

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 7:30pm

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## The Lighting of the New Fire

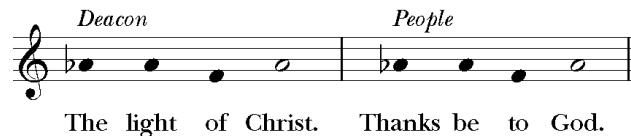
*A "new fire" is kindled as a symbol of the risen Light of Christ, from which the Paschal candle and other candles in the church will be lit.*

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our brother Jesus passed over from death to life, all God's beloved, throughout the world gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lamb, in which, through Scripture and Sacrament, we are baptized again in Christ's victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through Christ 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 desire, that with pure minds and hearts we may attain the everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Paschal candle is lit from the fire. The Celebrant and the People sing three times as they process into the church*



# The Exsultet

*The Paschal candle is placed at the font and other candles are lit from it as the cantor sings*

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,

The musical notation consists of five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

- Staff 1:** Deacon (left), People (right). Lyrics: ... for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.
- Staff 2:** Deacon. Lyrics: The Lord be with you.
- Staff 3:** People. Lyrics: And al - so with you.
- Staff 4:** Deacon. Lyrics: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Staff 5:** People. Lyrics: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

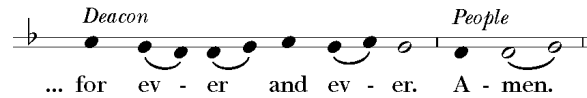
This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

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



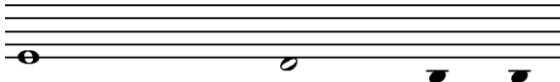
## **The First Reading** God's Wisdom at the Beginning of Creation *Proverbs 8:22-36*

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race. And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord; but those who miss me injure themselves.'

*Silence follows the reading.*

**Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26** *sung responsively by the cantor and the People*

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,

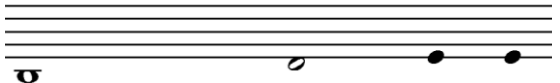


For his mercy en - dures for - ev - er.

Give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords.  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

who only does great wonders,



For his mercy en - dures for - ev - er.

Who by wisdom made the heavens,  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

Who spread out the earth upon the waters,  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

Who created great lights,  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

The sun to rule the day.  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

The moon and the stars to govern the night,  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

Who remembered us in our low estate,



For his mercy en - dures for - ev - er.

And delivered us from our enemies,  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

Who gives food to all creatures,  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

*The Celebrant says*

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

## **The Second Reading** The Deliverance of God's People *Exodus 14:10-15:1*

Pharaoh drew near, and the Israelites looked back to see 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, "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 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.

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."

*Silence follows the reading.*

## Response

Wis - dom freed a ho - ly peo - ple, blameless from op - pres - sors' sword,  
Through the Red Sea safe - ly brought them, led a - long the wa - ters steep,

and with - stood, with signs and won - ders, rul - ers dread to serve the Lord.  
but their en - e - mies she swal - lowed, o - ver whelmed them in the deep.

Giv - ing them re - ward of la - bors, led the saints a - long her way,  
For sal - va - tion, Lord, the right - eous praised your name with one ac - cord:

she was blaze of stars in dark - ness and a shel - ter through the day.  
song - filled tongues of new - born peo - ple ut - tered Wis - dom's might - y word.

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music: W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825  
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*The Celebrant says*

O God, you know your children through the mercy of your liberating love; lead us out of our bondage to sin, and make a way in the wilderness for us to your promised land of new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Third Reading** The Restoration of God's People *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, 'Prophesy 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, 'Prophesy 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.'

