

16 April 2022 8pm



Easter Vigil

Welcome!

We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. As we gather in this sacred space, silent prayer and reflection helps us to prepare for the service. We acknowledge our presence is on the unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired during the service; please contact one of our greeters.

We gather outside in the Memorial Garden for the Service of Light and for the lighting of the Paschal (Easter) candle.

Priest

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Holy God, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world.

Sanctify (+) this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Paschal Candle is lit from the new fire. The Deacon takes the Paschal Candle, lifts it high, and sings,

Deacon The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The procession enters the church, led by the Deacon with the Paschal Candle.

Deacon The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The procession continues until the Deacon arrives at the front of the church. The people take their place at their seats. The people's candles are lit from the Paschal Candle.

Deacon The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand; it is blessed and censed. The deacon sings the Exsultet, a hymn, thought to date as far back as the fifth century, invoking God's blessing upon the candle.

Deacon

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Deacon

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

All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Deacon All

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Deacon

It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers. This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea. This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in

holiness. This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son. The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God! Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle.

May it always dispel the darkness of this night! May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Priest Dear friends in Christ,

let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

We sit for the Ministry of the Word which reminds us of God's plan of Salvation

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (Chapter 1:1-2.4a)

Reader

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So

God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then 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; 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 he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

All Thanks be to God.

Choral Response Psalm 46

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,

you created all things

in wonderful beauty and order.

Help us now to perceive

how still more wonderful is the new creation,

by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people

through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

A reading from the Book of Exodus

(Chapter 14.10-31, 15.20-21)

Reader

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were 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, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you 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 I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in

after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

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.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

Reader

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

ΑII

Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Canticle 1, The Song of Moses

Priest

Let us pray.

God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered 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.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (Chapter 55:1-11)

Reader Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them.

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Choral response Canticle 3, The First Song of Isaiah

Priest Let us pray.

O God,

by the power of your Word you have created all things,

and by your Spirit you renew the earth.

Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you,

that they may bring forth abundant fruit

in your glorious kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

(Chapter 37.1-14)

Reader

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.'

Reader

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

ΑII

Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Psalm 143

Priest

Let us pray.

Living 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 power to proclaim you to all the world;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ΑII

Amen.

A Reading from the Prophecy of Zephaniah

(Chapter 3.14-20)

Reader

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements 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.

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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.

Choral Response

Psalm 98

Priest

Let us pray

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity 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 him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

ΑII

Amen.

Sermon

The Reverend Karin Fulcher

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Intercessor On this most Holy Night, let us pray for all those who will

receive the Sacrament of new birth and for ourselves as we prepare to renew our own Baptismal vows, saying, "Lord,

hear our prayer."

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

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Teach us to love other sin the power of the Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send us into the world in witness to your love.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed

Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and

martyrs and all the saints; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the eternal life of the saints in light, through the merits of your Son Jesus

Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water 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, O God, 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 celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Priest Dear friends.

through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Priest Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your

commitment to Jesus Christ?

All I do.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of

heaven and earth.

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

All 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.

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All 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.

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall

into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of

God in Christ?

All I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your

neighbour as yourself?

All I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and

respect the dignity of every human being?

All I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,

and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All I will, with God's help.

Priest God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us

new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

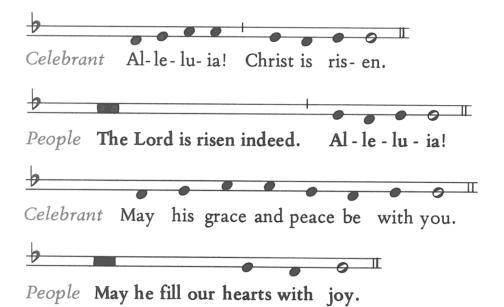
All Amen.

The people remain standing and are sprinkled with holy water

Anthem at the Asperges Sicut Cervus G Palestina As the deer desires the fountains, My soul thirsts

