



Holy Family Episcopal Church

The Great Vigil of Easter
Saturday, April 11, 2020

Welcome to Holy Family's Online Worship!

If you would like more information about Holy Family or otherwise want to communicate with the clergy or office, please email admin@hfec.org. Thank you for being part of the community this worship time!

References marked BCP are for pages in The Book of Common Prayer.

The Great Vigil

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

The Officiant says:
Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: 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.**

Then the Cantor sings the Exultet.

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.

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.**

Cantor 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 him thanks and praise.**

The Cantor continues, singing:

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind 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 night, 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 night, 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 night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Officiant introduces the Scripture readings, saying:

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10–15:1

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 Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 8 *The Song of Moses*

**I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted;
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.**

**The Lord is my strength and my refuge;
the Lord has become my Savior.**

**This is my God and I will praise him,
the God of my people and I will exalt him.**

The Lord is a mighty warrior; Yahweh is his Name.

**The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he
hurled into the sea; the finest of those who
bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.**

**The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them;
they sank into the depths like a stone.**

**Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might;
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.**

**Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among
the gods? Who is like you, glorious in
holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of
wonders?**

**You stretched forth your right hand; the earth
swallowed them up.**

**With your constant love you led the people you
redeemed; with your might you brought them
in safety to your holy dwelling.**

**You will bring them in and plant them on the
mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O
Lord, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand
has established.
The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen**

The Officiant says:
Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Salvation Offered Freely to All *Isaiah 55:1-11*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9 *The First Song of Isaiah*
**Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure
defense, and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the
Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is
exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done
great things, and this is known in all the
world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the
Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Officiant says:
Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Valley of Dry Bones *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these

slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 143 *Domine, exaudi*

- 1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; answer me in your righteousness.**
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, for in your sight shall no one living be justified.**
- 3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.**
- 4 My spirit faints within me; my heart within me is desolate.**
- 5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; I consider the works of your hands.**
- 6 I spread out my hands to you; my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.**
- 7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.**
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.**
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, for I flee to you for refuge.**

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, for truly I am your servant.

The Officiant says:

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Service of Easter

The Officiant says:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria

Gather 97

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect

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.**

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 187
Through the Red Sea Brought at Last

- 1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Egypt's chains behind we cast. Deep and wide flows the tide severing us from bondage past, Alleluia!**
- 2 Like the cloud that overhead, through the billows Israel led, by his tomb Christ makes room, souls restoring from the dead, Alleluia!**
- 3 In that cloud and in that sea buried and baptized were we. Earthly night brought us light which is ours eternally, Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Bruce Gray

Prayers

The Peace

All stand.

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Additional Prayers

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn

*Hymnal 210
The Day of Resurrection!*

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Announcements:

Welcome to Holy Family! If you would like more information about Holy Family, please email Fr. Bruce at bgray@hfec.org or go to the Holy Family Website HolyFamilyFishers.org.

You can use your smartphone to scan this code which opens the Holy Family website.



Social Media: Be sure to check in on social media and talk about today's online worship. Share how you are spending your worship time and spread the Good News!

Holy Week Worship with Holy Family

Holy Family will offer its usual schedule of Holy Week and Easter worship online this year. The links for the bulletins, YouTube videos, and Facebook Watch Parties will be found on the parish home page, www.holyfamilyfishers.org.

Easter Day April 12, 9:00 AM Facebook Watch Party: The Easter morning service will feature special music as well as the prayers and readings for Easter. The Rev. Bruce Gray will offer the sermon.

Love Thy Neighbor: While following recommended social distancing procedures, consider checking in on ill, elderly, or isolated neighbors to make sure they are doing ok.

Church at Home: Bake some bread, light a candle, take a walk. These and more ideas are available on the Holy Week at Home page on Holy Family's website. Church Publishing Incorporated has also provided a free, downloadable activity pack with prayers, reflections, stories, crafts, and recipes to support children and families as they observe Holy Week together.

Social Media: Be sure to check in on social media and share your experience with online worship with Holy Family. Share how you are spending your worship time, invite someone new to participate, and send a photo of your household members engaging in worship online to help spread the Good News!

Morning Prayer & Compline – Facebook Watch

Parties: The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis has set up a new page on Facebook for live videos of Morning Prayer and Compline at 8 AM and 8 PM, respectively. You may view watch parties on the Holy Family Facebook page or directly through the diocesan page, IndyDio Virtual Abbey.

NEW COVID-19 Webpage: Holy Family has created a new webpage to centralize information about staying connected to church life, receiving current health information, and finding resources for spiritual practices during these difficult times. The page can be found HERE.

