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*“The Three Marys at the
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The Great Vigil of Easter

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The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

☩ *The fire is kindled. The Celebrant invites the People to gather in vigil and prayer*

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. ☩ *People Amen.*

☩ *Then the Celebrant blesses the New Fire, then blesses the Paschal Candle by cutting the Greek letters A and Ω into the wax, the year, and placing five nails in it, representing the five wounds of Christ*

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End. Alpha and Omega. His are the times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity. Amen.

☩ *The Celebrant places five nails of incense into the Candle, saying*

Through his holy and glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard and preserve us.

☩ *The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying*

May the light of Christ, gloriously rising, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

☩ *The People's candles are lit and a procession forms and moves into the Church, pausing three times*

Each time the following is sung

Deacon

People



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

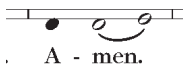
The Paschal Candle is censed

All remain standing for the singing of the Exsultet

The Exsultet

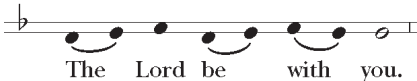
Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let 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, for ever and ever.

People



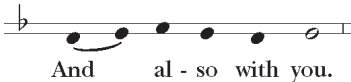
A - men.

Deacon



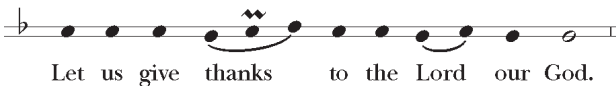
The Lord be with you.

People



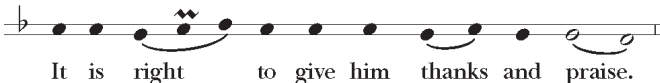
And al - so with you.

Deacon



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give him 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 for ever and ever.

People 
A - men.

¶ The People sit for the Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the Word

The Flood

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

Canticle

O praise the Lord, all ye nations:
and praise and extol him, all ye peoples.
For his loving kindness is ever more and more toward us;
and the faithfulness of the Lord endureth for ever.

— Psalm 117

Collect *¶ All stand*

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. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ All are seated

Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22:1–18

Canticle

They that trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion:
which may never be removed,
but standeth fast for ever.
Mountains stand round about Jerusalem;
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth, and for evermore.

— Psalm 125:1–2

Collect *¶ All stand*

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ All are seated

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Canticle

I will sing to the Lord:
For he has triumphed gloriously:
The horse and its rider he hath cast into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and song,
And he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him;
My father's God, and I will extol him.
The Lord is a warrior:
The Lord is his name!

— Exodus 15:1-3

Collect *¶ All stand*

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

¶ All are seated

The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Canticle

O give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak;
and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
My teaching shall drop as the rain,
my speech shall distill as the dew,
as the showers upon the grass.
Because I will publish the name of the Lord:
ascribe ye greatness unto our God.
He is the Rock, his work is perfect:
for all his ways are judgement:
A God of truth and without iniquity,
just and right is our God.

— Deuteronomy 32:1-14

Collect *g All stand*

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. *g People Amen.*

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

g The candles at the Altar are now lit from the Paschal Candle and the following is proclaimed

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

g The People may now extinguish their candles

Hymn 207

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, 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!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; 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!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, 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!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ¶ *People* Amen.

¶ *All are seated*

The Word of God

The Epistle

Romans 6:3–11

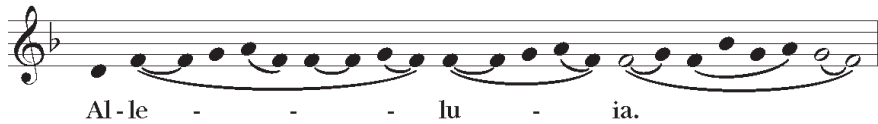
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Great Alleluia *¶ All stand*

¶ Sung by the Precentor three times, each time repeated by the Choir and People



¶ Then all join in singing Psalm 114; The first half of each Psalm verse is sung by the Precentors; the second half is sung by all

