

# The Great Vigil of Easter

April 4, 2026—8:00 p.m.



**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**

Los Gatos, California

# The Service of Light

*The service begins in the courtyard. All will be given an unlit hand-held candle as we gather around the new Paschal Candle.*

## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant marks the Paschal Candle with the sign of the cross, saying,*

Christ yesterday and today,  
the Beginning and the End,

*The Celebrant then traces the Alpha and Omega into the Paschal Candle, saying,*

Alpha and Omega.

*The Celebrant traces the year into the Paschal Candle, saying,*

His are the times and ages.  
To him be glory and dominion  
through all ages of eternity. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant places five grains of incense, one each into the four points and center of the cross on the Paschal 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.

*All process from the courtyard to the church via the Memorial Garden, led by the Paschal Candle, pausing three times and singing,*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*After filing into pews, versicle & response are sung the third time, after which the People's candles are lit.*

*The Exsultet is then sung.*

## **Exsultet**

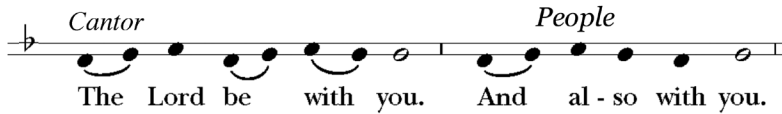
Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,  
and let your trumpets shout Salvation  
for the victory of our mighty King.

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.

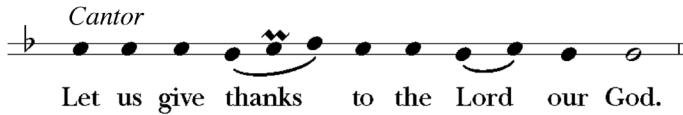
All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,  
pray with me to God the Almighty  
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;  
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Cantor* *People*



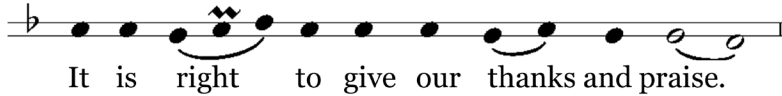
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Cantor*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*



It is right to give our 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 forebears, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How 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.



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; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that 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*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

# Hymn

# Psalm 138



1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
— and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **The Second Lesson**

Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

# Hymn 648

## “When Israel was in Egypt’s land”



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;  
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;  
3 They jour-neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;  
4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;



op - pressed so hard they— could not stand, let my peo-ple go.  
to lead the chil-dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.  
and came at length to— Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.  
and let us all in— Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;



tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Third Lesson**

Isaiah 55:1–11

A Reading from Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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 labor 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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

# Hymn 679

“Surely it is God who saves me”



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
 2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
 O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Fourth Lesson**

Ezekiel 37:1–14

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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, “Prophecy 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, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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 prophecy, 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*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

# Hymn 115 (LEVAS)

*“Spirit of the Living God”*

The musical score is written on four staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the top staff of each pair, and the lyrics are written below. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me, Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me." The music consists of chords and single notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,  
Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.  
Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Holy Baptism

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

*Priest*            The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Sponsor*        I present Vann William Eason to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Priest then asks the Candidate*

*Priest*            Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate*       I do.

*Then the Priest asks the following questions of the Candidate.*

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

*Candidate*       I renounce them.

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

*Candidate*       I renounce them.

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

*Candidate*       I renounce them.

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

*Candidate*       I do.

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

*Candidate*       I do.

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

*Candidate*       I do.

*The Priest then addresses the congregation.*

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

*People* **We will.**

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

## **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.**

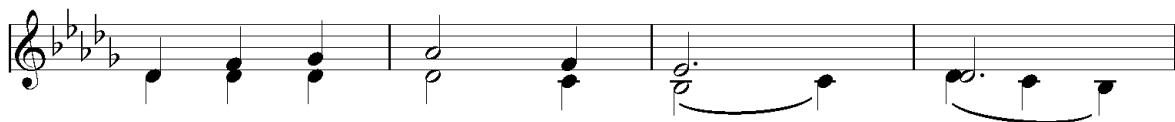
*During the following hymn, the baptismal party processes to the baptismal font.*

# Hymn 490

## "I want to walk as a child of the light"



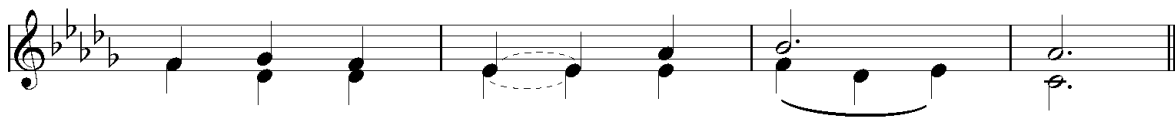
1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.



