

St. Peter's Anglican Church
Saturday, April 15th, 2017
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The service begins outside as the new fire is kindled. The church is in darkness until lit with the new flame of the Paschal Candle. Congregation will then light their candles.

The Service of Light

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The Paschal Candle Procession
(Response: **Thanks be to God**)

The Exsultet (*candles may be extinguished and church lights turned on after the Exsultet*)

The Liturgy of the Word

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First Old Testament Reading: **Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21**
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Second Old Testament Reading **Ezekiel 36:24-28**
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Third Old Testament Reading **Zephaniah 3:14-20**
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Hymn of Praise: (#365) **Glory to God on High**

The Collect of the Day

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through

Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

New Testament Reading:

Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Refrain: For his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever. **R** Give thanks to the God of gods, for his mercy endures for ever. **R** Give thanks to the Lord of Lords, for his mercy endures for ever. **R** Who only does great wonders, for his mercy endures for ever; **R** Who by his wisdom made the heavens, for his mercy endures for ever; **R** Who spread out the earth upon the waters, for his mercy endures for ever; **R** Who created great lights, for his mercy endures for ever; **R** The sun to rule the day, for his mercy endures for ever; **R** The moon and the stars to govern the night, for his mercy endures for ever. **R** Who remembered us in our low estate, for his mercy endures for ever; **R** And delivered us from our enemies, for his mercy endures for ever; **R** Who gives food to all creatures, for his mercy endures for ever. **R** Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his mercy endures for ever. **R**

Gradual Hymn:

(Insert) **It is Well With My Soul**

Gospel Drama:

Matthew 28: 1-10

Alleluia (#705)

The Liturgy of the Font

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The Peace

Offertory Hymn:

(#223) **Christ is Risen**

The Liturgy of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

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The Breaking of the Bread (#8)

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The Communion

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Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

The Easter Blessing

The people are dismissed with the following words:

Go forth in the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Recessional Hymn: (#203) **Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

We pray today for those receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism, their parents and sponsors. **Charlotte Nicole Ashford**, daughter of Andrew and Nicole Ashford, and, **Jaiden Jacqueline Hann**, daughter of Alanna Hann.

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