# The Great Vigil of Easter



St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Dublin, Ohio

6:00 p.m.

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# The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, fire is kindled;

# "Light the Fire"

Verse 1
I stand to praise You
But I fall on my knees
My spirit is willing
But my flesh is so weak

Chorus

Light the fire (low voices)
(Light the fire) (high voices)
In my soul (low voices)
(In my weary soul) (high voices)

Fan the flame (Fan the flame) (high voices)
Make me whole
(Make my spirit whole) (high voices)

Lord, You know (Lord, You know) (high voices)
Just where I've been (Where I've been) (high voices)
So light the fire in my heart again (All)

Verse 2

I feel Your arms around me As the power of Your healing begins Your spirit moves through me Like a mighty rushing wind Repeat Chorus twice

### The Celebrant says

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 and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

# 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*.

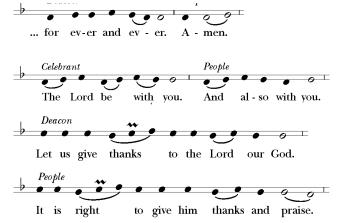
The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon or Celebrant bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the parish hall, pausing three times and singing



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Then Exultet is sung until this ending...

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,



#### Leader

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.

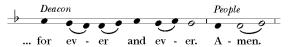
This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

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.

Holy Father, accept our evening 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 ...



*The people sit.* 

# The Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture readings in these words

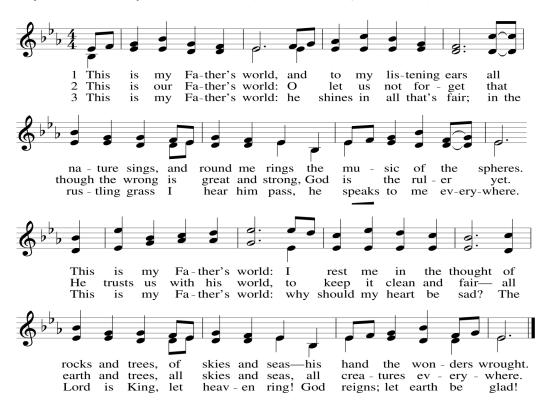
Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

# The Story of Creation

Clay Creation led by Annika and John Brian Russo

Read by The Sacred Seven

**Hymn** "This is My Father's world" (Please stand as you are able.)



Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### The Flood

Music and Drama by St. Patrick's Youth Group

#### Psalm 146 (Read in unison.)

- 1 Hallelujah!
  - Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*
    - I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
    - I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,\* for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth,\* and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!\* whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;\* who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,\* and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;\* the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;\* he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever,\*
  Your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
  Hallelujah!

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

# The Red Sea, Sing the Story Spoken Word by Jermaine Carew Art by Angel Cinco

**Anthem** 

Go Down Moses

Jermaine Carew, soloist

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 Pharoah, 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*.

# A New Heart and a New Spirit Ezekiel 36:24-28

Animation by Isaac Emerson Music and Voice Over by Father Jason Emerson

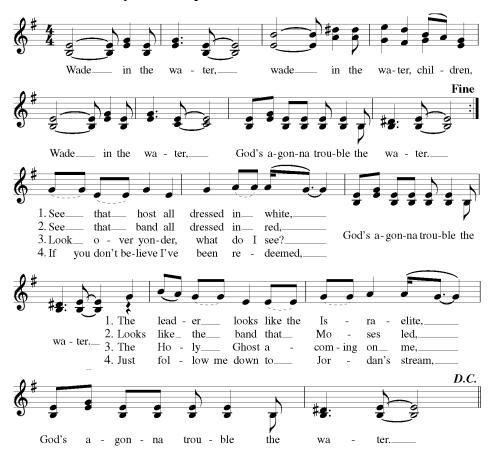
Hymn 679 "Surely it is God who saves me" (Please stand as you are able.)



# Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

# **Processional Hymn to Baptismal Font** LEVAS II 143 "Wade in the Water"



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

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.

# Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

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.

# 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.

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 congregation now silently moves into the Sanctuary for the first Eucharist of Easter.

