

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
THE THIRD DAY OF THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Service of Light

In the darkness, a fire is kindled.

Presider 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.

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

The paschal candle is lit.

Presider May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The congregation processes into the church. The deacon sings three times. Congregational candles are lit after the second proclamation.



The Exsultet

Cantor 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!

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is labeled 'Deacon' and 'People' above it. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is labeled 'Deacon' above it. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The third staff is labeled 'People' above it. The lyrics are: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

Cantor 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.

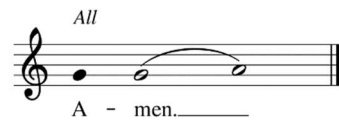
Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

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.



Congregational candles may be extinguished.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Office of Readings

Presider Dear friends in Christ,
let us now listen attentively to the word of God,
recalling how the saving of God's people throughout history
and how, in the fullness of time, God sent the Son to be our Redeemer.

Please remain seated for the responses during the Office of Readings.

The First Reading (Genesis 1:1-2:2)

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis:

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;

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

People

Response Psalm 33

Introduction. Cantor sings refrain. All repeat refrain. Cantor sings verses. All sing refrain after each group of verses. In the psalm-tone the singer leaves the reciting note on the underlined word or syllable.

Introduction

Let all the peo - ples praise you, O God.

1 2 3 4

- 1 Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- 3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

- 1 The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- 2 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
- 3 their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- 4 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;; he puts the deep into storehouses.

- 1 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him.
- 2 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
- 3 The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
- 4 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

- 1 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.
- 2 From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all humankind;
- 3 from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—
- 4 he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

1 No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.
2 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.
3 But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
4 to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

1 We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
2 In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
3 May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
4 even as we put our hope in you.

Deacon Let us pray.

Presider 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. **Amen.**

The Second Reading (Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21)

Reader 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.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

People

Response Through the Red Sea Brought at Last (CP 226)

Deacon Let us pray.

Presider 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 the Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Reading (Isaiah 55:1-11)

Reader A reading from the book of 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 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.

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Response Jesus, Love of My Soul (CP 533)

Deacon Let us pray.

Presider 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. **Amen.**

The Fourth Reading (Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4)

Reader A reading from the book of Baruch:

Hear the commandments of life, O Israel;
give ear, and learn wisdom!
Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies,
that you are growing old in a foreign country,
that you are defiled with the dead,
that you are counted among those in Hades?
You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom.
If you had walked in the way of God,
you would be living in peace for ever.
Learn where there is wisdom,
where there is strength,
where there is understanding,
so that you may at the same time discern
where there is length of days, and life,
where there is light for the eyes, and peace.

Who has found her place?

And who has entered her storehouses?
But the one who knows all things knows her,
 he found her by his understanding.
The one who prepared the earth for all time
 filled it with four-footed creatures;
the one who sends forth the light, and it goes;
 he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling;
the stars shone in their watches, and were glad;
 he called them, and they said, 'Here we are!'
They shone with gladness for him who made them.
This is our God;
 no other can be compared to him.
He found the whole way to knowledge,
 and gave her to his servant Jacob
 and to Israel, whom he loved.
Afterwards she appeared on earth
 and lived with humankind.

She is the book of the commandments of God,
 the law that endures for ever.
All who hold her fast will live,
 and those who forsake her will die.
Turn, O Jacob, and take her;
 walk towards the shining of her light.
Do not give your glory to another,
 or your advantages to an alien people.
Happy are we, O Israel,
 for we know what is pleasing to God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

People

Response Psalm 19



- (1) The heavens declare your glory, O God,
- (2) and the firmament shows your handiwork.
- (3) One day tells its tale to another,
- (4) and one night imparts knowledge to another. **R.**

- (1) Although they have no words or language,
- (2) and their voices are not heard,
- (3) their sound has gone out into all lands,
- (4) and their message to the ends of the world. **R.**

- (1) In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun;
- (2) it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber,
- (2) and rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- (3) It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
- (3) and runs about to the end of it again;
- (4) nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R.**

- (1) The law of God is perfect and revives the soul;
- (2) the testimony of our God is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- (3) The statutes of our God are just and rejoice the heart;
- (4) the commandment of God is clear
and gives light to the eyes. **R.**

- (1) The fear of God is clean and endures for ever;
- (1) the judgments of our God are true
and righteous altogether.
- (2) More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
- (2) sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- (3) By them also is your servant enlightened,
- (4) and in keeping them there is great reward. **R.**

- (1) How can I tell how often I offend?
- (1) cleanse me from my secret faults.
- (2) Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
- (2) then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offence.
- (3) Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
- (4) O God, my strength and my redeemer. **R.**

Deacon

Let us pray.

Presider

Creator of the universe, Source of all light, teach us to hold fast to the ways of wisdom, that we may live for ever in the radiance of your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Fifth Reading (Zephaniah 3:14-20)

Reader A reading from the book of Zephaniah:

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.
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.

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
 Thanks be to God.

Response Psalm 98 (G. A. Macfarren)

Deacon Let us pray.

All rise in body or spirit.

Presider O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourable on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through who all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Eucharist of Easter

During the singing of Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain, bells may be rung.

Hymn

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (CP 215)

Deacon Let us pray.
Presider God of new creation,
from the womb of earth
you raised the Lord of life:
may we receive the word of women
who braved the soldiers' spears
and met him in the dawning light;
may we live with morning joy
that love will never die,
through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading (Romans 6:3-11)

Reader A reading from Paul's letter 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.

Gospel Acclamation (CP 710)

Cantor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Cantor This holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ.
Renew your Church with the Spirit that we may shine as light in the world.
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 24:1-12)

Reader The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Reader The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader 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.

