

Worship Leaders



Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane, *Associate Rector*

Deacon

The Rev. Dr. William Sangrey

Lay Ministers

Stephanie Rice, Richard Carr

Musician

Dr. David Crean, piano

The Great Vigil of Easter

This is one of, if not the oldest, of Christian worship services. Christians have been celebrating Jesus' resurrection since the time of the apostles, although the oldest written evidence concerning Easter's observance dates to about the year 150AD. The oldest mention of the Vigil service is found in *The Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus* which dates to about the year 215AD. The Vigil was originally held through night, marking the resurrection of Jesus in the tomb, passing from death to new life. Recall that when the women disciples went to his tomb very early on Easter morning (while it was still dark, John 20:1), they found the stone rolled away and Jesus was already alive. So the early Christians began observing that moment as the start of the yearly Easter celebration by holding a vigil overnight, watching and waiting for the morning. The service usually involved baptisms of catechumens (those preparing to become Christians). It also included a lengthy series of Scripture readings, from four to twelve, recounting the journey of Israel at Passover, interspersed with psalms and canticles, followed by Holy Communion. By the 6th century the service became more elaborate with the kindling of fire and the singing of the Exsultet (a chanted hymn celebrating Jesus' resurrection, see Book of Common Prayer p. 286). It was widely observed in both the East and the West by the 7th century. Our vigil is at dawn, the transition from darkness to light, death to life.



He has risen!

Prelude Now the Green Blade Riseth

Welcome & Blessing of the Pascal Candle

Standing

Deacon The Light of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Intoned 3 times

Deacon begins the Exsultet

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Deacon continues the Exsultet

Lesson Exodus 14:21-15:2

Seated

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the

people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Collect

Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Collect

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Standing

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 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.**

Concluding Prayer

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for Easter Day

The Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

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

People **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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane

Seated

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Standing

Announcements

Offering *You may make an offering after the service. The plate is located near the steps to the garden. Offering may also be given online stgeorgesdayton.org or mail to St. George's 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429.*

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues with Preface... 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:

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

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer ...

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer. At the conclusion, the people join,
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread & Invitation to Communion

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Directions for receiving Communion

- The Ministers will come to you for communion. Please remain standing.
- All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive; if you have not been baptized, you are welcome to cross your arms for a blessing.
- Gluten-free wafers are available, please indicate your need when receiving.
- If you prefer to intinct (dip) your wafer instead of drinking from the chalice, a lay minister with a small intinction cup will follow the chalice. The larger chalice is only for drinking.
- If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please cross your arms when the chalice and intinction cup pass by.

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

Standing
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Easter Blessing Hebrews 13:20-21

Closing Hymn Jesus Christ is risen today

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

Sung by all

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!

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Easter Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and...



In Thanksgiving for Julia, David & Cathy
By Anonymous

In Memory of Janet M. Hand
and Dr. Curt Lowary
By Dr. David D. Hand

In Memory of Sally Abbott Pomputius
By Susan, Dory & Nicholas Ayres

In Memory of and in Thanksgiving for
Loved Ones
By Beth & Bob Hard

In Memory of Ken Berta (son)
By Fred & Dhyllis Berta

In loving Memory of Regina C. Tuholsky
By Bill & Chris Hartung and Family

In Memory of Michael Best and
James & St. Claire D'Wolf
By Thelma & Ward Best

In Memory of Melanie Hitch
by David Hitch

In Memory of Rachel Stridsberg,
mother/grandmother of Chris, Megan,
Rachel and Daniel
By Chris, Megan, Rachel, & Daniel Coffey

In Memory and honor of Our Family,
Past and Present,
By Matt & Anoop Hodges

In Memory of John Collier
By Nata Collier

In Memory of Charles & Jeanette Michaels
By Charlotte Huffman

In Memory of our loved ones in Christ Jesus
By The Rev. Dr. Dave & Marty Cottrill


In Memory of Greg Jollay
By Julie Jollay

In Memory of Richard Weise and our siblings,
Anne, Jeanne, and Jim,
By Bob & Beth Crawford

In Memory of Cyrus & Patricia Knowles
By Andrew Knowles

In Memory of Our Parents
By Peter & Anne Davis

In Memory of Peter A. Whitby
By the Kondall Family

 In Memory of Eileen Tregaskes
By Patti Guerriero

In Memory of Esther H. Whitby
By the Kondall Family

In Memory of Michael & Marlene Harlow
By William Lamb

The Weekly Messenger

TODAY at St. George's ...

PARISH EASTER BRUNCH—10am in the Undercroft

No education or coffee hour today!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Wed-Fri, June 17, 18, 19 (9am-Noon). See the sign up board in the Welcome Lounge to volunteer. Online enrollment is now open! Contact the Rev. Dr. Cal Lane associate@stgeorgeohio.org

Upcoming and Ongoing ...

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 6.

SHORT EUCHARIST WITH HEALING PRAYER

Wednesdays at Noon in Easter Season (April 8-May 20) - Given the strong turn-out we've had with our Wednesday Stations, we'll keep up the momentum with a short Eucharist (25 min max) in the Chapel; brief meditation rather than sermon. The focus will be intercessory prayer. Optional Brown Bag lunch follows.

YOUTH LOCK-IN

Parents, please RSVP to Cal asap! We will have a Lock-In on Friday, April 10, with supper starting at 6pm. The next morning we have a service project packing lunches for St. Vincent de Paul.

PARISH HALL CARPET REPLACEMENT

The Parish Hall carpet replacement project is scheduled to take place the week of April 13. We need people to help move furniture from the Parish Hall and Library after services on Sunday, April 12, and then move the furniture back on Saturday, April 18. Contact Jason Rice if you can assist, ricejasp@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIP @ EUDORA—April 23, 4-6pm

Gather with your church friends and clergy for informal fellowship. Take time for a beer or soft drink and meet us at Eudora—3022 Wilmington Pike, Kettering 45429



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In Memory of Papa, Grandad,
& Grandma Patricia
By Jason & Karen Lindsey

In Memory of Anatol "Andy" Longinow
By Lilli Longinow

In Memory of Robert Blair
By Jane McGee-Rafal

In Memory of Aljeanette Kasper
By Gloria Morgan

In Memory of Our Parents,
Roy & Jeanette Combs and
Eldon & Lucille Recher,
By Joe & Becky Recher

In Memory of Rosella & Edward Thornhill
By Doug & Bev Reno

In Memory of Doris & Joseph Reno
By Doug & Bev Reno

In Memory of Christine Miller and
Karen Petrus
By Stephanie Rice

In Memory of Janet Rinehart
By Carleton Rinehart

In Memory of Cpl Richard Rinehart
By Carl Rinehart

In Memory of Our Parents
By Marian & Glenn Rodgers

In Thanksgiving for our many blessing
By the Schenk Family

In Memory of Carolyn Eileen Sims
By James A. Sims

In Memory of Charles Smith
By Adam & Brette Smith and Family

In Memory of Tony, Dorothy,
and Jane Pepper
By Nancy Thacher

In Celebration of Maeven and Finan
By the Thornewill Family

In Memory of Melville & Ruby Totten
By James Totten

Given with love to celebrate the lives
of Marilyn & Daniel—a devoted mother
and a cherished son
By Marcia Treadway

In Thanksgiving for Family and Friends
By Elayne Tribble

In Memory of Mary Louise Workman
By John & Gayle Workman

In Memory of Nancy Bruck
By John & Gayle Workman



*The clergy and staff of St. George's wish you
and yours a happy and blessed Eastertide.*