# At the Eucharist

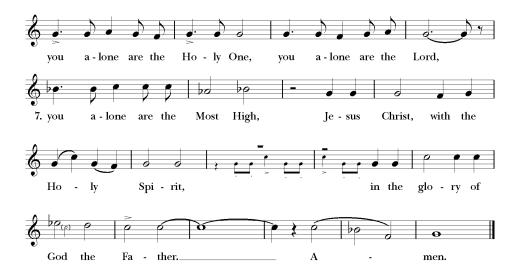
The candles at the Altar are lighted from the Paschal Candle.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

# Glory to God





#### The Collect

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only- begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# The people sit.

# A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 6:3-11

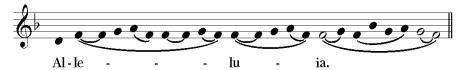
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

# Gradual Hymn The Great Alleluia

After the Epistle, this Alleluia is traditionally sung three times by the Celebrant or by a Cantor, at successively higher pitches (one whole tone each time), the Congregation repeating it each time.



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.

#### The Sermon

# **Prayers of the People**

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Silence)

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully

accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

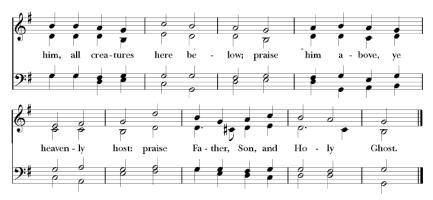
Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# Offertory Hymn 199 "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain"

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts to the Celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are being presented and placed on the Altar.

The Doxology is sung as the offerings are brought forward:

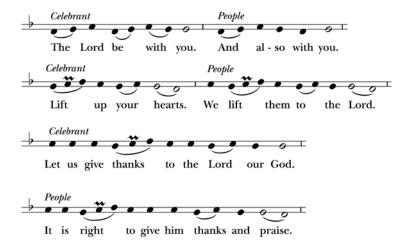




# The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

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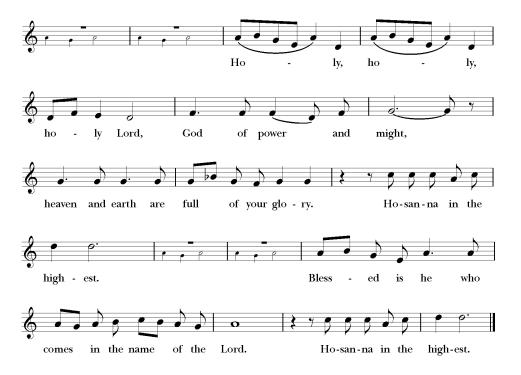


Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



#### Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 re-

membrance of me."

After supper he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People
We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

#### The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Patrick and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN. 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All persons are invited to the Altar. If you choose to receive communion, you may do so in one of the following ways:

- Consume the bread first and then sip from the cup.
- Intinction is strongly discouraged however if you choose to intinct, please simply leave the wafer in your hands. The chalice bearer will dip the wafer for you then hand it back to you.
- Communion in one kind, or both, is acceptable. If you prefer to not receive the wine, you may proceed to your seat after receiving the bread.
- If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest as a signal to the ministers.
- If you want a gluten free wafer, please place your palms down when you approach the ministers.

# Communion Hymns 324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence" 204 "Now the green blade riseth"

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Blessing

The Priest blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn 207 "Jesus Christ is risen today"

The Deacon, or the Celebrant dismisses them with these words

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

People

Postlude Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain Robert Buckley Farlee

#### THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD . . .

In memory of John S. Stains. Becky, Betsy, & John P. Stains and families

In memory of Melvin, Frieda and Corita Bauldoff. Gerene Bauldoff

In memory of Dick Loveland. Catherine Loveland

In thanksgiving for our grandsons and in memory of Roscoe & Fab Doan, and Bill Kidwell. *Tom & Cindy Doan* 

In memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our families and church fellowship. *Chris & Debbie Cline* 

