postlude

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!





WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS



Whether you are a first-time visitor, long-time parishioner, or somewhere in between, we are honored and enriched by your on-line or in-person presence this morning, and offer you a sincere welcome home to this parish church. Although many of us we are physically apart, we are together in heart and mind. The tomb could not hold God's Son, and our current situation cannot conquer his people.

As we worship, we encourage you to join fully in the prayers and hymns and to share spiritually in the Holy Communion. If you are at home, sing out the great hymns of the Church and make the responses out loud. If here, for safety's sake just hum along!

Should you be seeking a church to call your own, we hope that your search is over and that you will become a member of All Saints.

To listen to the service on your telephone via Zoom, Call the following: 1 646 876 9923. At the prompt, put in the meeting ID: 837 7796 4150

Thank You

Many thanks to the altar guild members and all who helped to make the church so beautiful for Holy Week and Easter.

Special thanks to: Susan Byrne for arranging the flowers, creating the Zoom Good Friday retreat, and liturgical help over and above the call. Teddy Byrne for endless hours of work keeping us online, and editing the retreat and the virtual choir pieces Thanks also to our acolytes whose dedication and service enhance our worship immeasurably. Many thanks also to Arkady Leytush and the Covid Quartet for making the Holy Week and Easter services so lovely. Special thanks to Stella Elder for compiling the flower list.

Welcome, Henry!

It is a great joy to welcome Henry Sugamori Bjornson into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Henry's parents are Kana Sugamori and Gary Bjornson. His godparents are Masumi Sugamori, Eric Bjornson, and Melinda Holgate.

SERVING TONIGHT

Altar Guild: Susan Byrne, Diana Schillizzi

The Acolytes Guild: Christopher Batashoff, Head Acolyte, Albert Agyeman, Daniel Batashoff,

The Covid Quartet: Arkady Leytush, Organist/Choirmaster Susan Byrne, Marjorie Boyden-Edmunds, Tom Espenshade, Larry Byrne



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