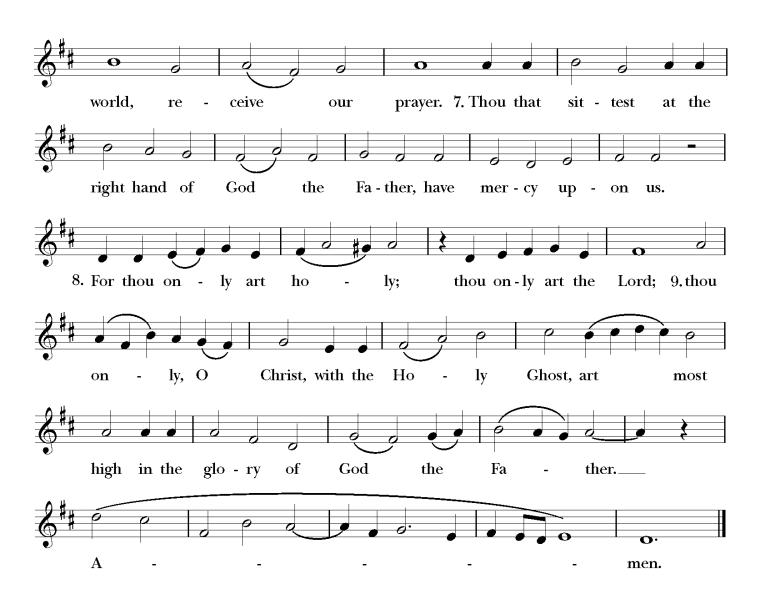
The First Eucharist of Easter

The candles at the altar are lighted from the Paschal Candle. The people may extinguish their candles.



Bells are sounded, a fanfare is played and we sing the 'Gloria in Excelsis':





Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Light of all creation,
may the radiance of this night
fill us with the Spirit of love
and unite us in faith,
so that we may bear witness to the resurrection
and show forth your glory to all the world;
in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord,
our light and our salvation.

All Amen.

Please be seated for a reading from the Epistle to the Romans

(Chapter 6. 3-11)

Reader

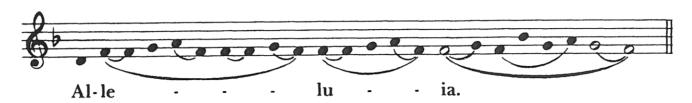
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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

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

Thanks be to God.

After the Epistle, the Great Alleluia is traditionally sung three times by the Celebrant or a Cantor, at successively higher pitches, the Congregation repeating each time.



Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

St Luke. (Chapter 24.1-12)

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they 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.

At the conclusion of the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able for our prayers

At the conclusion of the Prayers of the People

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the mother of Jesus, and

St John the Beloved, our patron and all the saints we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.

Merciful God:

All Accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please rise as you are able for the Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

All may exchange a sign of peace

During the Preparation of the Gifts, we sing the Hymn No 205, and an offering is received

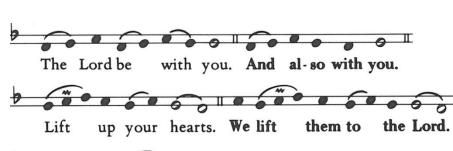
- I The day of resurrection!
 Earth, tell it out abroad,
 the passover of gladness,
 the passover of God!
 From death to life eternal,
 from earth unto the sky,
 our Christ hath brought us over,
 with hymns of victory.
- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth her song begin; the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.

 Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

Priest

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All Amen.





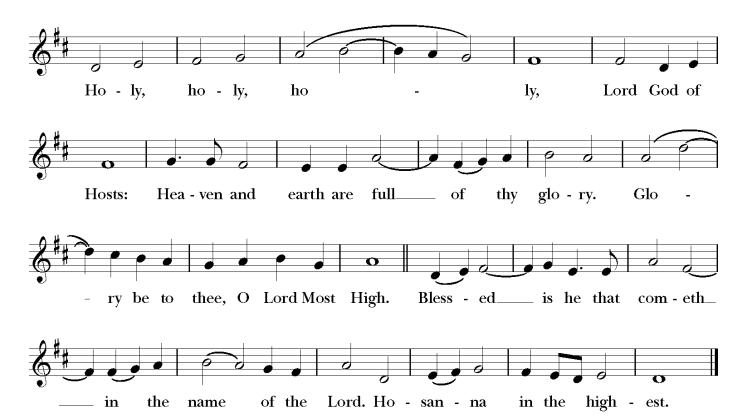
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



Priest

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Gracious God. his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest Recalling his death,

> proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All Amen.