In memory of our moms, Paula Ennis and Sherrie Tobias. Ron & Tara Gleason

In memory of Alice & Owen Carty and Mary & John Siemer. Tim & Molly Carty

In thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren, family, & friends. Charlie & Mary Horton

In memory of Harry & Sue Yuhas, Mary & Mary Lyn Borsellino. Ed & Jo Yuhas

In thanksgiving for our family and in memory of our parents. Roy & Lissa Barker

In memory of Nancy Conway and Richard Conway. Steve & Dianne Clay

In memory of Dick Walker and family and friends who are no longer with us. *Rose, Rick, & Robyn* In memory of our parents. *Ann & Tom Semans* 

In thanksgiving for our granddarlings, Nyah, Grace, Ben, Harper, Henry, Avi, and Rosemary. *Jeff & Phyllis Beuter* 

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren. Susan & Jeff Jack

In memory of our parents, Ethyle & Leonard Semler and Leora & Everett Mock. *Dawn & Warren Mock* 

In memory of Martha, Chuck, and Rob Switzer. Jane Switzer

In memory or Ron Shubert and in thanksgiving for grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Carolyn Shubert and Tom & Karen Carney

In memory of our parents, Kenneth L. & Margaret Price and Everitt & Ruth Prosser. *The Rt. Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth L. Price* 

In memory of Robert L. Sicker, Sr., Mary & Frederick Coury, Anton & Tasia Coury. *Rick & Tasia Sicker* 

In thanksgiving for our grandsons, Cole & Mason who bring joy to our lives. *Tom & Karen Carney* In thanksgiving for the blessing of our family: Ryan, Brieann, Lindsay, & Robert. *Chris & Kim Nelson* 

In memory of my husband, Robert Elliott. Anne Elliott

In memory of Winfield O'Neill, Patrick O'Neill and Krista Keeran. Peter & Amy O'Neill

In thanksgiving for the blessings of family and friends. Bill & Betty Lyle

# **Upcoming Events**

**Adult Forum** is on hiatus for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Please join us on Sunday, April 16th for a presentation on the Dublin Food Pantry by special guest, Denise Youngsteadt-Parrish, the Executive Director of the Pantry. She will give a comprehensive overview of the pantry and the changes planned for them in the near future.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 23rd when we will be throwing a party during coffee hour to present the work of the Strategic Planning Team and Vestry for the next year.

There will be a Youth Group glow-in-the-dark egg hunt after the Vigil tonight. Youth are also invited to help hide eggs tomorrow morning at 10:30 for younger children.

# Easter Sunday, April 9th

Holy Eucharist: 8:00, 9:30\* & 11:30\* a.m. (\* indicates nursery will be available) Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m. (between the 9:30 and 11:30 services) The church office will be closed on Monday, April 10th

**EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY** returns on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Ohio Theatre featuring *The Columbus Symphony Orchestra & Chorus* in its last concert of the season – "Welcome to Spring." Check Symphony's website for details. Ticket prices are **\$60 per person** and include food and beverages at a 5:30pm reception in the Galbreath Pavilion, as well as orchestra seating for the concert which begins at 7:30pm. See the April Newsletter and Friday Happenings for registration details.

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Father Jason will be on vacation next week, April 10th through 16th.

**Mature Spirituality Sacred Circle** meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 1:00-2:30 PM in the Library. Our next meeting is April 13, 2023. We will be discussing pages 45-65, from Joan Chittister's book *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully*. Everyone is welcome! Come join our lively discussion! Reading is optional!

Calling all cooks! The Casserole Ministry has finally depleted it's supply of yummy dishes. If you are so inclined to make something to restock the freezer now that the freezer is again empty, please pick up a Casserole Kit from the narthex and bring it back to the church for a lucky recipient in need. Thanks!

April Saturday Knitting Circle is next Saturday. Please join us on April 15th at 10am in the library if you are new to knitting or a seasoned knitter. Materials can be provided if needed!

Calling all Super Hero Volunteers: The Hero Hotline needs you! Adult and youth volunteers are needed to assist with this year's VBS, taking place July 17-21, 2023 at St. Patrick's. Sign up in the back hallway if you are interested in volunteering.