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Memorial, Trinity, Sarnia, St. John in the  
Wilderness, Brights' Grove and St. Paul's Church in  
Point Edward.**



**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

**March 30, 2024**

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**Holy Eucharist**  
**and Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

***"We were buried with Christ by baptism into death,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might walk in newness of life."***

*(Romans 6:4)*

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**Service of Light**      The Rev'd Canon Steve Harnadek

*The, fire is kindled.*

*then the Presider greets and briefly addresses the assembly.*

*A prayer is said over the new fire of Easter.*

*The Paschal Candle is lit from the fire.*

*The Presider, or a Deacon, takes the candle,  
lifts it high and sings:*

**The light of Christ.**

**Assembly: Thanks be to God.**

*The procession moves to the Parish Hall, led by the Paschal  
Candle. At suitable places, the candle is lifted high while the  
following is sung:*

**The light of Christ.**

**Assembly: Thanks be to God.**

*The Deacon, or a Cantor, standing near the Paschal Candle,  
sings or says the Canticle Exsultet.*

Greg Robbins

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!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,  
radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Christ has conquered!  
Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Saviour shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy,  
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Assembly* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is truly right that with full hearts  
and minds and voices...

....Christ, that Morning Star,  
who came back from the dead,  
and shed his peaceful light on all creation,  
your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*After the hymn, if candles are being held, they may be extinguished or kept lit during the readings.*

*The paschal candle burns at all Liturgies from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

*The Presider briefly addresses the assembly.*

*After each scripture passage is proclaimed, silence will be kept, then the psalm or hymn will be sung.*

**First Reading:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18                      Ginny Schleihauß  
**Psalm 16**

Protect me, Lord, for I have said, “You are my good; none is like you.”  
The godly are my chief delight, those who have noble hearts and true.

Those who run after other gods, shall have their troubles multiplied;  
I will not offer blood or name, their gods; these I cannot abide.

You are my portion and my cup, you make my lot always secure;  
My boundaries close a pleasant land, indeed my heritage is sure.

I bless the Lord who counsels me, my heart helps me to understand;  
I set the Lord always before, and as my guard at my right hand.

My heart and spirit both rejoice, my body, too, in hope shall lie;  
You will not leave me in the Pit, nor in the grave with those who die.

You show me, Lord, the path of life, with you I find fullness of joy;  
The pleasures found at your right hand, are those which time cannot destroy.

## **Prayer**

**Second Reading:** Exodus 14:15-31; 15:20,1                      Leigh Carson

**Canticle 8:** *Song of Moses, Tune CP306/Richmond*

**Prayer**

**Third Reading** Isaiah 55: 1-11

Sue Smith

**Hymn 540** *Just as the Deer*

**Prayer**

**Proclaiming the Word**

**Collect of the Day**

**Epistle** Romans 6:3-11

Linda Saunders

## Psalm 114

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 16:1-8

Jon Forbes

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew .

*Assembly:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel Reading:*

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

*Assembly:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

The Venerable Kristen Aikman

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We will take a short break,*

*and then gather for Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

*and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.*

## **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

Sean Davidson

*For use when there are no adult candidates for baptism or confirmation.*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider:* We thank you, Almighty God...  
...now and forever.

*Assembly:*

*The Presider briefly addresses the assembly.*

*Presider:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil  
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Assembly:* **I do.**

*Presider:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*Assembly:* **I believe in God, the Father  
almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God?

*Assembly:* **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 rose 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.**

*Presider:* Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

*Assembly:* **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.**

*Presider:* Will you continue  
in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread,  
and in the prayers?

*Assembly:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you persevere in resisting evil  
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and  
return to the Lord?

*Assembly:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?

*Assembly:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you seek and serve Christ  
in all persons, loving your neighbour as  
yourself?

*Assembly:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you strive for justice and peace  
among all persons, and respect the  
dignity of every human being?

*Assembly:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you strive to safeguard the  
integrity of God's creation, and respect,  
sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

*Assembly:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* God the creator.....  
now and forever.

*Assembly:* **Amen**

## **Greeting of Peace**

# Celebrating the Eucharist

## *Hymn 203 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!

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!

But the pains which he endured, alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. alleluia!

*(as you are able, please remain standing  
for the Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer  
as a sign that we have already been raised up with Christ).*

## **Prayer over the Gifts Great Thanksgiving**

Raymond Hodgson

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider:* Blessed are you gracious God.....  
.....song of joy.

*All:*

*Presider:* Father, you are holy indeed...  
...do this in memory of me.  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
*All:*

*Presider:* Remembering Christ's death...  
...and honour is yours,  
almighty Father forever and ever.  
*Assembly:*

**The Lord's Prayer (said)**  
**The Breaking of the Bread**  
**Communion**

*Everyone in the assembly who are baptized members  
of their own Church / denomination  
are welcome to receive the Sacrament if they so desire.  
Simply come forward at the time of Communion with*

*the other members of the assembly.*

*During Communion, the following hymn will be sung:*

**231** *That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Then, the following doxology is said:*

*Presider:* Glory to God

*Assembly:* **Whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask for or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Easter Blessing**

### **Announcements**

### **Dismissal:**

*Presider:* Alleluia! Go forth into the world  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for an Easter  
Reception of wine, cheese, etc in  
The Parish Hall.*