

April 11, 2009
10:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil

Fourth Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF LIGHT

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION

Minister: Grace and peace from Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL FLAME

PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH

Leader: The light of Christ.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef. It is divided into two parts by a vertical bar line. The first part is labeled 'Leader' and contains the lyrics 'The light of Christ.' The second part is labeled 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' The notes are simple quarter notes on a single line.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

All

Re - joice, heav - en - ly pow - ers! Sing, choirs of an - gels!

Je - sus Christ our King is ris - en!

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ our King is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

All: **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!**
Jesus Christ our King is risen!

Leader: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes forever!

All: **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!**
Jesus Christ our King is risen!

Leader: Rejoice, O mother church! Exult in glory!
The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

All: **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!**
Jesus Christ our King is risen!

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right that with full hearts and minds
and voices we should praise you, the unseen God,
the all-powerful creator, and your only Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood
and paid for us the debt of Adam's sin.

All: **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!**
Jesus Christ our King is risen!

Leader: This is our Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers. This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea. This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean from sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness. This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

All: **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ our King is risen!**

Leader: Lord God, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son. Most blessed of nights, chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead! The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride. Night truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth, and we are reconciled with God! Therefore, gracious God, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your church's solemn offering. May this Easter candle always dispel the darkness of this night! May the morning star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that morning star, who came back from the dead and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

All: **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ our King is risen!**

Please extinguish your candles and pass them to the outer aisle.

SERVICE OF READINGS

READING	“The Story of Creation” – Genesis 1:1–2:4a	(page 1, O.T.)
*HYMN 244	“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”	<i>Tune:</i> MONKLAND
READING	“The Flood” Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13	(page 5, O.T.)
*HYMN 191	“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”	<i>Tune:</i> WINCHESTER OLD

READING "The Binding of Isaac" Genesis 22:1–18 (page 17, O.T.)

***HYMN 165** "When in the Night I Meditate" *Tune: ST. FLAVIAN*

READING "Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea"
Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21 (page 58, O.T.)

ANTHEM "Ubi Caritas" *Jacques Berthier*
Where charity and love dwell, God himself is there.

READING "Salvation Offered Freely to All"
Isaiah 55:1–11 (page 644, O.T.)

SOLO "Seek the Lord" *Plainsong*

READING "A New Heart and a New Spirit"
Ezekiel 36:24–28 (page 758, O.T.)

***HYMN 189** "As Deer Long for the Streams" *Tune: ROCKINGHAM*

READING "The Valley of the Dry Bones"
Ezekiel 37:1–14 (page 759, O.T.)

SOLO "Dry Bones" (*All are invited to sing the refrain.*)
Them bones, them bones, them dry bones, now hear the word of the Lord.

***RINGING OF BELLS** *Please move to the front of the sanctuary.*

***HYMN 123** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" *Tune: EASTER HYMN*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING Romans 6:3–11 (page 146, N.T.)

***PSALM 114** *Please sing this refrain after each of the verses below.*

REFRAIN

♩ = 126 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The time signature is 4/4. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The text "Al - le - lu - ia!" is written above the treble staff. The tempo marking "♩ = 126" is at the beginning.

1. When Israel came out of Egypt,
and Jacob from a foreign land,
Judah became the Lord's holy people,
and Israel the dominion of God.
(Refrain)

2. The sea looked and ran away.
The Jordan River turned back,
the mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.
(Refrain)

3. Sea, what makes you run away?
O Jordan, why did you turn back?
Why, mountains, do you skip like rams,
and you, little hills, like young sheep?
(Refrain)

4. Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,
at the coming of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the granite cliff into a fountain.
(Refrain)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 28:1-10

(page 32, N.T.)

SERMON

by John W. Vest

***HYMN 495**

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

Tune: ENGELBERG

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

OPENING WORDS AND PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*** APOSTLES' CREED** (*unison*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Minister: As we prepare to come to the table of our Lord,
let us not be strangers to one another,
but brothers and sisters in Christ.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty . . .
. . . that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.
Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
We have recalled your mighty acts in holy history.
We have seen your power in sending light
to conquer darkness, water to give us life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love.
Send us with your salvation and joy to all the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 104**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the power of his resurrection. Alleluia!
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen, indeed!
Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Symphony V
Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor

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