

EASTER VIGIL

In keeping with the Jewish faith of Jesus, a new day begins at sunset rather than sunrise, and so tonight begins the celebration of Easter. We begin at 8:00 p.m. in darkness, symbolizing our separation from God and our yearning to be reunited with God. A new fire will be lit, symbolizing the hope of the Resurrection and the love of God.

To participate fully in the vigil take a moment to gather a candle and a way to light it; a cup of water; a bell, drum, or noisemaker (this could be as simple as keys on a key ring); and elements for Communion: crackers or bread and juice.

Service of Light

Greetings and Introduction

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Paschal Flame

The Light of Christ rises in glory.

Behold, the Light of Christ's rising, the pillar of fire we follow.

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

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All: Thanks be to God.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Leader: The light of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Spreading the Light • All are invited to light a candle in their home if it is safe to do so.

Leader: The light of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

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!**

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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 the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin! 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 or secure them in a safe place.

Service of Readings

Reading “The Story of Creation”
Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

Reading “The Flood”
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Prayer

Reading “Israel’s Deliverance at the Red Sea”
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Hymn “When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt’s land, let my peo - ple go;
2 “Thus saith the Lord,” bold Mo - ses said, “Let my peo - ple go!
3 “No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo - ple go!
4 O let us all from bond - age flee; let my peo - ple go!



op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go!
If not, I’ll smite your first - born dead. Let my peo - ple go!”
Let them come out with E - gypt’s spoil: let my peo - ple go!”
And let us all in Christ be free: let my peo - ple go!

Refrain



Go down, (go down,) Mo - ses, (Mo - ses,) way down in E - gypt’s



land; tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo - ple go!

Reading “An Invitation to Abundant Life”
Isaiah 55:1-11

Prayer

Reading “A New Heart and a New Spirit”
Ezekiel 36:24-28

Hymn “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near." The score includes a treble and bass staff for each part, with lyrics placed below the notes. There are triplet markings (3) above the notes in the second and third systems.

Reading “The Valley of the Dry Bones”
Ezekiel 37:1-14

Solo “Dry Bones” African American spiritual

Proclamation of the Resurrection

- Leader: Christ is risen!
- All: Christ is risen indeed!**
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- Leader: Alleluia!
- All: Alleluia! Amen.**

Hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”



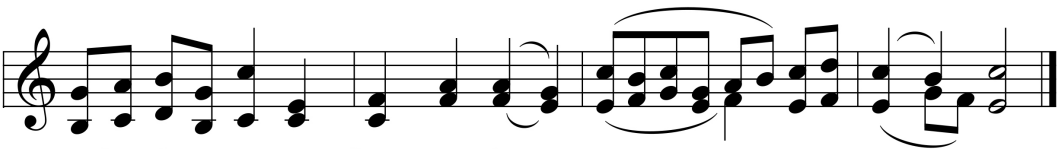
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,



suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Prayer of the Day

Epistle Reading Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 114 (All sing this refrain after each of the verses)

REFRAIN

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



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: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8

Sermon "Easter Can't Be Stopped" *Nanette Sawyer*

Hymn..... "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Invitation

Profession of Faith

Minister: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you?

People: I do.

Minister: Who is your Lord and Savior?

People: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Minister: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? Will you?

People: I will, with God's help.

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.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism and Act of Remembrance

Hymn. "Baptized in Water"



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Minister: We lift up our hearts to God, for it is right to give our thanks and praise.
Let us pray.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Sanctus *(spoken)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: All-embracing God . . . that we might live in love.

Memorial Acclamation *(spoken)*

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

Communion Hymn “Let Us Break Bread Together”



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

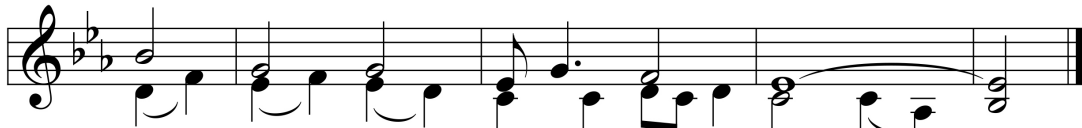


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Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

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 drive away shadows.
You have poured out the waters of baptism 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 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: “Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!”

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

Charge and Blessing

Postlude Toccata from *Symphony No. 5*. Charles-Marie Widor

News and Resources



Tomorrow's **festive Easter service online** will include Communion as well as the joyous music of brass and organ, handbells and jazz, and the hymns of Easter. We **invite you to have bread and juice on hand** as we share in the Lord's Supper from our own homes. This online celebration of the resurrection takes place this Sunday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. online at [www.bit.ly/FPC worship](http://www.bit.ly/FPC_worship), **Facebook Live** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), **our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) and **by phone** (*for those without Internet access*) by calling 888.916.9166 (*toll-free*) at the time of the service. Easter worship will also be available to view later in the day.

Easter devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer** in this season; brief devotional reflections are also available year-round. You can receive them in your inbox (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or on Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago).

Throughout Holy Week we receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**. This special offering supports the work of **Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center**; and the work of **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs**. To make a One Great Hour of Sharing gift, use the designation "OGHS Lenten Offering" when giving at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online or write it on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom details. * **If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries.

If you are interested in learning about **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers' Class next Sunday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), sign up online at www.bit.ly/inquirer0421 to receive Zoom details.

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Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for resources and ways to connect. Online events—from **Bible studies** to **Sunday School** to **youth groups** to **adult education classes** to **concerts** to **book groups**, and more—are posted on the church calendar at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

For the foreseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**. In addition to streaming our weekly online Sunday morning service at 11:00 a.m. at www.bit.ly/FPCworship (*where the service is available throughout the week*), our Sunday service is available via **Facebook Live** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. * Those without Internet access are invited to **listen to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166** (*toll-free*) at the time of the service (*the prelude begins around 10:45 a.m.*). * During the week we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast); you can also receive our **sermons by email** (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

Those looking for personal support who would like to explore options for teletherapy are encouraged to call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * If you would like to have a **one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister** or **arrange for ongoing talks**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. * **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570).

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