

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

APRIL 4, 2026, AT 7 PM

(LIVESTREAMED)

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

All gather as they are able in front of the church.

The New Fire Is Kindled

The Presider says

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Savior 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 Candle Is Blessed

The Presider traces a finger over the Alpha and Omega, the Cross, and the Year inscribed on the Paschal Candle, saying

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega. All time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and dominion, through every age and for ever, world without end. **Amen.**

The nails are placed in the five openings, signifying the wounds of Christ on the cross.

The Blessing of the Fire

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 Savior. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire.

Presider May the light of Christ gloriously rising dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The deacon, bearing the candle, leads the procession into the church. Please follow the direction of the ushers and vergers as you enter the church. You may use any entrance. Once the congregation is assembled inside the church, the procession continues, stopping three times as the cantor sings:

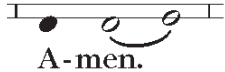


The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Individual tapers are lighted.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and we are 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.

The People respond 
A-men.

Please be seated for the lessons, psalms, and canticles that follow, standing as you are able for each collect.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presider Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how God 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 1:1–2:4a

God creates all things, making humankind in God's own image to live in peace on the earth.

Psalm 136

Love is never ending

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

The People sing the refrains with the Choir as indicated, using the first refrain at the midpoint of each verse, and the second at the end of each verse.

We give thanks unto you, O God of might:



We give thanks unto you, the God of gods:



In your wisdom and love you shaped the skies: *For your love is never ending.*

You spread out the earth upon the sea: *For your love is never ending.*

You have filled all the skies with glory and light: *For your love is never ending.*

The sun for the day and moon for the night: *For your love is never ending.*

From of old you have led your people in faith: *For your love is never ending.*

You have shown your compassion, strength and love: *For your love is never ending.*

Let us pray. *standing as you are able*

silence

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 Savior.

Amen.

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

*God delivers his people from slavery in Egypt,
bringing them through the Red Sea on dry land.*

Canticle 8

I will sing to my God

Marty Haugen

The People sing the refrain after it has been introduced by the Choir and where indicated.

I will sing to my God who de - liv - ers me from death, in - to
life, in - to free - dom through the sea.

My strength and my courage, my joy and my song;
my Savior, the One who delivers me. *Refrain*

The forces of darkness you hurled in the sea;
your power, your hand has delivered me. *Refrain*

You lead all your people from darkness to light;
you open the sea and deliver me. *Refrain*

– *Text: Exodus 15*

Let us pray. *standing as you are able*

silence

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 Savior. **Amen.**

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Through the prophecy of Ezekiel, God shows that in the midst of death there is still life and hope for the people of Israel.

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah Jack Noble White (b. 1938)

The People sing the refrain with the Choir and where indicated in the text.

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid.— For the

Lord is my strong-hold and my sure- de-fence, and he will- be my- Sav - ior.—

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *Refrain*

Make his deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world. *Refrain*

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain*

— *Text: Isaiah 12:2-6*

Let us pray. *standing as you are able*

silence

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 Savior. **Amen.**

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Zephaniah 3:14-20

God will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.

Psalm 98

All the ends of the earth

David Haas (b. 1957)
and Marty Haugen

The People sing the refrain with the Choir and where indicated.

All the ends of the earth— have seen— the pow - er of God;
all the ends of the earth— have seen the pow - er of God.—

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds;
whose right hand has won the vict'ry for us, God's holy arm. *Refrain*

The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all,
rememb'ring kindness and faithfulness to Israel. *Refrain*

All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God.
Joyfully sing out, all you lands, break forth in song. *Refrain*

Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn.
Sing in your joy before the king, the king our Lord. *Refrain*

Let us pray. *standing as you are able*

silence

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 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 Savior. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Presider The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Shohini Tanuka Sen is presented by her Sponsor, as follows

Sponsor I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks the candidate when presented

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Then Jack Louis Govert and Benjamin Evarts Hellwig are presented by their Parents and Godparents as follows

Parents and Godparents I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider 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.

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.

The Presider asks the following questions of the older candidate, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the 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.

The Presider addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

The Congregation responds **We will.**

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

The People stand as they are able.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? **I do.**

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?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Presider then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider continues

Grant, O God, that all who are baptized into the 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.**

The Blessing of the Water

Presider God— be— with— you *People* And— al - so with you.

Presider Let us give thanks— to our Sov - ereign God.


People It is right— to give our thanks— and praise—

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, Loving God, 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 Presider touches the water

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.

The People respond 
A-men.

