

The Great Vigil of Easter

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March 30, 2024 • In person at 6:00 p.m. or live on Facebook and YouTube

THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE – The service begins outside the double doors of the church.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites the members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Christ, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

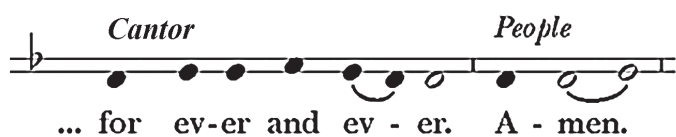


The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

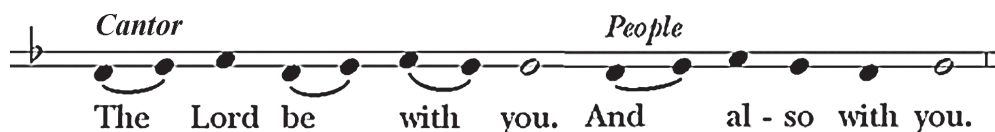
THE EXSULTET (THE EASTER PROCLAMATION)

#S68

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 ev-er and ev - er. A - men.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. A staffed nursery is available if desired, for infants through preschool age children. Additionally, activity bags for creative young minds are available for worship services in the narthex. Children make a *joyful* noise!

Cantor

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 all 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—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns...

Cantor *People*

... for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

[Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13]

Lector
Judy Schillinger

The Lord said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the



second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

THE PSALM

¹God is our refuge and strength, ***a very present help in trouble.**

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, ***and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

³Though its waters rage and foam, ***and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.**

⁴The Lord of hosts is with us; ***the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

⁵There is a river whose streams

[Psalm 46]

Read responsively
by half verse.



make glad the city of God, ***the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁶God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; ***God shall help her at the break of day.**

⁷The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; ***God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.**

⁸The Lord of hosts is with us; ***the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

⁹Come now and look upon the works

of the Lord, ***what awesome things he has done on earth.**

¹⁰It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; ***he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

¹¹“Be still, then, and know that I am God; ***I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.**”

¹²The Lord of hosts is with us; ***the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

[Exodus 14:5—14:31]

Lector
Nancy Brown

Israel’s deliverance at the Red Sea

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, “What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?” So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

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."

The Pursuers Drowned

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.

CANTICLE 8

The Song of Moses

[Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18]

Celebrant: I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever.

[Ezekiel 37:1-14]

Lector
Mike Freriks

LESSON

Lector: A Reading from Ezekiel.

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 around 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

[Psalm 30]

Read responsively
by half verse.

THE PSALM

¹I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up ***and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

²O Lord my God, I cried out to you, ***and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; ***you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

⁴Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; ***give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

⁵For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, ***his favor for a lifetime.**

⁶Weeping may spend the night, ***but joy**

comes in the morning.

⁷While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed. *You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

⁸Then you hid your face, ***and I was filled with fear.**

⁹I cried to you, O Lord; ***pleaded with the Lord, saying,**

¹⁰"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? ***will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

¹¹Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon



me; ***O Lord, be my helper.***

¹²You have turned my wailing into dancing; ***you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

¹³Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; ***O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

Celebrant: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*The candles on the Altar
are now lit from the
Pascal Candle.*

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.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE RETURN OF THE LIGHT

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

All may now ring their bells to signify the joy of the resurrection

GLORIA

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

#207

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!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

[Romans 6:3-11]

Lector:
 Doug Anderson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Lector: A reading from Romans.

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.

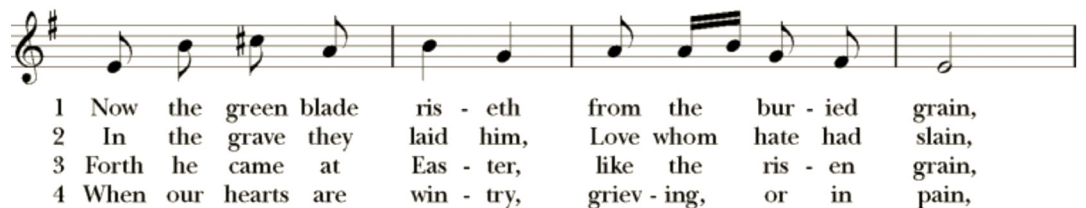
Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

