



HOLY SATURDAY
LIGHT & LESSONS

SATURDAY APRIL 3, 2021

WELCOME TO RESURRECTION!

We're so glad you're here for Holy Week! At Church of the Resurrection, we believe that you can be transformed by encountering the love of Jesus. Through this encounter, many people have received healing, become part of a community, and learned to serve others. Our vision is to invite everyone into this kind of transforming relationship with Jesus and his Church, whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time or grew up attending church.

We are an Anglican church that is a part of the Anglican Church of North America through the Diocese of the Upper Midwest. As the cathedral church, we are the home church of the bishop and the headquarters for the region.

If you are visiting us for the first time or watching on livestream, we are so excited to have you with us.

¡BIENVENIDOS!

Estamos muy alegres de que estés aquí esta Semana Santa. Nuestra iglesia sinceramente cree que cada persona puede ser transformada a través de un encuentro personal con Jesucristo, por el cual muchos han recibido sanidad, comunidad, y la oportunidad de servir a otros. Nuestra visión es invitar a todos a una relación transformadora con Jesús y su iglesia, sea que estés explorando la fe por la primera vez o sea que tengas varios años siendo parte de una iglesia.

Church of the Resurrection es parte de la Iglesia Anglicana de Norte América por medio de la Diócesis Anglicana del Centro Oeste. Siendo la catedral diocesana, somos la iglesia del obispo y la oficina central de la región.

Si estás visitándonos por primera vez o participando en la transmisión en vivo, estamos muy contentos de tenerte con nosotros.



+ *Stewart*

Bishop Stewart E. Ruch III



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**Fr. Steve Williamson
Cathedral Dean**



CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

KEEP US SAFE

To ensure the safety of our community, masks are required at all events, both indoors and outdoors, for ages 3 and up.

CHILDREN

Children's ministry is available during normal Sunday services for infants through 5th grade.

YOUTH

RezYouth meets on Wednesdays, 6:30–8:00pm. Visit churchrez.org/youth to learn more.

COLLEGE

Our College Service meets on Sundays at 6pm. Visit churchrez.org/college to learn more.

HOLY WEEK ART

Our gratitude to artists Michael Skura and Janice Skivington Wood who generously donated their time and talents to create our Holy Week art depicted in the bulletins, our online and print materials.

CATHEDRAL LEADERS

Bishop Stewart E. Ruch III
Fr. Steve Williamson, Dean
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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EASTER VIGIL

The Great Vigil of Easter is a church treasure, passed down to us from the first generations of Christians. The Vigil is considered the first service of Easter Day, during which the epic story of redemption unfolds in four different services: the Service of Light, the Service of Lessons, the Service of Baptism, and the Service of Eucharist.

Here, we focus on the Services of Light and Lessons in the first part of our Easter Vigil.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The first service is the Service of Light, in which the new Paschal candle is lit and carried into the church. This candle represents Christ himself: present at the dawn of creation and victor over death. During the Exsultet, the cantor conveys the meaning of the Vigil in three statements that begin with the phrase “This is the night.” On this night we celebrate passover from death to life, first of the Israelites at the Red Sea, then those who are followers of Christ through baptism, and finally of Jesus himself, by his resurrection.

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS

In the second service, the Service of Lessons, we look back on the full story of God’s creation of the world. Then, we look at his unfolding plan to rescue and redeem the fallen world. We see the story of God’s saving deeds with full knowledge of the resurrection, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus when Jesus “explained to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27). That is why traditionally all of the readings end in hope and the promise of salvation through Jesus.

Bulletin cover: original painting by Resurrection artist Janice Skivington Wood of the angel appearing to the women at the empty tomb. (Image copyright: Church of the Resurrection)

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The service begins in darkness. The Procession arrives at the doors of the church. The Celebrant pounds on the door, signaling the beginning of the Liturgy. The people rise and face the back of the sanctuary.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

BISHOP: *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.

ALL: Amen.

At the 12pm service, the celebrant, with a knife, traces a cross into the Paschal Candle and outlines the letters of the Greek alphabet—Alpha and Omega.

BISHOP: *Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega. His are all times and all ages. To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity.*

ALL: Amen.

At the 12pm service, the celebrant places the five incense buds into the candle, representing the five wounds of Christ.

BISHOP: *By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.*

At the 12pm service, the celebrant lights the Paschal Candle with the new fire.

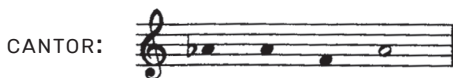
ALL: : Amen.

BISHOP: *May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds*

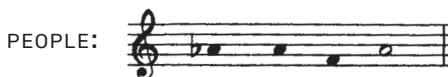
ALL: : Amen.

The Procession of Light

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



The light of Christ.



Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet: The Easter Proclamation

All remain standing for the Proclamation of the Resurrection, which is sung by the Cantor.

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.*

ALL: 
A - men.

CANTOR: 
The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: 
And al- so with you.