Pub Theology - Finding Grace in the Moment: On Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 PM, Deacon Cathy will host an online conversation about exploring the positive experiences and changes in life during this difficult time. "Really, Cathy? I never planned to Marie Kondo my life THIS MUCH!" Contact Deacon Cathy or Fr. Bruce for more information.

New Online Resource: Fr. Bruce has started a new blog for spiritual resources, especially during this time of social distancing. Holy Family's deacon, Cathy Scott, is also contributing to it and other authors may also do so in the future. The website is www.churchfromadistance.org. Feel free to share it with others, and to offer suggestions or questions that would help make the blog more interesting and helpful. Contact Bruce at bgray@hfec.org.

Sew Many Ways to Help! Area crafters are joining together to sew protective masks and scrub caps for area healthcare providers, food pantry volunteers, and others. For more information on how to help by donating money or supplies or by sewing these items, please click HERE.

Pass the Peace: Record yourself and/or members of your household saying, "The Peace of the Lord be with you....and also with you" on a phone, laptop, or tablet. Email the video files to shortcut@hfec.org for the recordings to be used in an upcoming Holy Family online worship service video on YouTube (HFECVIDEOS). Record in a place where there is good lighting on your face and little or no background noise. Your videos may include any members of your family, including pets.

Personal Prayer: During this difficult time, Deacon Cathy and Father Bruce are available to pray with individuals or families by text or phone. Please reach out by text first (if possible) to set up a time to pray together.
The Reverend Bruce W. Gray (317) 363-6412
The Reverend Cathy Scott (317) 441-8493

Giving to Holy Family Online: Even though Holy Family is not gathering in person, the work of ministry continues in a wide range of activities. Bills continue to be paid, and therefore giving by parishioners continues to be crucial. Make a contribution via [this link](#), and The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis will absorb 100% of the payment processing fee, so every cent you give will go to Holy Family. Other ways to donate are using your online banking, using the giving link on the [parish webpage](#) (which works using PayPal), or mailing a check to the church office. Everyone's support of God's work through Holy Family is needed and very appreciated!

Confirmation Class Continues Via Email: Holy Family's confirmation class is continuing its study of our faith and Episcopal Church practices, by holding discussions through email, rather than in-person classes. This week we explore church history. Future discussions will cover what we believe, our worship practices, prayer, and the sacraments. You are welcome to join the discussion. If you are interested, contact Deacon Cathy by email to cscott@hfec.org.

Morning Book Club Going Online: This book club is for adults of all ages. The current book is *Listening Is An Act Of Love* by Dave Isay. This book is full of inspiring stories of ordinary people, so is very appropriate to this difficult time. An online discussion group has been formed for those who are interested, and may be helpful in forming connections with one another. Please send a request to join the group here: tinyurl.com/HolyFamilyBookClub

Shortcut to Sunday Podcasts: Holy Family hosts a podcast that focuses on the bible readings for each week. Father Bruce and Ben Paden briefly discuss the assigned scriptures. New episodes are released on Tuesdays in preparation for the following Sunday. The podcasts can be found on iTunes and other podcast sources. Share with your friends!

Mulch Cash & Carry: Looking to freshen up your landscaping in these dreary winter months? Bags of Forrest Fines mulch are now available for just \$5. Please make payment to the church office or [online](#) here: holyfamilyfishers.org/donate/ If you prefer, bulk mulch delivery to your home will also be available on April 22 or 23 and May 20 or 21. Watch for upcoming announcements for this year's mulch sale and flower market in May.

Upcoming Events:

Bishop's Visit & Confirmation: May 31 @ 10 AM

In Case of Emergency: Please contact Fr. Bruce at this number 317-363-6412 via voice or text.

Prayer List: Tim, Linda, Greg, Tim, Carla, Kristine, Kerry, Lindy, Laraine, Krista, Kyla, Alma, Betty, Paul, Bob, Dee, Natalie

Parish Budget Update: Holy Family relies on the generosity of Sunday worshippers to support the ministries of the church. If possible, please keep up on your pledge so Holy Family can continue to grow in its ministry. The financial information reflects the church financial reports as of March 31, 2020.

	Actual
Income	\$59,659*
Expense	\$58,988
Difference	\$671

* Includes \$13,167 received in 2019 for 2020 pledges.

Serving today:

Officiant: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Homily: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Readers: Bob Murray, Betty Bogeman, Scott Wilson

Thanks Be to God

- Ben Paden for producing Holy Family's worship videos
- Local crafters who are sewing masks for healthcare professionals
- Hospital staff and first responders
- IT professionals who are working to increase connectivity
- Those who work in grocery stores, food service, and delivery

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