I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
 I want to look at Je-sus.  
 I want to be with Je-sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we



star of my life is Je-sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

### Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The



night and the day are both a-like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## Prayers for the Candidate

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

*Leader* Deliver him, O God, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

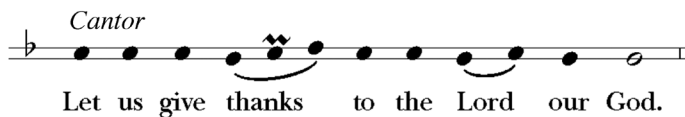
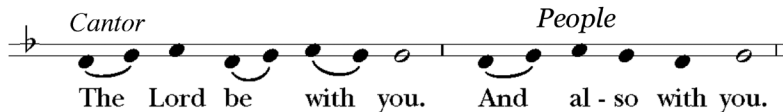
*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

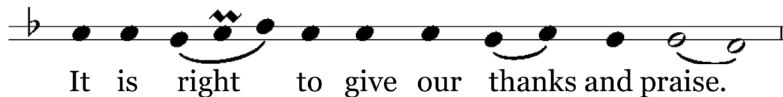
*Priest* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving Over the Water



*People*



We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue 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 baptized with holy water.*

*Priest* Vann, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

*The candidate is anointed with holy chrism.*

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

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest* 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 him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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. **Amen.**

*A candle is lighted from the Paschal Candle and given to the newly baptized.*

*Priest* Receive the light of Christ and let your light so shine before all that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

*Priest* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All* **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.**

*The altar party processes to altar as the congregation is asperged.*

# The Holy Eucharist

*The Altar candles are lit from the Paschal Candle. The People extinguish their candles.*

*The organ sounds and **bells are rung** as the lights come up and all sing,*

## A Song of Praise

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord

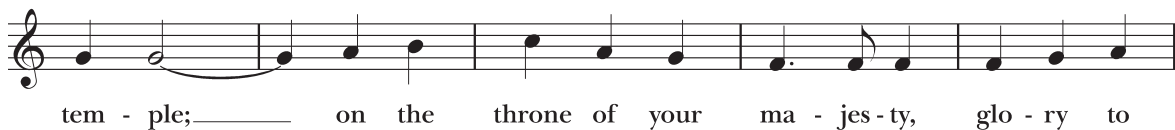
God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

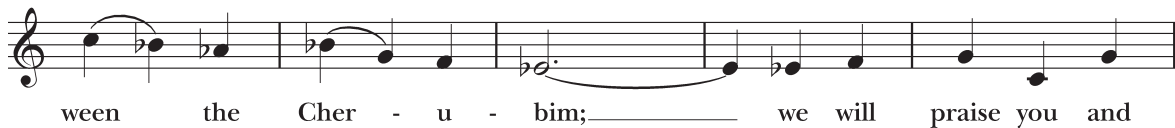
3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your




tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -



ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and



high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

*Descant*



5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -



5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the



hold - ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of



depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

heaven, 6. Glo-ry to you, you. 6. Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you Glo-ry to you! high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

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*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.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Epistle

Romans 6:3–11

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

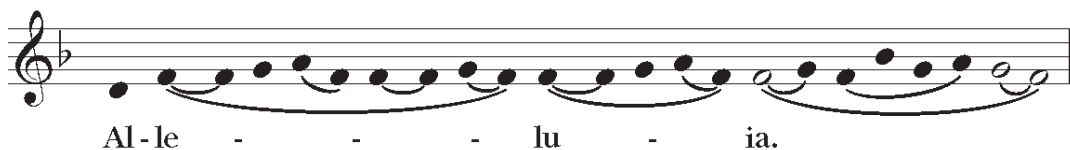
*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## The Great Alleluia

*The Presider chants the “Alleluia” first, followed by the People. This is done three times, each at a successively higher tone.*



# Gospel Hymn 178

“Jesus is Lord of all the Earth”

*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. 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.
- 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

*Celebrant*     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 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 Galilee; there they will see me.”

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Very Rev. William S. Stafford

## The Peace

*Celebrant*     The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Hymn 210

*“The day of resurrection”*



1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
and, lis - ening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own “All hail!” and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

## Prayers Over the Gifts

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, **and of your own have we given you. Amen.**



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

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My*

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
*heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.*

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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, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

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.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all in any need or trouble.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

