HARVARD

The Memorial Church



Order of Worship

The Vigil of Easter March 31, 2024, 6 am

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 Mark.

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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