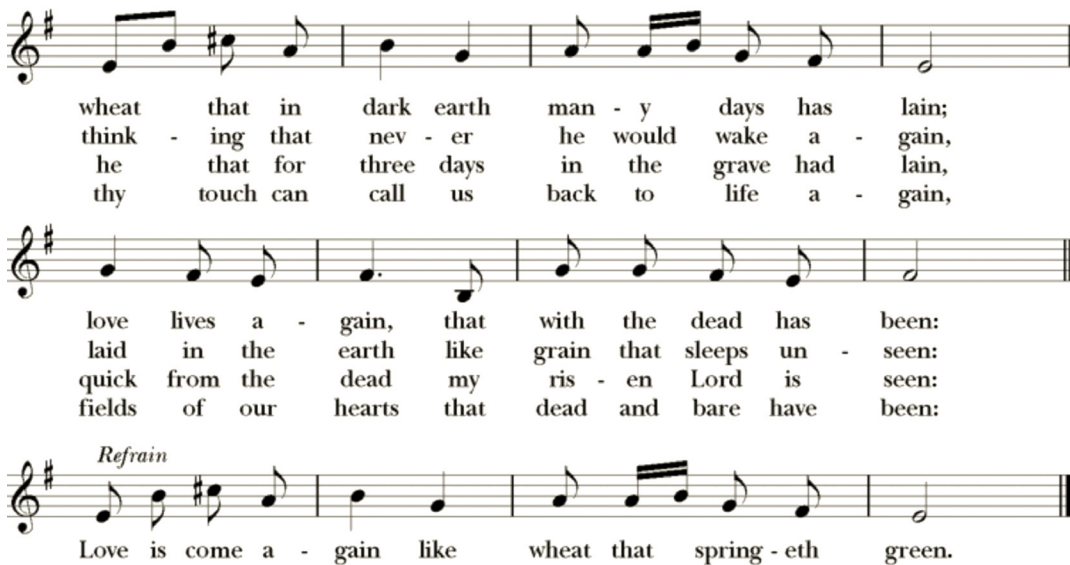
Now the Green Blade Rises

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1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,





wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, According to Matthew
 People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to the Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to the Galilee; there they will see me.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
 People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

THE OFFERING

[Matthew 28:1-10]

The Rev. Brian Gross

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OFFERTORY

Jesus is Lord of All the Earth

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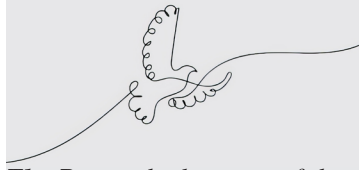
Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
 ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
 Praise to his Name. 1-4 *Final Ending*
 Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.



The Peace, the last part of the Service of the Word, is meant to offer each other a brief word of "peace" as we come together as a community for the Eucharist.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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 God thanks and praise.**

Thanks and praise fill our hearts,
 Almighty God, for you are the Lord
 of creation and new creation, of
 covenant and new covenant.

But chiefly are we bound to praise
 you for the glorious resurrection of
 your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for
 he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was
 sacrificed for us, and has taken away

the sin of the world. By his death
 he has destroyed death, and by his
 rising to life again he has won for us
 everlasting life.

And so we gladly thank you,
 with your people on earth and all
 the company of heaven, singing the
 hymn of your unending praise.



Holy Communion is God's feast for all of God's people.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, to *this* feast, you are most warmly welcome. We receive communion in one kind (the wafer), or both kinds (wafer and wine) by intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice bowl), or by drinking from the chalice.

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

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Holy, holy, holy...

You may kneel or stand.

Joy and gladness are our song,
redeeming God, for in your conquest of
death we see the destiny of every hope
in you.

Come among us in the power of your
Holy Spirit that your children may be
blessed with power and grace, and that
this bread and cup may become for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus
Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took
bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them,
saying,

“Take, eat: this is my body which is
given for you; do this in remembrance
of me.”

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it
to his disciples, saying, “Drink this,
all of you: this is my blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for you and for
all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of me”

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Hope and glory are our breath,
merciful God, for you have rolled
away the stone of despair, the stone
of oppression, the stone of lament, the
stone of grief, the stone of death, the
stone of sin, the stone of fear.

Come and stand among us and breathe
on us your peace, breathe on us your
power, breathe on us your eternal life
that all who labor, all who stumble, all
who hunger, and all who fall shall meet
you in the breaking of the bread and be
lifted up by your touch.

Shape your church to be your risen
body; make our scars beautiful like
your scars, make our lives life-
giving like your life, and make our
communion holy with your saints, until
you come again in glory and we eat
with you in your kingdom,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one
God. **Amen.**

Our Father...

Chalice Bearers:

Judy Schillinger
Daniel Lieurance
Nancy Brown
Judy Frantz

During the distribution of
Communion, anyone may
go to the side chapel near
the columbarium to receive
a prayer for healing and
anointing with oil.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has
taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ
died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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Adagio

W. A. Mozart

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **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 BLESSING
RECESSIONAL HYMN**

The Strife is O'er

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Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

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

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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POSTLUDE

Day of Triumph

V. Rebikoff