¶ The People turn to face the Gospel Procession

Psalm 114



When Israel came out of Egypt, *Alleluia:* *

the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, **Al-leluia:**

Judah became God's sanctuary, *Alleluia:* *

and Israel his dominion, **Al-leluia.**

The sea beheld it and fled, *Alleluia:* *

Jordan turned and went back, **Al-leluia.**

The mountains skipped like rams, *Alleluia:* *

and the little hills like young sheep, **Al-leluia.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *Alleluia:* *

O Jordan, that you turned back? **Al-leluia.**

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *Alleluia:* *

you little hills like young sheep? **Al-leluia.**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *Alleluia:* *

at the presence of the God of Jacob, **Al-leluia:**

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water, *Alleluia:* *

and flintstone into a flowing spring, **Al-leluia.**

¶ Then the Alleluia is sung once again by all

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

Gospeler ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Mag'dalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he[a] lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Barry Morgan

¶ *Following the Homily, all stand to sing the following Hymn*

Hymn 184



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings,
takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:
is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia!



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Michael Weisse (1480–1534); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

*Music: Christ ist erstanden, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1533;
harm. after Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)*

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

¶ *After the presentation the Celebrant addresses the Congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People We will.

¶ *The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with this person who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

¶ *All stand*

The Baptismal Covenant

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.

Prayers for the Candidate

¶ After the presentation the Celebrant addresses the Congregation, saying

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

¶ The Choir sings the following petitions

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

V. Open her heart to your grace and truth.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

V. Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

V. Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

V. Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.
V. Send her into the world in witness to your love.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
V. Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

¶ *The Celebrant says*

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. ¶ *People Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

¶ *The Celebrant blesses the water*

Celebrant 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.

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.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

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 for ever 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 for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

¶ The Candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting Priest or Deacon, who pours water upon them, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

¶ People Amen.

¶ Then the Ministers and Newly Baptized process to the Crossing

Hymn at the Baptismal Procession - 296



We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le - _____
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b.1932)

Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

¶ *The Celebrant prays over the Newly Baptized, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *Then the Priest, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, says*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

¶ *People Amen.*

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People 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.

¶ *All stand*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Rector's Easter Greeting

The Church of St. Michael & St. George is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who contribute as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your contribution in the collection plate or use the QR code below to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to parishioners' annual commitments.



The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offertory

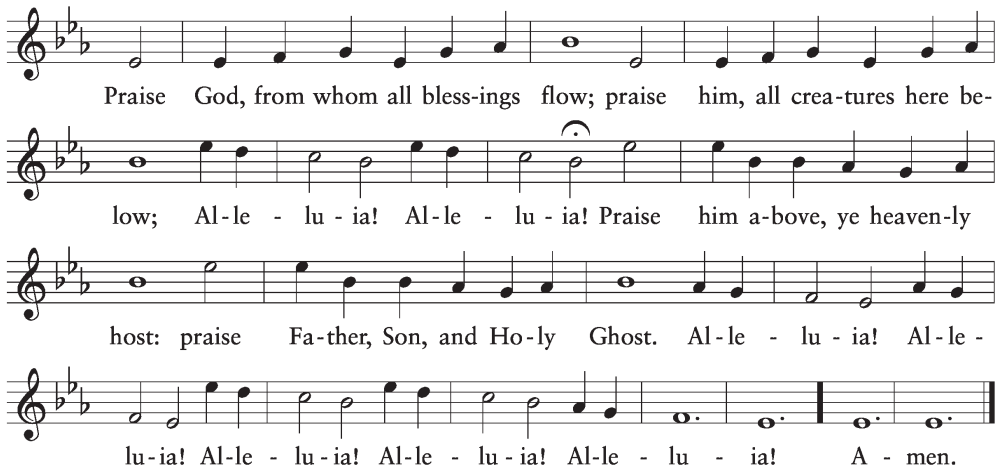
Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win.
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom Thou diddest die,
Being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
May live for ever in felicity:
And that Thy love we weighing worthily,
May like-wise love Thee for the same again;
And for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Words: Edmund Spenser (1522-1599)

Music: William Harris (1883-1973)

Following the singing of the Anthem all stand to sing

Hymn at the Presentation



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-
low; Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly
host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen: Aueserlesene Kirchengesang, 1623