THE BAPTISM

The People may be seated. The Presider pours water upon each candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A candle, lighted from the Paschal candle, is given to each of the newly baptized with these words

N., receive the light of Christ as a sign that you have passed from darkness into light. Shine as God's light in the world in the power of God's Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn *standing as you are able* The God of love *Raglan Road*

While we sing, the Presider sprinkles the congregation with baptismal water, a sign of our renewed baptismal covenant.



The_ God of love my_ shep-herd is and_ he that_ doth me feed._
Or_ if I stray he_ doth con-vert and_ bring my_ mind in frame.
Nay_ thou dost make me_ sit and dine, ev'n_ in my_ ene-mies' sight._

— While he is mine_ and I am his, what can I want or need?_
 — And all this not_ for my de - sert, but for his ho - ly name._
 — My head with oil, my cup with wine, runs o - ver day and night._
 — He leads me to_ the ten - der grass where I both feed and rest,_
 — Yea in death's shad - dy black a - bode well I may walk, not fear._
 — Sure - ly thy sweet_ and won-drous love shall mea - sure all my days,_
 — Then_ to the streams that_ gent - ly pass in_ both I_ have the best.
 — For_ thou art with me_ and they rod, to_ guide thy_ staff to bear.
 — And_ so it ne - ver_ shall re - move, so_ nei - ther_ shall my praise.

— Text: George Herbert (1593–1633)

Presider Let us pray.

Loving God, 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 them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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 Presider then marks the sign of the cross on each person's forehead using Chrism, saying
*N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.***

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

AT THE EUCHARIST

Easter Acclamation *proclaimed three times*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The lights are turned on, the altar is censed, and bells are rung. Individual tapers are now extinguished.

Hymn 207 *sung by all*

Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

– Text: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708; alt. st. 4, Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

The Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

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 Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

The Reading *seated* 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.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Alleluia *standing as you are able*

Alleluia No. 1

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ri - sen Lord. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his Name. *fine*
Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Alleluia refrain is sung again at the conclusion of the Gospel.

Sermon The Rev. Adelyn Tyler-Williams

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher. A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor God of resurrection power, in death you give life, in sickness you give healing, in adversity you give strength. May you grant us your life, healing, and strength.

For the church around the world sharing in this paschal feast, Risen Christ, **we pray to you.**

For our leaders, for doers of justice and lovers of mercy, for our city and country, Risen Christ, **we pray to you.**

For your glorious creation and for all the gifts of this life, Risen Christ, **we pray to you.**

For all who are sick and hurting, lonely and afraid, uncertain and in need, Risen Christ, **we pray to you.**

For all who have died and come to your eternal kingdom, Risen Christ, **we pray to you.**

With you, O God, all things are possible. We offer our prayers to you this night trusting in your loving kindness for the world you have created, that you may respond through the same mystery that brings eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. **Amen.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus *sung by all*

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator of all.

Jesus 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

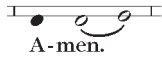
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' 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 Columba and 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 God, now and for ever.

The People respond 
A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence observed.

Fraction Anthem

Be known to us, Lord Jesus

Gary James (b. 1957)

Congregation



Be— known to— us, Lord— Je - sus, in the break - ing— of the bread.

Choir



The— bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia— is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ.

Congregation



Be— known to— us, Lord— Je - sus, in the break - ing— of the bread.

Choir



One— bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia— for though man - y we share— one— bread.

Congregation



Be— known to— us, Lord— Je - sus, in the break - ing— of the bread.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. We do not allow dipping the bread into the wine. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.

Anthem

Sing with all the saints in glory William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)
The St. Columba Singers Ensemble

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heaven rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!

—Text: William J. Irons (1812–1883), *alt.*

Music

Aria

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Hymn 188

Love's redeeming work is done

Savannah

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, 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.**

Easter 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.**

Hymn 199

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

St. Kevin

Dismissal

The People respond **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Carillon (Longpoint)

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

Liturgical Note

The Great Vigil of Easter is an ancient service that is a traditional time for baptisms and initiation into the Christian community. The service begins in the darkness of the tomb, traces our Christian history, and celebrates these rites of initiation. We then move into the start of Easter, celebrating the resurrection of Christ and embracing the light of Christ.

Land Acknowledgement

We meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who were custodians of the land for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We give thanks for their stewardship and lament the ways the Nacotchtank were removed from their ancestral home. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging. We also remember and lament that this plot of land was given to St. Columba's Episcopal Church by an enslaver and that the wealth created by the labor of enslaved persons helped to build this sanctuary.

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