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Silence is kept

Priest And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

All 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

Priest Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

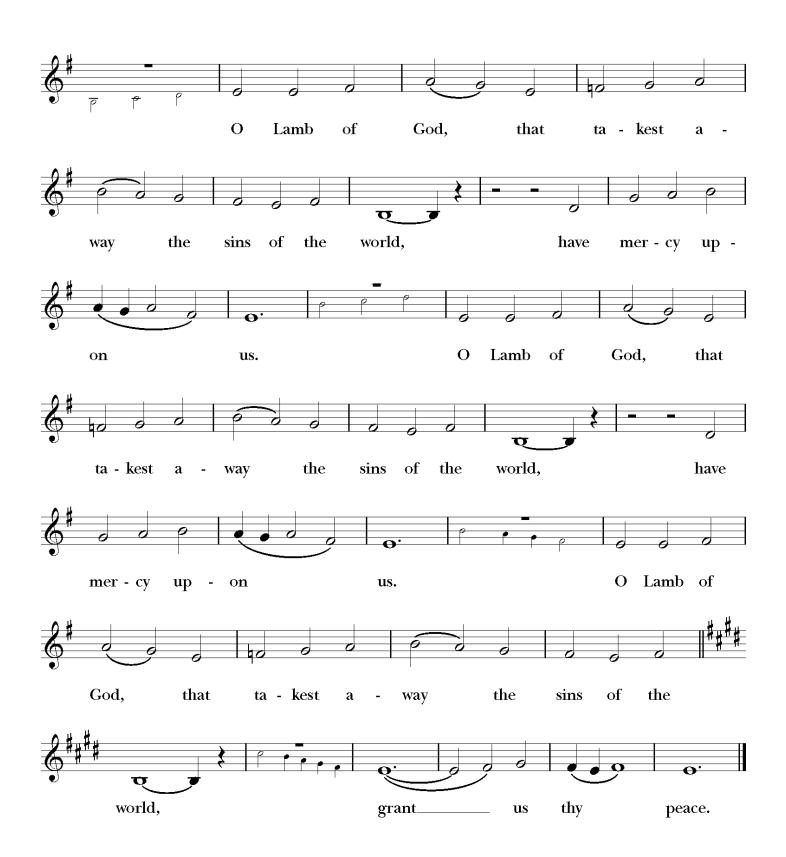
Priest We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Priest Live in us, that we may live in you.

Priest The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.



We invite all baptized Christians to receive Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing please come at the same time. Intinction is not permitted as it contaminates the wine. It is acceptable to receive either bread or wine only.

If you are unable to make your way to the altar please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you. Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem

When It Was Yet Dark

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Then when Mary Magdalena came to the tomb to anoint the dead There is the mist of the Easter morning she found empty stone instead

Where were the soldiers to guard the body, where was the click of the dice at play?

Where was the smell of death and dying, how was the great stone rolled away?

What does it mean and how could it happen? Who would defile a poor man's grave?

Where is the man who taught that even women like me were fit to save?

"Woman tell me why you're weeping, why on a morn so fresh and fair?"

"I came to pray for my Lord but look, the grave has been robbed and the tomb lies bare Can't you tell me where he's been taken Where is the man who called me Mary when all of the others had turned away?"

Then he spoke to Magdalena, she heard her name so soft and low Then she knew he had died to teach her what there was no other way to know

Shame and pain can never defeat you, spirit is fire and flesh it is clay Back to the clay go the men who mock you

Death is a great stone rolled away

One was Mary bearing the baby

Two was Mary whose brother was reborn

Three was Mary Magdalena, bearing the gospel on Easter morn

Please rise as you are able for the Prayer after Communion

Priest Giver of all,

we are nourished with your Easter sacraments.

Fill us with the Spirit of love,

and unite us in faith,

that we may be witnesses to the resurrection

and show your glory to all the world,

in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All **Amen.**

Priest Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do

infinitely more than we ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please rise as you are able for the Blessing

Priest 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 blessing.

All Amen.

Priest 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.

All Amen.

Priest 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.

All Amen.

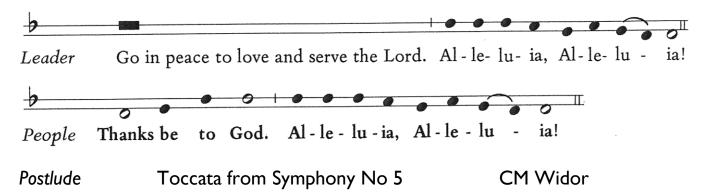
Priest And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and

the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All Amen.

We sing our final Hymn No. 203 in Common Praise

- I Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia! our triumphant holy day, alleluia! who did once, upon the cross, alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, alleluia! our salvation have procured; alleluia! now above the sky he's king, alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!



Sunday in-person services 8am and 10am

Sunday online service Wednesday online service
10am Holy Eucharist live-stream 8pm Midweek Meditation

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Join us online or in person

Sunday April 10 Palm Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Palm Procession and Sung Eucharist

Thursday April 14 Maundy Thursday

6:00pm Homemade soup and sandwiches - all welcome

7:00pm Last Supper Eucharist with foot washing

A meditative watch will be kept until 9:00pm

Friday April 15 Good Friday

10:00am Families Stations of the Cross

12:00noon Solemn Liturgy of the Day with Sung Passion

Saturday April 16 Holy Saturday

8:00pm Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday April 17 Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Celebration Eucharist and Easter Egg Hunt

Please contact the office for more information



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