*Silence follows the reading.*

## Response

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.  
music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

*The Celebrant says*

O God, by your Passover from death to life you have raised us to our true life and knit us together in one body; awaken us to your Spirit, moving through the world and making all things new, bringing your creation to its fullness in Christ, our source and our end, **Amen.**

## The Fourth Reading The Renewal of God's Covenant with the People *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Look, the days are coming, The LORD declares, when I shall make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not like the covenant I made with their ancestors the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of Egypt, a covenant which they broke, even though I was their Master, The LORD declares. No, this is the covenant I shall make with the House of Israel when those days have come, The LORD declares. Within them I shall plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I shall be their God and they will be my people. There will be no further need for everyone to teach neighbor, brother, or sister saying, "Learn to know The LORD!" No, they will all know me, from the least to the greatest, The LORD declares, since I shall forgive their guilt and never more call their sin to mind.'

*Silence follows the reading.*



## Response



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his  
wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my  
food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the  
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the  
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

words: Rory Cooney (b. 1952); paraphrase of Luke 1:46-58  
music: *Star of the County Down*, Irish traditional melody, arr. Rory Cooney (b. 1952)  
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*The Celebrant says*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Body, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by the one through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Homily**    *The Rev. Daniel Simons*

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

Let us pray.

Lord of the Passover, you have lit this night with the radiance of Christ; renew in us our baptism, and bring us through the Red Sea waters to the promised land. **Amen.**

People of God: do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Creator?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten of God?

**I believe in Jesus the 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

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

**I will, with God's help.**

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

**I will, with God's help.**

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

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of creation?

**I will, with God's help.**

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: you have given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and you have bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins; grant that we may share the divine life of the one who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Easter Acclamation**

*Said three times, louder each time*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The candles of the altar are lit, lights are turned on, and all sing the Easter Song of Praise.*

## Song of Praise



1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!



E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide  
through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb  
bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night



flows the tide sev - ering us from bond - age past, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!  
brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

words: Ronald A. Knox (1888–1957)  
music: *Straf mich nicht*, melody from *Hundert Arien*, 1694

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have made this night bright with the radiance of the risen Christ; may we who have been raised with him in baptism reflect the light of his glory, and in the fullness of the Holy Spirit live with him for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Epistle *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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

setting: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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## The Gospel *Mark 16:1-8*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The People repeat the Gospel Acclamation.*

## The Prayers of the People

Loving God, in this season of new life, we pray:

For reconciliation between the violated and the violent,  
**That we may rest in your peace.**

For generosity between rich and poor people everywhere,  
**That we may share the abundance of your creation.**

For the growth of love between broken peoples and nations,  
**That we may shape our common life as your kingdom.**

For mutual respect between immigrants and insiders,  
**That we may welcome your image in all who come to us.**

For protection for the weak and humility for the strong,  
**That we may serve others as you serve us in Christ.**

For all the joys and concerns of our hearts,  
**That we may live with gladness and trust.**

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying*

O God, your deliverance and saving grace has brought us to the glory of this night. As you baptize us into newness of life, bring us to know the place that is ours in the unfolding story of your purpose, and instill in our hearts the wonder of your salvation. Grant this through Jesus Christ, our Passover and our peace, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Announcements

### GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

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**Thank you** for your generous support!



## The Offertory

*The Altar-Table is prepared with gifts of bread and wine for Communion. During this time, give thanks for all the ways God blesses you, and consider ways you can extend that blessing to others. Learn more ways to give in the "Giving to St. Paul's" box above.*

### **Anthem at the Offertory**    *sung by the cantor*

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.  
Sing his praise without delays, who takes thee by the hand,  
that thou likewise with him may'st rise;  
that, as his death calcined thee to dust, his life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.  
The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same.  
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long:  
or since all music is but three parts vied, and multiplied;  
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, and make up our defects with his sweet art.

words: George Herbert (1593-1633)  
music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## The Great Thanksgiving

