

# ST.GEORGE'S CHURCH FLUSHING

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### 2024 Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday – Trilingual Service at 7:00 pm

March 29, 2024 Good Friday – Trilingual Service at 12:00 pm

March 30, 2024 Holy Saturday/Great Vigil of Easter – Trilingual at 7:00 pm

March 31, 2024 Easter Day – Three Separate Language Services as Usual

**Saturday, 03/30/2024 10:30am**

**Volunteers are needed on at to clean and decorate our Altar for Easter Sunday! THANK YOU!**

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You are all one in Christ Jesus —Galatians 3:28

# Welcome



## *Easter Vigil*

### *March 30th, 2024*



### Trilingual Service

### 7:00 PM

## Saint George's Church Flushing

An original Royal Charter  
Episcopal Church  
in the nation and in the  
City of New York

# Welcome to St. George's

Welcome! Whoever you are, whatever your origin, wherever you are in your spiritual pilgrimage, you are one of us: *a child of God.*

St. George's Parish is a Christian community that celebrates the wondrous diversity of God's people; we are an inter-cultural church where worship is offered each week in three languages: English, Mandarin and Spanish.

We trust that God has called you here today. Please complete a visitor's envelope so we can tell you more about St. George's.

If you are unfamiliar with the pattern of worship in the Episcopal Church, simply relax in the liturgy and allow the rest of those present to carry you along in your worship, participate and be comfortable. You are invited to share Holy Communion with the congregation and we hope you will come to the coffee hour in the Parish Hall following this service.

Once again, welcome to this very old church that ministers in the present for the sake of a vibrant and faithful future.

*In preparation for worship please silence all cell phones.*

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."

Sermon

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

B. C. P, p. 292

The Prayers of the People IV

B. C. P, p. 388

Peace

## THE LITURGY OF EUCHARIST

At the Offertory Anthem *Christus Vincit* Joseph Noyon/Gerre Hancock (1929-2012)

*Christ has conquered, Christ our Sovereign, Christ reigns forevermore.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and forever, world without end, Amen.*

Presentation Hymn

English 174 Chinese 182

**The Holy Communion— The Great Thanksgiving—Prayer A**

Sanctus and Benedictus - S 125

The Lord's Prayer

Sung in Chinese

Fraction Anthem – S 164

Communion Hymn

English 199, 204

Chinese 194, 197

Recessional

English 208 Chinese 181

Blessing and Dismissal

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

Post Communion Prayer

Postlude

Hornpipe, from Water Music

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Part 2

### The Easter Acclamation (3 times)

V. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

S - 72

B.C.P., p. 294

R. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The congregation is invited to ring bells, and make a joyful sound.*

### Gloria - S 280

### The Collect

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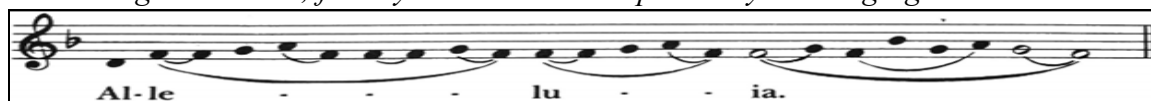
### First Reading

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him 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. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### The Great Alleluia - S 70

*Sung three times; first by the cantor and repeated by the congregation each time.*



*Concerning the hymns for the service: Hymns are found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Hymn numbers prefaced "HUP" will be found in the green Hymns of Universal Praise.*

**Gradual Hymn** English 210 The day of resurrection!  
Chinese 188

*Verses 3 is sung following the reading of the Gospel*

### The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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

## THE LITURGY OF LIGHT

### The Kindling and Blessing of the New Fire

### Salutation and Collect

BCP p. 285

### Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Procession

S - 68

<p><i>The procession pauses three times. During each pause, the following is sung:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deacon</i>                      <i>People</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.</p>	
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### The Exsultet (Please Stand)

Sung by the Cantor S - 69

BCP p. 286

*The Exsultet is a special example of the prayer for light which traditionally accompanies the lighting of the evening light. It celebrates the mighty acts of God in Moses, and in Christ.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### (Service of Lessons)

## Part 1

### Lesson 1 Genesis 1:1-2:4a The Story of Creation

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every

winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**Collect Prayer** (*Please Stand*)

**B,C,P, p.288**

**Lesson II Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Israel Deliverance at the Red Sea**

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the

Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

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 the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

**Canticle 8 The Song of Moses**

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**Collect Prayer** (*Please Stand*)

**BCP p. 289**

**Lesson III Ezekiel 36:24-28 A New Heart and a New Spirit**

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah**

**S213**