

TRINITY

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN FINDLAY, OHIO
WELCOMES YOU



Why seek ye the living among the dead?, John Roddam Spencer Stanhope, 1890

Easter Vigil

April 19, 2025

WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS
and we invite all baptized Christians to receive Holy Communion

Easter Eve

April 19, 2025

The Great Vigil of Easter

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle and procession into the church.

As the ministers and congregation process into the church, the Celebrant, carrying the Paschal Candle, stops three times and the following is sung:



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

The Exsultet

BCP 286

The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture readings in these or similar 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

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Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac

(Genesis 22:1-18)

Psalm 16

Collect

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Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

(Exodus 14:10-15:1)

Canticle 8

Collect

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The Valley of Dry Bones

(Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Psalm 143

Collect

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The Gathering of God's People

(Zephaniah 3:12-20)

Psalm 126

Collect

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The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People ***I do.***

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 Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

490 Hymn – *Houston*

During the hymn the people are sprinkled with Holy Water as a reminder of their Baptism. The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle. Immediately before the Canticle the Celebrant may say to the people

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who 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. **Amen.**

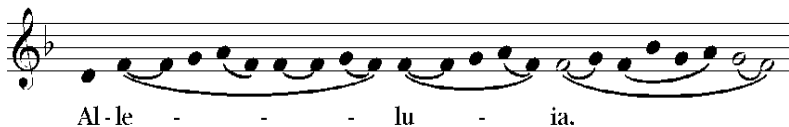
A Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans (6:3-11)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For 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.

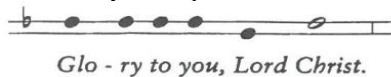
People **Thanks be to God.**

After the Epistle, this Alleluia is traditionally sung three times by the Celebrant or by a Cantor, at successively higher pitches (one whole tone each time), the Congregation repeating it each time.



Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (16:1-8)



When the Sabbath was past, Mary Mag'dalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salo'me, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; - it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Paschal Homily of Saint John Chrysostom

The Peace

199 The Offertory – *St. Kevin*

The Holy Communion

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Sanctus and Benedictus



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Bread is broken and silence is kept, after which is sung

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

190 Communion Hymn – *Fisk of Gloucester*

Post-Communion Prayer, Blessing, and Dismissal

BCP 366

Closing Hymn – *Maccabeus (from Hymns Ancient and Modern)*

100 Hymns for Today

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)



Risen with Christ

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment roller the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Postlude

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER/LECTOR
LECTORS

Annie Stricklin
Bob Butcher, Jim Ellerbe, Lisa Robeson, Jan Taylor

Sunday, April 20 EASTER

8:30 Holy Eucharist (said), 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal, 10 a.m. Festal Eucharist, Easter Brunch, Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 21 OFFICES CLOSED, NO Morning Prayer