

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Vigil of Easter  
April 20, 2025, 6 am

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### THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*After the Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly kindled fire, the minister, bearing the candle, leads the procession into the chapel, pausing three times and singing*

*Minister:* The light of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### THE EXSULTET

*Cantor:* Rejoice now, heavenly hosts... Amen. The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

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

*People:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The cantor continues*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Creation

Genesis 1:1–2:2

Psalm 33

#### The Offering of Isaac

Genesis 22:1–18

Psalm 16

#### Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10–15:1

Psalm 66

#### Salvation Freely Offered to All

Isaiah 55:1–11

Psalm 42

The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 30

*The congregation follows in procession to the Memorial Room*

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Minister:* Do you believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth?

*People:* I believe in God our creator.

*Minister:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,  
who healed the sick, welcomed the outcast,  
and preached good news to the poor;  
who suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
who descended to the dead;  
and on the third day rose again?

*People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son.

*Minister:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the Church universal,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting?

*People:* I believe in the Holy Spirit.

*Minister:* 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.

*Minister:* Will you persevere in resisting all that draws you from God's love, and whenever you fail,  
repent and make amends?

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

*Minister:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

*Minister:* 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.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

*Minister:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*The minister continues*

*Minister:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Minister:* Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia

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

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

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