People The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon
The Rev. Donald McKenzie

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The congregation proceeds to the baptismal font.

Priest *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

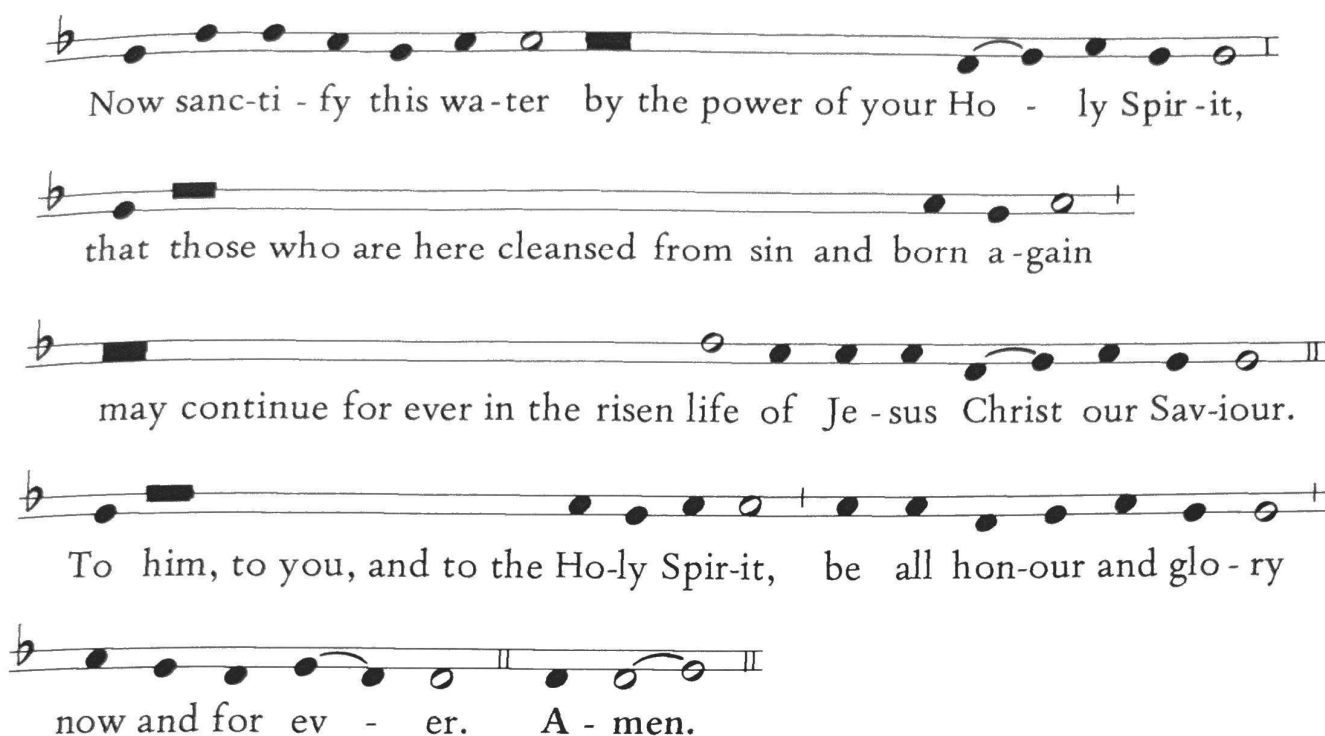
Priest

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of wa-ter. O-ver wa-ter the Holy
 Spirit moved in the beginning of cre-a-tion. Through wa-ter you led the
 children of Israel out of their bond-age in E-gypt in-to the land of prom-ise.
 In wa-ter your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by
 the Holy Spirit as the Messi-ah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and
 re-sur-rec-tion, from the bondage of sin into ever-last-ing life.
 We thank you, Father, for the wa-ter of bap-tism. In it we are buried with
 Christ in his death. By it we share in his res-ur-rec-tion. Through it we are
 re-born by the Ho - ly Spir-it. There-fore 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 Ho - ly Spir-it.



Presider 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.

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

People I do.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth.?

People I do.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary; who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; who descended to the dead; who on the third day he rose again; who ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; who will come again to judge the living and the dead?

People I do.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting?
People I do.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Presider 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.

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
People I will, with God's help.

The congregation is sprinkled with holy water.

Presider 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn

Now the Green Blade Rises (CP 237)

Prayer Over the Gifts

Presider 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.
People **Amen.**

Blessing the Saintsbread

Presider Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Jesus Christ,
bread of angels, bread of eternal life;
bless this bread
as you blessed the five loaves in the wilderness,
that all who taste it
may know health and wholeness
of body and soul;
through you, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
People **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (3)

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true paschal lamb
who has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again

he has won for us eternal life.
Therefore, joining our voices
with the whole company of heaven,
we sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

(CP 732)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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."

All Therefore, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All Now we are raised to new life.

Presider We were buried in your tomb.
All Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider Live in us,
All that we may live in you.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.
People Thanks be to God.

Music During Communion

Crucem Tuam
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Prayer after Communion

Presider Giver of all,
we are nourished with your Easter sacraments.
Fill us with the Spirit of love, and united 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.

People **Amen.**

Solemn Blessing for Easter

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and adopted us as children through the resurrection of God's Son our Lord, bestow upon you the richest blessing.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Source of all being, the eternal Word, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

This is the Feast of Victory (CP 242)

Easter Dismissal

The musical notation is written on two staves, both in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The Deacon's part begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the staff. The People's part also begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics "Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the staff. Both parts end with a double bar line.

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People

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