

WELCOME TO RESURRECTION!

We're so glad you're here! At Church of the Resurrection (Rez), 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.

If you are visiting us for the first time or watching on livestream, we are so excited to have you with us. We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Guest Center.

Find ways to get involved at churchrez.org/connect and check out what's happening now at churchrez.org/signup.



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Fr. Steve Williamson Cathedral Dean

As the cathedral church, Resurrection is the headquarters for our regional family of churches, the Diocese of the Upper Midwest, as well as the home of the bishop. The mission of our Diocese is to plant a revival of Word and Sacrament infused by the Holy Spirit.

Learn more about us at midwestanglican.org.



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Bishop Stewart E. Ruch III
Anglican Diocese of the Upper Midwest



VISITING?

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CHILDREN

Children's ministry is available at both services for infants through 5th grade. Midweek ministry for 1st through 5th graders is on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm.

YOUTH AND COLLEGE

RezYouth, for middle and high school students, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8/8:30pm. Visit churchrez.org/youth to learn more

QUESTIONS?

- For general questions: office@churchrez.org
- Set up a meeting with a pastor: meghanrobins@churchrez.org
- Contact non-staff vestry (church board): rezvestrymembers@gmail.com

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.

EVENTS AND NEWS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30am & 10:30am







EASTER VIGIL

The Great Vigil of Easter is a church treasure, passed down to us from the first generations of Christians. The Vigil tells the epic story of redemption in four services: the Service of Light, the Service of Lessons, the Service of Baptism, and the Service of Eucharist. The Services of Light and Lessons in the first part of our Easter Vigil.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

In the Service of Light, the new Paschal candle is lit and carried into the church. This candle represents Christ 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, "This is the night." Tonight we celebrate the passover from death to life, first the Israelites at the Red Sea, then those who are followers of Christ through baptism, and finally Jesus himself, by his resurrection.

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS

In 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.

The central story that the Church has always told on this night is Israel's Delieverence at the Red Sea. Here we see not only God's saving work on behalf of our spiritual ancestors, but a foreshadowing of our passover through the waters of baptism. We who were imprisoned by our sins now have freedom through the saving work of Jesus Christ!

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Every year when we prepare the Light and Lessons, we pray and ask the Lord what he would want to emphasize in these familiar stories. This year we chose to focus on Jesus as the Word, present in every story from the beginning. All of these readings have God speaking. Look for the ways we have sought to embody the presence of the Word that creates, guides, imparts, feeds, saves, judges, and resurrects. Our part is simply to hear with responsive hearts of faith. The Apostle John begins his Gospel with, "In the beginning was the Word," just like the first lesson we will dramatize tonight. Look for the light of the Word that weaves through the whole narrative of God's redemptive story.

-Katherine Ruch, Director of the Lessons

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 2pm 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.

At the 2pm 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 2pm service, the celebrant lights the Paschal Candle with the new fire.

ALL:: Amen.

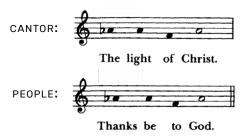
BISHOP: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our

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 Exsultet: The Easter Proclamation

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

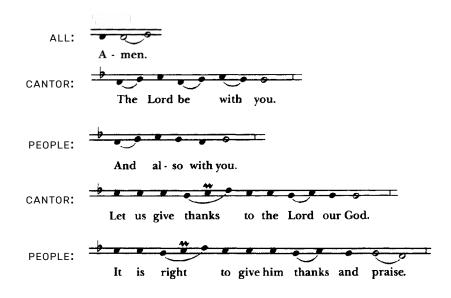
CANTOR: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,

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.



CANTOR: It is truly right and good, always and everywhere. .

. . . and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: A - men.

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS

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.

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The Flood

Genesis 7:1-5,11-18; 8:8-18; 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. Amen.

ALL: Amen.

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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.

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.

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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.

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.

The Gathering of God's People

Zephaniah 3:12-20

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

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 that 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.

The Sermon

God Makes a Way

-Fr. Brett Crull, Cathedral Vicar

Songs of Worship

The Collect

OFFICIANT: Let us pray.

O God, you 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.

ALL: Amen.

The Dismissal

DEACON: Let us bless the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.



Easter Sunday

Tomorrow 6am & 10am

A glorious celebration of new life in Jesus!

First Step Class

Sundays, 10:30–11:30am April 21 & 28

Learn more about the basics of both faith and Anglicanism, connect with leaders, and get to know Resurrection, in this 2-part class!

Snacks and childcare provided.

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