

*Easter Vigil*  
*Saturday, April 24, 2011*  
*8:00 p.m.*

**O God, who made this most holy night to shine  
with the glory of the Lord's resurrection:  
Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption  
which is given to us in Baptism,  
that we, being renewed both in body and mind,  
may worship your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
who overcame death  
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
Grant that we,  
who celebrate the Lord's resurrection,  
may be raised from the death of sin  
by your life-giving Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MORRISTOWN  
MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

*April 24, 2011*

*EASTER VIGIL*

*8:00 p.m.*

*\* If you are able, please stand.*

*+++ Arriving worshipers may be seated.*

***SERVICE OF THE LIGHT***

*OPENING SCRIPTURE*

*JOHN 1: 1, 4-5*

*(New Testament, pg. 86)*

*LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE*

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE*

*The Light of Christ*

*Marty Haugen*

CANTOR: ALL:  
This is the Light of Christ; Thanks be to God.—

CANTOR: ALL:  
You are the Light of Christ; Thanks be to God.—

CANTOR: ALL:  
Live in the Light of Christ. He is our Life.—

*LIGHTING OF CONGREGATIONAL CANDLES*

***SERVICE OF THE WORD***

*FIRST READING: THE STORY OF CREATION*

*Genesis 1: 1 - 2:4a*

*(Old Testament, pg. 1)*

***Silence***

Let us pray:  
**Almighty and eternal God,  
 you created all things in wonderful beauty and order.  
 Help us now to perceive  
 how still more wonderful is the new creation,  
 by which in the fullness of time  
 you redeemed your people  
 through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ,  
 who lives and reigns forever and ever.**

*SECOND READING: THE FLOOD*

*Linda Gaden*

*Genesis 7: 1-5, 11-18; 8: 6-18; 9: 8-13*

*(Old Testament, pg. 5)*

***Silence***

*FLUTE AND ORGAN VOLUNTARY*

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Jacques Berthier

*THIRD READING:*

*ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA*

*The Reverend Cynthia J. Alloway*

*EXODUS 14: 10 – 31; 15: 20 – 21*

*(Old Testament, pg. 58)*

*Silence*

*\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 274 O God of Earth and Space*

Leoni

**O God of earth and space,  
Of sea and fire and air,  
Your providence surrounds us here  
And everywhere.  
In fruit and grain and tree,  
In shelter from the cold,  
In cooling breezes, flowing wells  
Now as of old.**

**Where faithfulness is shown,  
Where love and truth abound  
Where beauty graces human life,  
There You are found.  
Inspirer of all thought!  
Creative force of art!  
The melody on every tongue,  
In every heart!**

**Wherever freedom reigns,  
where sin is overthrown,  
where justice fused with mercy rules,  
There You are known.  
Give us the courage clear  
To make the earth a home  
For all to live in harmony  
In Christ's shalom.**

**Your word commands response  
And summons us to life,  
We follow, strengthened Your grace,  
In calm or strife.  
Our ever-present help,  
Our challenge and our prod,  
We praise You now and to life's end,  
Eternal God.**

*FOURTH READING: SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL*

*ISAIAH 55: 1 – 11*

*(Old Testament, pg. 644)*

***Silence***

*FLUTE AND ORGAN VOLUNTARY*

*Victimae Paschali*

Jacques Berthier

*FIFTH READING: A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT*

*EZEKIEL 36: 24–28*

*(Old Testament, pg. 758)*

***Silence***

Let us pray.

**God of holiness and light,  
in the mystery of dying and rising with Christ  
you have established a new covenant of reconciliation.  
Cleanse our hearts  
and give a new spirit to all your people,  
that your saving grace may be professed  
and proclaimed to the whole world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*SIXTH READING: THE VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES*

*EZEKIEL 37: 1 – 14*

*(Old Testament, pg. 759)*

***Silence***

*FLUTE AND ORGAN VOLUNTARY*

*Adoro Te*

Jacques Berthier

*SEVENTH READING: THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE*

*ZEPHANIAH 3: 14–20*

*(Old Testament, pg. 826)*

***Silence.***

Let us pray.

**Eternal God of unchanging power and light,  
look with mercy on your whole church.  
Bring to completion your saving work,  
so that the whole world may see  
the fallen lifted up,  
the old made new,  
and all things brought to perfection**

**by him through whom all things were made,  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*EIGHTH READING: THE FIRST EASTER*

*LUKE 24: 1-12*

*(New Testament, pg. 84)*

\* *CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 108: Christ is Alive* Truro

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.**

**Not throned above, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior in the God-head reigns.**

**In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

*MOVEMENT FROM "Mass for the Saturday of Easter"*

*Kyrie*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

***REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM***

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

**I do**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**I do**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

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

People of God, you had made your profession of faith and renewed the vows of your baptism. By water, you were cleansed and brought to newness of life in the Spirit. May God grant that, as this water of remembrance touches you this night, you may feel and know the grace and favor which God has given you through your baptism.

