

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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## THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE *standing*

*The liturgy begins in silence and total darkness. The Celebrant and other ministers gather around the fire which has been newly kindled.*


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 Lord, in which, by hearing God's Word and celebrating the Sacraments, we are baptized again in Christ's victory over death.

*The Celebrant blesses the new fire.*

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 desires that with pure minds and hearts we may attain the everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle with a taper and carries it to the crossing, intoning three times:*

<i>Deacon</i>	<i>People</i>
	
The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.	

*The People pass the light until all candles are lit.*

*All remain standing while the Deacon intones the Exsultet.*

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,

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*Deacon* ... for ev-er and ev - er. *People* A - men.

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* And al - so with you.

*Deacon* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* 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 ransomed us from Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our forebears, 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 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 we are 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, who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns with you

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*Deacon* ... for ev - er and ev - er. *People* A - men.

*The Celebrant says*

Listen now to the story of God's saving deeds in ages past, and let us pray that God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

Listen now from the book of Genesis to the story of God's gift of creation.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, after God had created every other living thing that he had made, God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.

## PSALM

*The first verse is intoned by the Cantor.  
All who wish may then join in singing with the Choir.*

*Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26*



Give thanks to the Holy One who is **góod**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

Give thanks to the God of **góds**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

Give thanks to the Ruler of **Rúlers**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

Who only does great **wónders**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

Who by wisdom made the **héavens**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

Who spread out the earth upon the **wáters**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

Who created great **lights**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

The sun to rule the **dáy**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

The moon and the stars to govern the **níght**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

Who remembered us in our low **estáte**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

And delivered us from our **énemies**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

Who gives food to all **créatures**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

Give thanks to the God of **héaven**, \*  
for God's mercy endures / for ever.

COLLECT *standing*

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.*

Listen now from the book of Exodus to the story of God's liberation of Israel.

As the people crossed out of Egypt, 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."

# HYMN

*The Cantor sings the Refrain, then all repeat.*

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

**Fine**

*The Choir sings the verses and all join on the Refrain.*

See that host all dressed in white,  
 God's gonna trouble the water.  
 The leader looks like the Israelite,  
 God's gonna trouble the water.  
*Refrain*

Look over yonder, what do I see?  
 God's gonna trouble the water.  
 The Holy Ghost a-coming on me,  
 God's gonna trouble the water.  
*Refrain*

See that host all dressed in red,  
 God's gonna trouble the water.  
 Looks like the band that Moses led,  
 God's gonna trouble the water.  
*Refrain*

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,  
 God's gonna trouble the water.  
 Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,  
 God's gonna trouble the water.  
*Refrain*

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals

## COLLECT *standing*

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 people from enslavement under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of your liberating love. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may rejoice in their inheritance as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Listen now to Jeremiah's prophecy of God's renewed covenant.

Look, the days are coming, God 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. No, this is the covenant I shall make with the House of Israel when those days have come. 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, God declares, since I shall forgive their guilt and never more call their sin to mind.'

## PSALM

*seated; sung by the Choir**Psalm 105:1-10*

We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name, \*  
we make known your deeds among the peoples,

We sing to you; we sing your praise \*  
and speak of all your marvelous works,

We glory in your holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice;

We search for you and your strength; \*  
we continue to seek your face;

We remember the marvels you have done, \*  
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth:

We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, \*  
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.

You are our God indeed; \*  
your judgments prevail in all the world.

You have always been mindful of your covenant, \*  
the promise you made for a thousand generations:

The covenant you made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that you swore to Isaac,

Which you established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel.

Anglican Chant: William Crotch

## COLLECT

*standing*

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.**

## THE FOURTH STORY: THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Listen now to Zephaniah's proclamation of God's restoration for all people.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

ANTHEM *sung by the Choir*

**To thee, O Lord**

*Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)*  
*Words: Psalm 25:1, adapt. A.M. Henderson*

To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.  
My God, I trust in thee.

COLLECT *standing*

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 BAPTISMS

*The People remain standing as the clergy and other ministers process to the baptismal font.*

### ANTHEM AT THE PROCESSION TO THE FONT *sung by the Choir*

**Sicut cervus**

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)*  
*Words: Psalm 42:1*

*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.

### THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Parents and Godparents: present your Candidates for Holy Baptism.

*The Parents and Godparents present the baptismal candidates.*

***We present Sadie Virginia Burdick / Charles Lowell McGunagle-Gustafson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.***

Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

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

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

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

*The Celebrant asks the following questions of the Parents and Godparents who speak on behalf of the child they are presenting.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

***I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

***I renounce them.***

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

***I renounce them.***

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

***I do.***

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

***I do.***

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

***I do.***

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in Christ?

**We will.**

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join now with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

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 all creation?

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

## THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for those who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth:

*After each petition, all sing:*



Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open them heart to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant intones*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.



## THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER



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.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.



## THE BAPTISMS

Sadie / Charles, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The foreheads of the newly baptized are anointed with oil.*

Sadie / Charles, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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 EASTER ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant and People repeat the Alleluia three times, louder each time.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*As the hymn is sung, the people are sprinkled with blessed water as a sign of their baptism.*

## HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: Gaudeamus pariter, melody from Medieval [German or] Bohemian Carol Melody, 1544; harm. Songs of Syon, 1904

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 you in glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE EPISTLE     *seated*

Romans 6:3-11

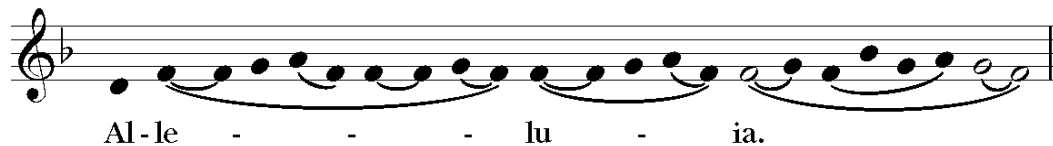
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been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

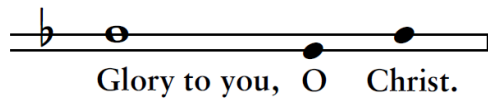
Thanks be to God.

THE GREAT ALLELUIA *standing*

*The Choir introduces the Alleluia three times, each time at a higher pitch, and each time the People repeat it.*

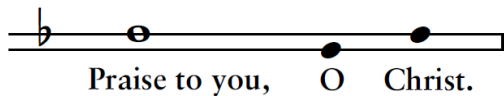


The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE HOMILY

*The Rev. Daniel Simons*

## THE PEACE

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

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

### **Giving to St. Paul's**

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## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir*

### **Sing ye to the Lord**

*Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)*

*Words: Robert Campbell, Exodus 15:21b, 4a*

Sing ye to the Lord,  
for He hath triumphed gloriously.  
Pharaoh's chariots and his host  
hath He cast into the sea.

Now no more can death appall,  
now no more the grave enthrall;  
Thou hast opened Paradise,  
and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.

Mighty Victim from the sky,  
hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;  
Thou hast conquered in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light.

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Thou hast brought us life and light;

Thou hast opened Paradise,  
and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.  
Alleluia! Amen.



# HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.  
 Music: Salzburg, melody Jacob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*  
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:

*The People and Choir sing together:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

*The choir sings alone:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

*The People and Choir sing together:*

hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

\*\*Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Setting: Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930)

*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. 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 for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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 upon us and upon 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.



Setting: Will Doreza

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea-ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,

The first system of musical notation for the Lord's Prayer. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Our Fa - ther in hea-ven, hall-owed 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.

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: "your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.".

And for-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "And for-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.".

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The fourth system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.".

For the king-dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The fifth system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "For the king-dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.".

Setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

## THE COMMUNION

*The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying*

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

*Everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups.*

*All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:*



Loaves are bro-ken, words are spo-ken, as in faith we ga-ther here. Je-sus speaks a-cross the  
a - ges: "I am with you, do not fear!" By your bo - dy bro-ken for us, by your wine of life out-  
poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Words: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., (1923-2007)  
Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the choir*

### Rise up, my love

*Healy Willan (1880-1968)*  
*Words: Song of Solomon*

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;  
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come;  
arise, my love, my fair one and come away, away.

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*standing*

*The People join the Celebrant for the final part of the prayer, in bold.*

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 rising, 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. And the blessing of God Almighty: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and always.

**Amen.**

# HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
 \*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
 um - phunt day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

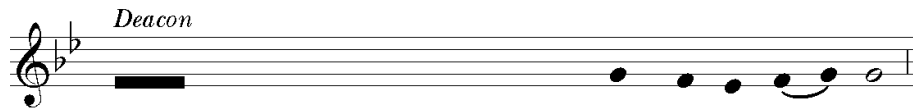
let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quer - ed,  
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
 ris - en to a ho - li - er state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
 that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.


Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), alt.  
 Music: Unser Herrscher, Joachim Neander (1650–1680)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*




Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Toccata from Symphony V*  
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*All are invited to a festive reception downstairs in the parish hall. Happy Easter!*

## *Easter Continues at St. Paul's*

EASTER DAY APRIL 9 – 9:00 AND 11:00 AM

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Celebrate Easter at St. Paul's on the Green with Holy Eucharist with festive music led by the Adult Choir at 9 am and the Adult choir and Choristers at 11 am.

EASTER EGG HUNT – SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – 12:00 PM

Kids of all ages are invited to gather on the front lawn of the church for an Easter Egg Hunt.  
In person, *RSVP requested.*

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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