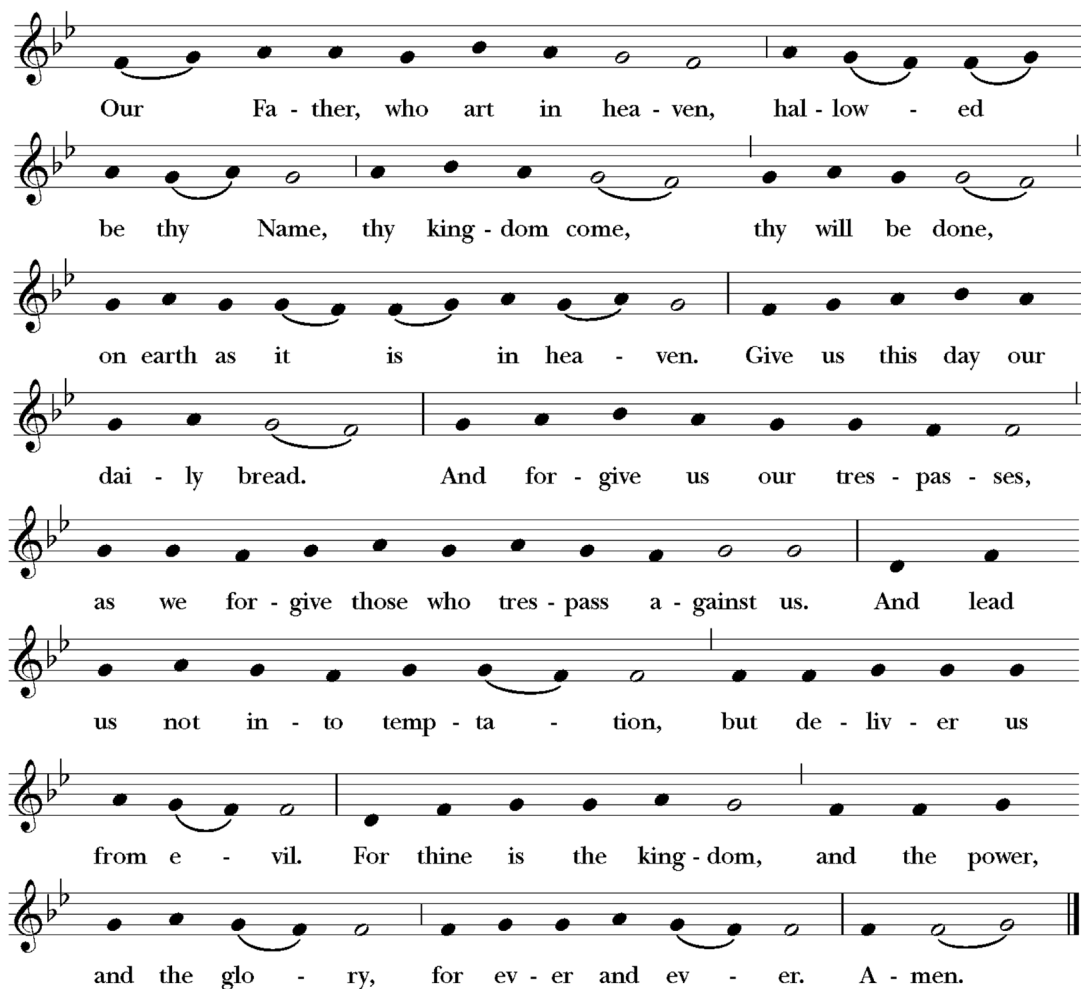
And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Luke and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ 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.

**AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*Those receiving Holy Communion may partake of both bread and wine or in just one kind. If partaking from the chalice, please only drink, do not dip your wafer into the cup. You may also touch the wafer to the outside of the chalice if desired. If you wish to receive a Blessing rather than Communion, come forward and stand or kneel with your arms crossed over your chest.*

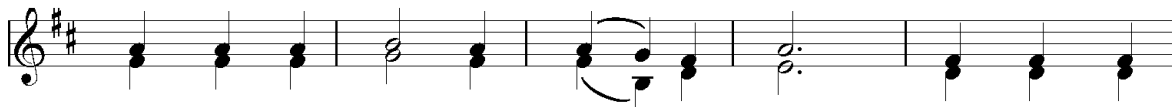
# Communion Hymn 208

“Alleluia! The strife is o’er, the battle done”

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*



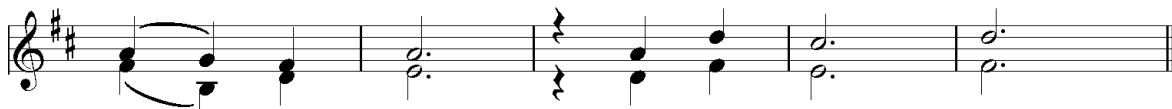
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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!

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.

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## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

*Said by all*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us beloved children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of divine blessing. **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. **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. **Amen.**

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

# Closing Hymn 207

*“Jesus Christ is risen today”*



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!


## The Dismissal

*Cantor*



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



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

**Postlude**

*Easter Hymn*

Lani Smith

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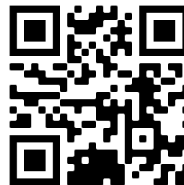
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