**Amen**

\* *CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 494 Out of Deep, Unordered Water* Rustington

**Out of deep, unordered water  
God created light and land,  
World of bird and beast and later,  
In god's image, woman, man.  
There is water in the river  
Bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver,  
There is water in the font.**

**Water on the human forehead,  
Birthmark of the love of God,  
In the sign of death and rising  
in the seas there runs a road.  
There is water in the river  
Bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver:  
There is water in the font.**

**Standing round the font reminds us  
Of the Hebrews climb ashore.  
Life is hallowed by the knowledge:  
God has been this way before.  
There is water in the river  
Bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver:  
There is water in the font.**

*(The Paschal Candle is lowered into the baptismal water as a sign of Christ's burial and rising. Joyfully receive a reminder of our baptism.)*

May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism rise also with him to newness of life.

**Amen**

*MOVEMENT FROM "Mass for the Saturday of Easter"*

*Gloria*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propte magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise thee; we bless thee; we adore thee; we glorify thee. We give thee thanks for thy great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, God the almighty Father, Lord Jesus Christ, only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou alone art the Holy One. Thou alone art Lord. Thou alone art Most High, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### ***THE FEAST OF VICTORY***

*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

(Ecumenical Version of the Apostles Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
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. Amen.**

### ***SERVICE OF COMMUNION***

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE*

*GREAT THANKSGIVING*

The God of every day be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of Easter, lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the One who has raised Jesus from the grave.**

People of Easter's joy, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.

**We sing our hallelujahs to the God of everlasting love.**

...singing our Easter joy to you:

*MOVEMENT FROM "Mass for the Saturday of Easter"*

*Sanctus and Benedictus*      Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus, Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Thy glory fills all heaven and earth. Hosanna in high  
heaven! Blessed is he who is coming in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in high heaven.

...we trust that mystery we call faith:

**On the first day, Christ shaped all that is good and beautiful;  
on the first day of the week, Christ swallowed up death forever;  
on the last day, Christ will call us to the Table of the Lamb.**

*LORD'S PRAYER*

(Ecumenical Version)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily  
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE*

*(The Sacrament will be received by intinction, dipping the bread into the cup.  
Ushers will indicate when you may come forward to receive the Sacrament.)*

*MOVEMENT FROM "Mass for the Saturday of Easter"*

*Agnus Dei*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: Dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God,  
who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takest away  
the sins of the world: give us peace.

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE*

**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 conquer darkness, water to give us life, and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love. Send us with your salvation and joy into all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*HYMN 121*

*That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*

**That Eastertide with joy was bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.**

**O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
do all our inmost hearts possess  
and we to You will ever raise  
the tribute of our grateful praise.**

**From every weapon death can wield,  
Your own redeemed forever shield;  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
In this our joyful Eastertide.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of his resurrection.

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY*

*Christ Is Risen*

*Flor Peeters*

*(The congregation is requested to remain seated for the concluding voluntary.  
Please return your candles to the baskets as you leave. Thank you.)*

**Participating in this evening's service** are the Reverends David J. Smazik and Cynthia J. Alloway. The music is under the direction of James D. Hicks.

Soprano I

Rachel Capizzi

Soprano II

Elisabeth Hicks

Alto

Deborah Fallon

Tenor

Glenn Visscher

Bass

Scott Gothe

**The instrumentalists are:**

*Flute*

*Organist*

Nancy Shearer

James D. Hicks

***About this Service***

*The Great Vigil of Easter can be traced to early Christian times. It proclaims the universal significance of God's saving acts in history through four related services held on the same occasion, and consists of: The Service of Light, The Service of Readings, The Service of Baptism, and the Service of the Eucharist.*

*The Service of Light begins in the darkness of night. In kindling new fire and lighting the paschal candle, we are reminded that Christ came as a light shining in darkness (John 1:5). Through the use of fire, candles, words, movement, and music, the worshiping community becomes the pilgrim people of God following the "pillar of fire" given to us in Jesus Christ, the light of the world. The paschal candle is used throughout the service as a symbol for Jesus Christ. This candle is carried, leading every procession during the vigil. Christ, the light of the world, thus provides the unifying thread to the service.*

*The second part of the vigil consists of a series of readings from the Old and New Testaments. These lessons provide a panoramic view of what God has done for humanity. Beginning with creation, we are reminded of our delivery from bondage in the exodus, of God's calling us to faithfulness through the cry of the prophets, of God dwelling among us in Jesus Christ, and of Christ's rising in victory from the tomb. The readings thus retell our "holy history" as God's children, summarizing the faith into which we are baptized.*

*In the earliest years of the Christian church, baptisms commonly took place at the vigil. So this vigil includes baptism and/or the renewal of the baptismal covenant. As with the natural symbol of light, water plays a critical role in the vigil. The image of water giving life – nurturing crops, sustaining life, and cleansing our bodies cannot be missed in this part of the vigil. Nor is the ability of water to inflict death in drowning overlooked. Water brings both life and death. So also there is death and life in Baptism, for in Baptism we die to sin and are raised to life. Baptism unites believers to Christ's death and resurrection.*

*The vigil climaxes in a joyous celebration of the feast of the people of God. The risen Lord invites all to participate in the new life he brings by sharing the feast which he has prepared. We thus look forward to the great Messianic feast of the kingdom of God when the redeemed from every time and place" will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God" (Luke 13:29). The vigil thus celebrates what God has done, is doing, and will do.*

#### THE CHURCH STAFF

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