

Grace Episcopal Church



Liturgy of the Light
The Second Sunday of Easter
10 AM Holy Eucharist
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Prelude

The Liturgy of the Light

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Let us pray. Loving God, accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. **Amen.**

*Procession begins, stopping three times,
lifting the paschal candle, saying:*

The Light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Exsultet

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpet sound Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for a darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts in radiant light
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,
pray with me to God the Almighty
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever. Amen.

Lighting of the Candles

Leader We celebrate that Christ is risen! His life and his light are stronger than death. But we also celebrate that he came to share his light and risen life with us.

The children are called by name to receive a candle.
N., The Light of Christ

Opening Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

**This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine x3**

Refrain

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine x3**

Refrain

**Don't let anyone blow it out
I'm gonna let it shine x3**

Refrain

**Everywhere I go
I'm gonna let it shine x3**

Refrain

Children will share the light with the congregation.

Celebrant May the morning star which never sets find this holy flame still burning. Christ is that morning star, who came back from the dead, and sheds his peaceful light on all people, the Son who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Isaiah 60:19

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The sun shall no longer be
your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon
give light to you by night;
but the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Ephesians 5: 8-10

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song

Jesus is Lord of All the Earth v. 1-2

1982 Hymnal #178

The Gospel

Luke 22:1-8

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke.

People **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection on the Light

Sarah Christopher

We Pray

*A responsive prayer is offered, with the people adding
their own petitions and thanksgivings.*

With all our hearts and all our minds let us pray to the Lord:

**Óyenos Señor, Óyenos Señor,
Listen to your people, Óyenos Señor**

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

**Óyenos Señor, Óyenos Señor,
Listen to your people, Óyenos Señor**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

**Óyenos Señor, Óyenos Señor,
Listen to your people, Óyenos Señor**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may preserve its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

**Óyenos Señor, Óyenos Señor,
Listen to your people, Óyenos Señor**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

**Óyenos Señor, Óyenos Señor,
Listen to your people, Óyenos Señor**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

**Óyenos Señor, Óyenos Señor,
Listen to your people, Óyenos Señor**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

**Óyenos Señor, Óyenos Señor,
Listen to your people, Óyenos Señor**

The Peace

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

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Offertory Music

**Allellu-allelu-allellu-alleluia!
Praise to the Lord!
Allellu-allelu-allellu-alleluia!
Praise to the Lord!
Praise to the Lord!
Alleluia!
Praise to the Lord!
Alleluia!
Praise to the Lord!
Alleluia!
Praise to the Lord!**

Doxology

Sung to Tune of Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all
creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia. Praise God above ye
heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Oh praise
God, oh praise God, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Communion

We Give Thanks to God (The Eucharistic Prayer)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right for us to praise you, God, because you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us, but people have not always loved you.

You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again. He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people. And so with thanks, we join with the angels to praise you, singing:

Sanctus

Santo, santo, santo

WLP #785

**¡Santo, santo, santo,
mi corazón te adora!**

*Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!*

**Mi corazón te sabe decir:
santo eres Señor.**

*My heart is glad to say the words,
you are holy, Lord.*

We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body. Do this, and know that I am with you.”

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said “This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this, and know that I am with you.”

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus. Send your Holy Spirit upon us also, and through this food give us strength to live as your people. Help us to care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land we worship you in songs of everlasting praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever.
AMEN.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

WLP #875

Refrain

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

**The bread which we break, alleluia,
Is the communion of the body of Christ.**

Refrain

**One body are we, alleluia,
For though many we share one bread.**

Refrain

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music At Communion

Jesus is our host; all are welcome at God's table. To receive communion, come forward at the usher's instructions and kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may either hold on to the bread and "intinct" (dip) it into the bowl of wine when it comes to you, or consume the bread and drink from the cup. Communion in one kind (bread only) is a full communion; gluten free wafers are available if needed. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion in your pew, please let an usher know. Children and infants are welcome to receive communion, either the bread or wine or both, as long as their parents are comfortable. If you or your child prefers to come forward to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us so we and all your children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1982 Hymnal #490

Dismissal

Celebrant

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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and find info about upcoming events!



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