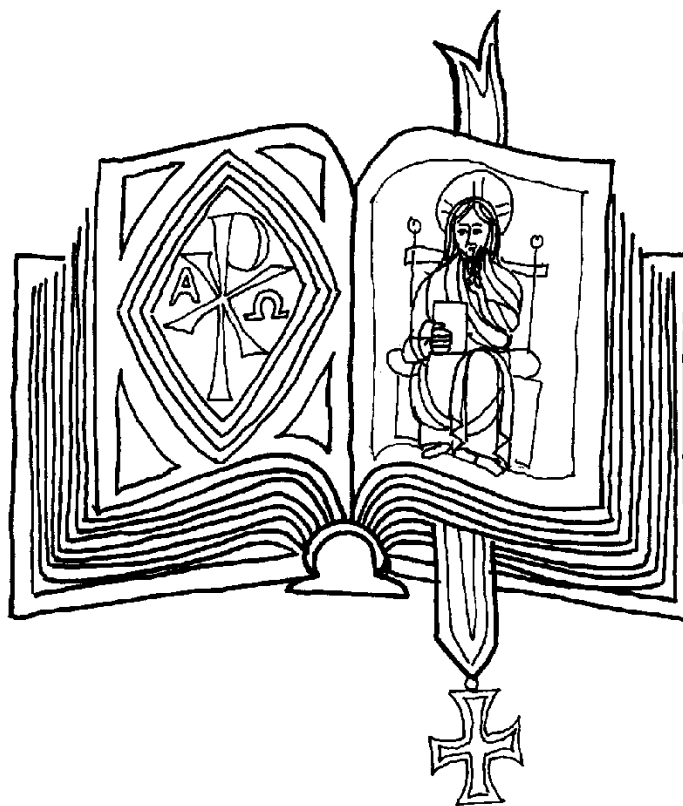


Easter Day Lighting the New Fire Renewal of Baptismal Vows



Buck Mountain Episcopal Church Earlysville, Virginia

**Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.
We welcome you if you are visiting with us today.
Visitors: please see the notes for visitors on the last page**

Our Sunday services are livestreamed. The camera shows the altar and the lectern/pulpit area. If you do not wish to be on camera during communion, tell the usher and we will bring communion to you off camera.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

When all are in place, the Celebrant may address the congregation, acknowledging briefly the purpose of their gathering, and bidding their prayers

We light candles so that we can see, but they also remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.

Opening Prayer

The fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people

Beloved in Christ: On the most holy celebration in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Celebrant may say the following prayer

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant traces the markings on the Paschal Candle.

Celebrant Christ, yesterday and today; the beginning and the end; Alpha and Omega:
His are the times, the seasons and the ages.
To him be glory and dominion, through all eternity and forever.

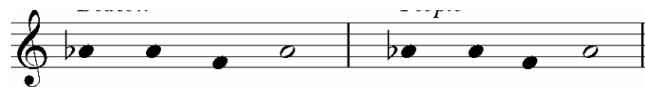
All Amen.

Celebrant May the Light of Christ gloriously rising dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
All Amen.

Procession

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the clergy bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying

People The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Reaching to front, the Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

Exsultet

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

[All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

Answer And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Answer It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to
praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of
Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the time we remember, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of
bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the time we remember, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of
sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the time we remember, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious
from the grave.

Holy Father, accept our sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine
continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find
it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and
ever. *Amen.*

*It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of
Pentecost.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Easter Acclamation

The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.

The Celebrant may say to the people

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!!***

All ring bells

Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today

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Collect For Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Remain seated.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

²Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
¹⁵There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
¹⁶“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
¹⁷I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
¹⁸The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
²²The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.

¹[Since] you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn

The strife is o'er, the battle done

H-208 vs 1-3

All stand.

Gospel

John 20:1-18

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Baptismal Renewal Invitation

The Celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People 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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Celebrant 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful

obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Refrain

God ever faithful,
God ever merciful,
God of your people,
hear our prayer.

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| For those who lead and guide the Church of Christ; for loving care, we pray to you, O Lord: | <i>hear our prayer.</i> |
| For faithful witness, fellowship in love; for living hope, we pray to you, O Lord: | <i>hear our prayer.</i> |
| For those who guide the nations of the earth; that wisdom reign, we pray to you, O Lord: | <i>hear our prayer.</i> |
| For those who seek and serve the common good; that justice reign, we pray to you, O Lord: | <i>hear our prayer.</i> |
| For neighbors' needs, for shelter from the storm; for homes of peace, we pray to you, O Lord: | <i>hear our prayer.</i> |
| For those in sorrow, anguish, and despair; that they find hope, we pray to you, O Lord: | <i>hear our prayer.</i> |
| For those oppressed, for those who live in fear; that they be freed, we pray to you, O Lord: | <i>hear our prayer.</i> |
| For all the sick, the dying, and the dead, be life and grace, we pray to you, O Lord: | <i>hear our prayer.</i> |
| That we might live in peace from day to day; that wars will cease, we pray to you, O Lord: | <i>hear our prayer.</i> |
| That we may stay faithful, open to your Word; your Kingdom come! We pray to you, O Lord: | <i>hear our prayer.</i> |
| For all the dreams held deep within our hearts; for all our needs, we pray to you, O Lord: | <i>hear our prayer.</i> |

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People sing

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

Communion Hymn

Jesus is Lord of all the earth

H 178

He is Risen

H-180

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

H-205

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The Lord bless you and keep you. *Amen.*
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you. *Amen.*
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. *Amen.*

Post-Communion Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today

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Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Notes for Visitors:

BCP – the Red Book of Common Prayer
Service Music from the front pages of the Hymnal are marked with an S.
Hymns from the Blue Hymnal are marked with an H. .

The building next to the sanctuary is called Deese Hall. You will find restrooms in the far-right corner of the building.

The Episcopal church recognizes baptisms in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit from any denomination as sufficient to receive communion to receive communion. (*Canon I.17.7 of the General Convention.*) Episcopalians invite all baptized people to receive, not because we take the Eucharist lightly, but because we take our Baptism so seriously.

Those who are not yet baptized are welcome to come forward during communion to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would like the blessing.