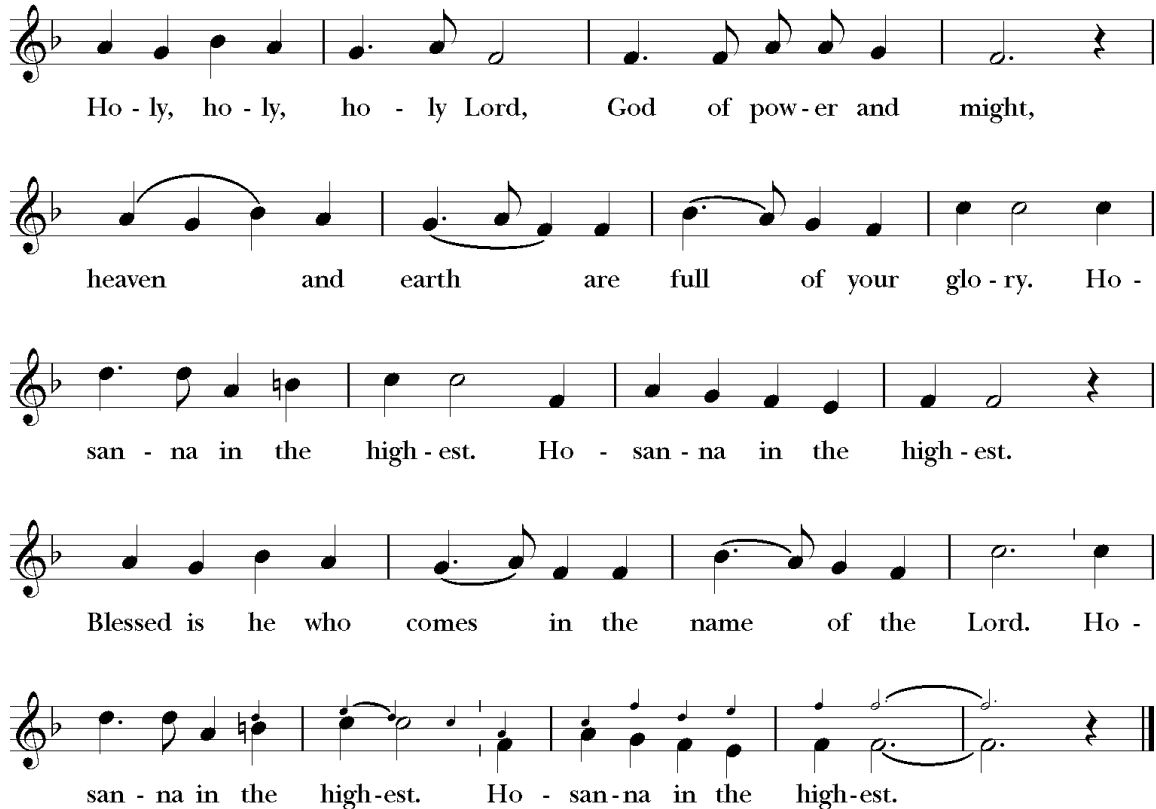
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our joy to give thanks and praise to you, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who in dying has destroyed death and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and sky and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### *The Celebrant continues*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, you have filled all creation with light and life. In great love you sent to us Jesus your Son, who reached out to heal the suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our brother Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.

With this bread and cup we remember the Passover of Jesus the Christ from death to life. O God of resurrection and new life: Pour your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast with your presence and raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

With your holy ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**



# The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*  
As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*  
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,  
now and for ev - er. A - men.

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## The Communion

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus  
**in the breaking of the bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Anthem at the Communion *sung by the St. Paul's choir*

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*As the deer longs for the water-brooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.*

words: Psalm 42:1  
music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

## **The Prayer after Communion**

Ever-living God, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and revealed the way to life in his name. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

The wonder and wildness of God, who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel. **AMEN.**

# Hymn

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707–1788)  
 music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749

## The Dismissal

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

*The celebration of Easter continues with a festive liturgy of Holy Eucharist tomorrow morning at 11am.*

# THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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