

*(The Liturgy of the Great Easter Vigil begins in the Anglican Missal on page A-183. Copies of the Missal are available in the narthex, if you care to follow the full text.)*

## THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

### I. THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE AND OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*(The New Fire is blessed at the church entrance. The people shall stand and face the entrance for the blessing.)*

Blessing of the New Fire [stand] ..... Missal A-183  
Blessing of the Incense [stand] ..... Missal A-184

*(While the grains of incense are blessed and aspersed and censed, the Church's lights are extinguished. The procession of the New Fire and the Reed begins. During the procession the three tapers of the Reed are lit, one by one. As each is lit, the Deacon sings, and the people respond, as follows, with all genuflecting save the Subdeacon with the cross:)*

The Light of Christ. R: **Thanks be to God.** (iii - genuflect)

*(Then the Deacon shall sing the Paschal Praeconium, during which all stand.)*

*Exsultet jam Angelica* [stand]..... Missal A-185

### II. THE PROPHECIES [sit]

Prophecy the First, Genesis i-ii.2 & Collect  
Prophecy the Second, Exodus xiv.24-xv.1, Tract & Collect  
Prophecy the Third, Isaiah iv.2-6, Tract & Collect  
Prophecy the Fourth, Deuteronomy xxxi.22-30, Tract & Collect

### III. BLESSING OF THE FONT [stand]

*(After the Prophecies, the tract, Sicut cervus, shall be said or sung while the Celebrant and servers go to the Font; then the Collect shall be said.)*

*Sicut cervus*..... Missal A-190  
Collect..... Missal A-190  
Blessing of the Font..... Missal A-191

### III. THE LITANY

*(The cantor shall then sing the litany; the people and choir, kneeling, shall respond—see insert)*

### IV. THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER

*(The Eucharist begins with neither the customary prayers at the foot of the altar nor an introit:)*

*Kyrie eleison*, ninefold (Hymnal 702) [stand]

*(Then the Celebrant intones Glory be to God on high, after which the bells are rung joyfully. While the bells ring the Passtiontide veils are removed, Easter begins, and the Altar is made ready. When this is done, the Gloria continues, ‘and on earth peace etc...’)*

*Gloria in excelsis* (Hymnal 713) [stand]

Collect of the Vigil [stand] ..... Missal A-196  
Epistle, Colossians iii.1 [sit]..... Missal A-197  
Alleluia, Gradual & Tract [stand] ..... Missal A-197

V: Alleluia. (iii) R: **Alleluia.** (iii)

Gospel, St. Matthew xxviii.1 [stand] ..... Missal A-197  
*(The Creed and the Prayer for the Church are omitted. All else follows as usual until the Canon)*

Offertory hymn, *Puer Nobis* [stand]..... **Hymnal 98**  
*(The introduction of the Canon is slightly altered. The Agnus Dei is not said. After the people's communion all is omitted and replaced with the following form of anticipated Mattins of the morrow:)*

### V. ANTICIPATED MATTINS [stand]

Antiphon: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm cl, *Laudate Dominum* ..... BCP 525

Antiphon: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon on *Benedictus*:

And very early the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre, when the sun was risen. Alleluia.

*Benedictus Dominus Deus* (Hymnal 641) ..... BCP 14

Antiphon (repeated)

*(While the canticle is sung, the altars are censed. Then the Celebrant sings the collect.)*

Collect [stand] ..... Missal A-199

Dismissal [stand]

Deacon: Depart in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

Pontifical Blessing [kneel]

Bishop: Blessed be ✠ Name of the Lord.

People: **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People: **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

Blessing..... BCP 84

### Regina coeli [stand]

**Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia.**

**He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.**

**As he promised hath aris'n, alleluia.**

**Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

V: Rejoice and be exceeding glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R: **For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to give joy to the whole world; grant, we beseech thee, that through the help of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing hymn, *Ellacombe*..... **Hymnal 96**

## On the Resurrection of Christ

*Surrexit Dominus de sepulchro*

Done is a battell on the dragon blak,  
Our campiou Chryst confoutit hes his force;  
The gettis of Hell ar brokin with a crak,  
The signe triumphall rasis is of the Croce,  
The divillis trymmillis with hiddous voce,  
The saulis ar borrowit and to the blis can go,  
Chryst with His blud our ransonis dois indoce:  
*Surrexit Dominus de sepulchro.*

Dungin is the deidly dragon Lucifer,  
The crewall serpent with the mortall stang,  
The auld kene tegir with his teith on char,  
Quhilk in a wait hes lyne for us so lang,  
Thinking to grip us in his clowis strang;  
The merciful Lord wald nocht that it wer so,  
He maid him for to felye of that fang:  
*Surrexit Dominus de sepulchro.*

He for our saik that sufferit to be slane,  
And lyk a lamb in sacrifice wes dicht,  
Is lyk a lyone rissin up agane,  
And as a gyane raxit Him on hicht;  
Sprungin is Aurora, radius and bricht,  
On loft is gone the gloriu Appollo,  
The blisfull day depairtit fro the nycht:  
*Surrexit Dominus de sepulchro.*

The grit Victour agane is rissin on hicht  
That for our querrell to the deth wes woundit;  
The sone that wox all pail now schynis bricht,  
And dirknes clerit, our fayth is now refoundit.  
The knell of mercy fra the hevin is soundit,  
The Cristin ar deliverit of thair wo,  
The Jowis and thair error ar confoundit:  
*Surrexit Dominus de sepulchro.*

The fo is chasit, the battell is done ceis,  
The presone brokin, the jevellouris fleit and flemit;  
The weir is gon, confermit is the peis,  
The fetteris lowsit and the dungeoun temit,  
The ransoun maid, the presoneris redemit,  
The feild is win, ourcumin is the fo,  
Dispulit of the tresur that he yemit:  
*Surrexit Dominus de sepulchro.*

William Dunbar (fl. 1460-1520)

# Saint Stephen's Church

*A parish of the Anglican Catholic Church  
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**The Venerable Nicholas C. Athanaelos, SSC  
Rector**

**The Holy Sabbath of Holy Week  
Commonly Called Holy Saturday or Easter Even  
March 30, 2024**

*Schedule for Easter Day:  
Holy Eucharist & Sermon—9:00 am  
Solemn High Mass—11:00 am*