CANTOR: 
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

CANTOR: *It is truly right and good, always and everywhere. .
...and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*

PEOPLE: 
A - men.

THE WORD OF GOD

OFFICIANT: *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 Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:2

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Response

OFFICIANT: *Let us pray.*

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.

ALL: Amen.

The Flood

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-20, 9:8-13

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

OFFICIANT: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10–15:1

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

OFFICIANT: *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.

ALL: Amen.

Salvation Offered Freely

Isaiah 55: 1-11

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

OFFICIANT: *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.

ALL: Amen.

The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

OFFICIANT: *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.

ALL: Amen.

A New Heart and a New Spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

OFFICIANT: *Let us pray.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.



The Sermon

Pastor Will Chester, Youth and College Pastor

Songs of Worship

OFFICIANT: *Let us pray.*

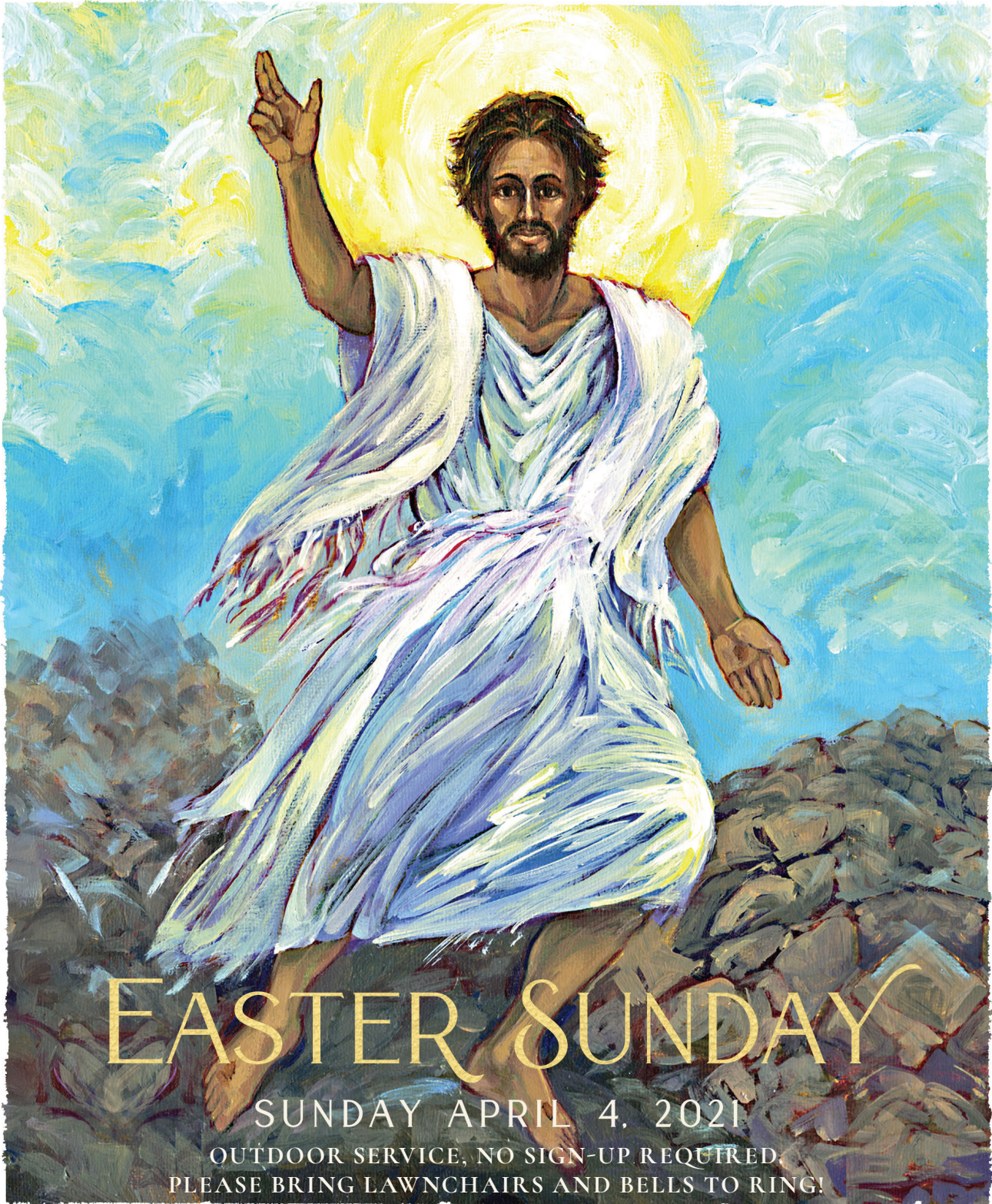
O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and 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.

ALL: Amen.

The Dismissal

DEACON: *Let us bless the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.



EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021

OUTDOOR SERVICE, NO SIGN-UP REQUIRED.
PLEASE BRING LAWNCHAIRS AND BELLS TO RING!