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

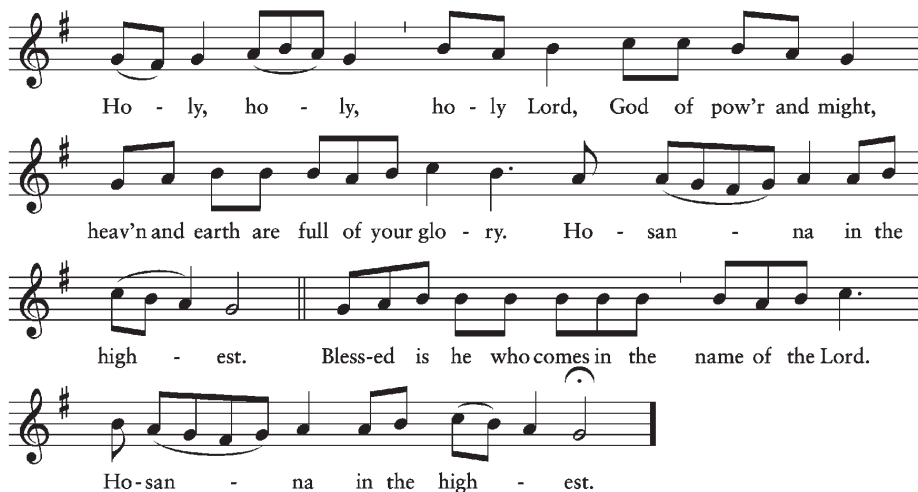
¶ *Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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,

Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na in the high - est.

¶ *The People kneel and 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 remembrance 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 his body and blood, the acceptable sacrifice which brings salvation to the whole world, we praise you and we bless you.

Acclamation



¶ 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.

¶ The Celebrant may add petitions here

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, 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. *¶ All AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

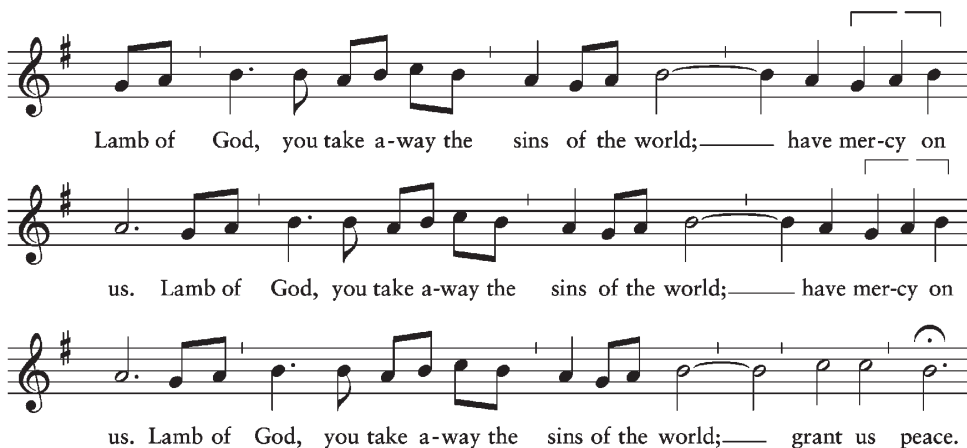
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ The Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is sung

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; grant us peace.

The Communion of the People

¶ *All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Proceed when invited by the Usher. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; when offered the Chalice, please assist in guiding it. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

Hymn at Communion - 205

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Cyril A. Arlington (1872–1955)
 Music: Gelobt sei Gott, Melchoir Vulpius (c.1560-1616)

The Postcommunion Prayer

¶ Said by all, kneeling

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through
the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his bless-
ing. *¶ People Amen.*

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

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

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

¶ All stand

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Hymn at the Retiring Procession - 187



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: Richard A. Knox (1888–1957)

Music: Stafmich nicht, melody from Hundert Arien, 1694

Organ Voluntary

Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

The Great Vigil of Easter

April 4, 2026

7 PM

Holy Week 2026

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day, April 5

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist

8:45 AM Festival Music for Organ and Brass

9:00 AM Choral Eucharist

The nursery (0 - 3 yrs.) will be available, register online

10:45 AM Festival Music for Organ and Brass

11:00 AM Choral Eucharist

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist (St. George's Chapel)



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