

# East Hendred Catholic Parish



## Easter Vigil 2020

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### Office of Readings\*

**The Office of Readings is said by those unable to attend the Easter Vigil. It may take place any time after sunset on Holy Saturday and before the Easter Mass. It begins with the First Reading.**

#### **Musical items suggested:**

Taverner, Dum transisset | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Ja4bfai4Yg>  
Palestrina, Sicut cervus | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JlXcdhkj1dk>

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### **First Reading**

*Ex 14:15 – 15:1*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go on dry ground through the sea. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.' Then the angel of God who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness; and the night passed without one coming near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down upon the host of the Egyptians, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily; and the Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from before Israel; for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.' So Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its wonted flow when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled into it, and the Lord routed the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not so much as one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the

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seashore. And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did against the Egyptians, and the people feared the Lord; and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord.

### Canticle

*Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 (Roman Missal)*

**R/** Let us sing to the Lord \* glorious is his triumph.

I will sing to the Lord glorious his triumph! \*  
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.—  
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation. \*  
This is my God and I extol him,  
my father's God, and I give him praise.— **R/**

The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name. \*  
The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,—  
The flower of his army is drowned in the sea. \*  
The deep hides them; they sank like a stone.— **R/**

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,  
your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy. \*  
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe.— **R/**

You will lead your people and plant them on your  
mountain, \*  
The place, O Lord, where you have made your home,—  
the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made. \*  
The Lord will reign for ever and ever.— **R/**

### Prayer

O God, who by the light of the New Testament have unlocked the meaning of wonders worked in former time, so that the Red Sea prefigures the sacred font and the nation delivered from slavery foreshadows the Christian people: grant, we pray, that all nations, obtaining the privilege of Israel by merit of faith, may be reborn by partaking of your Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### **Second Reading**

*Ezek 36:16-28*

The word of the Lord came to me: 'Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their doings; their conduct before me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood which they had shed in the land, for the idols with which they had defiled it. I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries; in accordance with their conduct and their deeds I judged them. But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that men said of them, 'These are the people of the Lord, and yet they had to go out of his land.' But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel caused to be profaned among the nations to which they came. 'Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations will know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. For I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. You shall dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

### **Psalm**

*Verses from Psalms 42-43*

As a deer longs  
for flowing streams,  
so longs my soul  
for you, O God.

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<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?

<sup>4</sup> These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng,  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.

<sup>3</sup> Oh send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me,  
let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling!

<sup>4</sup> Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy;  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God.

### **Prayer**

O God of unchanging power and eternal light, look with favour on the wondrous mystery of the whole Church, and serenely accomplish the work of human salvation, which you planned from all eternity; may the whole world know and see that what was cast down is raised up, what had become old is made new, and all things are restored to integrity through Christ, just as by him they came into being. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Epistle**

*Rom 6:3-11*

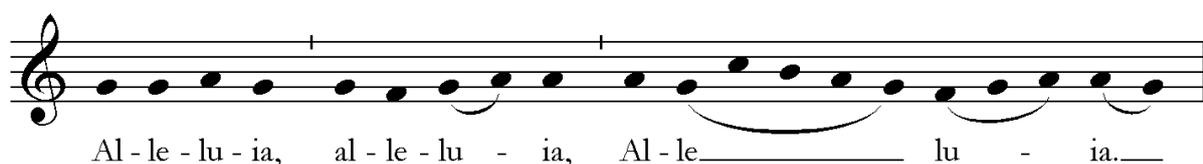
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a

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resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### Alleluiatic Psalm

*Ps 118:1-2, 15c-17, 22-23 (RSV)*



O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,  
<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the LORD is exalted,  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!'

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

<sup>22</sup> The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the head of the corner.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.

### Gospel

*Matthew 28:1-10 (RSV)*

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Mag'dalen and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him

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the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Behold, I have told you.' <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, 'Hail!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.'

### **Canticle: *Te Deum Laudamus***

**WE PRAISE** you, O God: we acclaim you as the Lord.  
Everlasting Father, all the world bows down before you.  
All the angels sing your praise,  
the hosts of heaven and all the angelic powers,  
all the cherubim and seraphim  
call out to you in unending song:.

Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God of angel hosts!

The heavens and the earth are filled  
with your majesty and glory.  
The glorious band of apostles,  
the noble company of prophets,  
the white-robed army  
who shed their blood for Christ,  
all sing your praise.  
And to the ends of the earth  
your holy Church proclaims her faith in you:  
Father, whose majesty is boundless,  
your true and only Son, who is to be adored,  
the Holy Spirit sent to be our Advocate.

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**YOU**, Christ, are the king of glory,  
Son of the eternal Father.  
When you took our nature to save mankind  
you did not shrink from birth in the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the power of death  
opening the Father's kingdom to all who believe in you.  
Enthroned at God's right hand in the glory of the Father,  
you will come in judgment according to your promise.  
You redeemed your people by your precious blood.  
Come, we implore you, to our aid.  
Grant us with the saints a place in eternal glory.

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**LORD**, save your people: and bless your inheritance.  
Rule them and uphold them: for ever and ever.  
Day by day we praise you:  
we acclaim you now and to all eternity.  
In your goodness, Lord, keep us free from sin.  
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
May your mercy always be with us, Lord,  
for we have hoped in you.  
In you, Lord, we put our trust we shall not be put to shame.

### Collect

O God, who on this day, through your Only-Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection, may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**