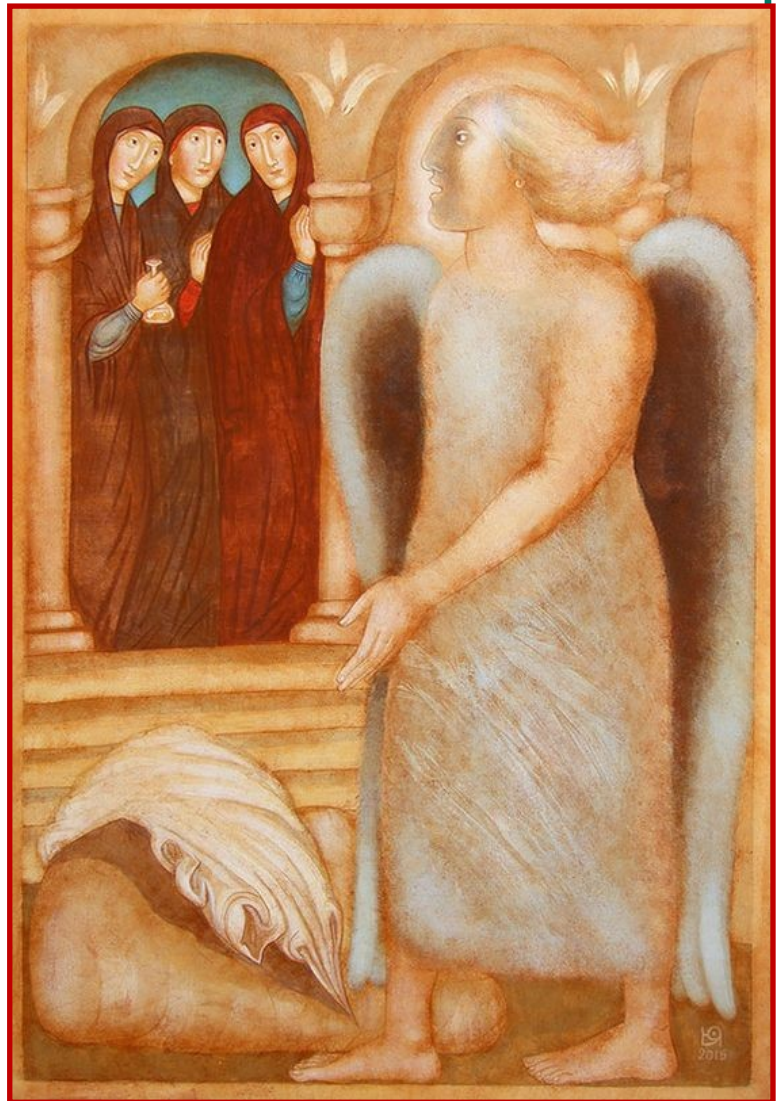
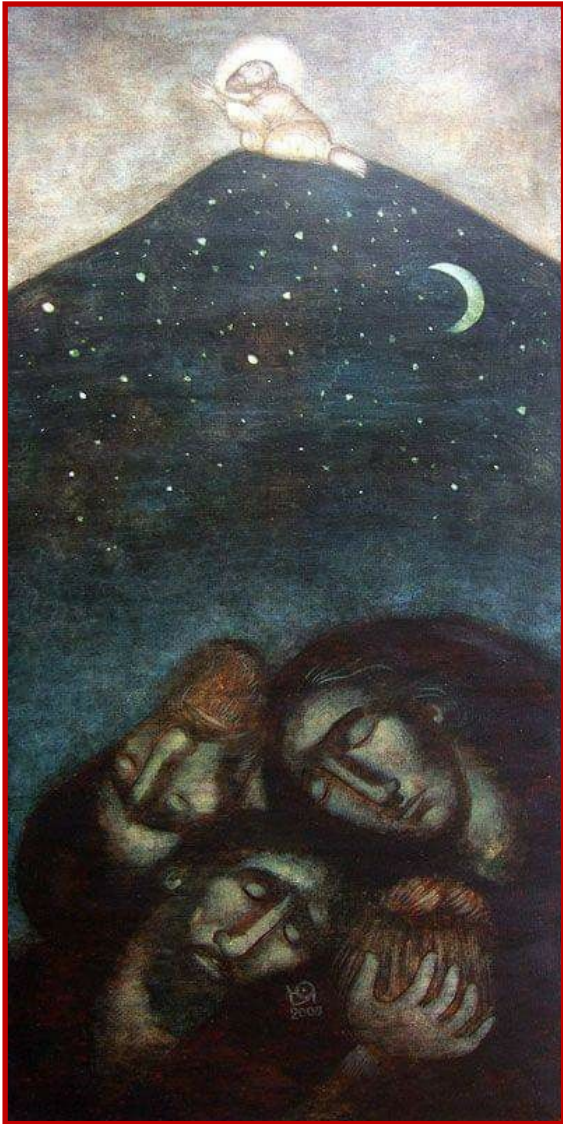


3 Days, 1 Journey

APRIL 2026





The Paschal Triduum is the journey the Church walks towards the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day. Its liturgies are distinct, but are not singular events separate from one another. The three days form one continuous liturgy beginning on Maundy Thursday evening, moving through Good Friday, and arriving at the pinnacle of the Church Year at the Great Easter Vigil of the Resurrection on Saturday evening.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

CHRIST WASHES HIS DISCIPLES' FEET AND IS DRAGGED AWAY...

Thursday, April 2, 2026

7:00 pm

Presiding Celebrant

The Reverend Gillian Hoyer

Preacher

The Reverend Matthew Brown

Organist

Paula Lundrigan

Words of Welcome

Processional Hymn: *SNC 19 – Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory*

Celebrant: This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him. This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room. This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us. This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Kyrie (*Sung*):

<i>Cantor:</i>	Kyrie eleison	<i>People:</i>	Kyrie eleison
	Christe eleison		Christe eleison
	Kyrie eleison		Kyrie eleison

Celebrant: O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus
Exodus 12: 1-14

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 (*Said responsively*)

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the name of the Lord.

- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: *179 – Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (vs 1-5)*

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People (Sung): **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People (Sung): **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: *The Reverend Matthew Brown*

Silence is kept

Celebrant: Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

All are invited to come forward for the foot-washing as you are able.

During the ceremony of the washing of feet, we will hear:

504- Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

553- Ubi Caritas et Amor

When the foot-washing is concluded, the celebrant continues.

Celebrant: Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you."
Let us pray:

The Prayers of the People

Leader: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Leader: For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,
we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: **we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: 61 - *As We Gather at Your Table*

Celebrant: Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross,
that he might draw the whole world to himself.
By his suffering and death,
he became the source of eternal salvation
for all who put their trust in him.
Therefore with all the host of heaven
who gather around your throne and the Lamb,
we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All (Sung): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: 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 this very night, when 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."
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All (Sung): **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming again in glory;**

Celebrant: 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.
In the fullness of time,
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.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: *SGP 10*

All (sung) **Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: We break this bread,
All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

All (Sung): **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

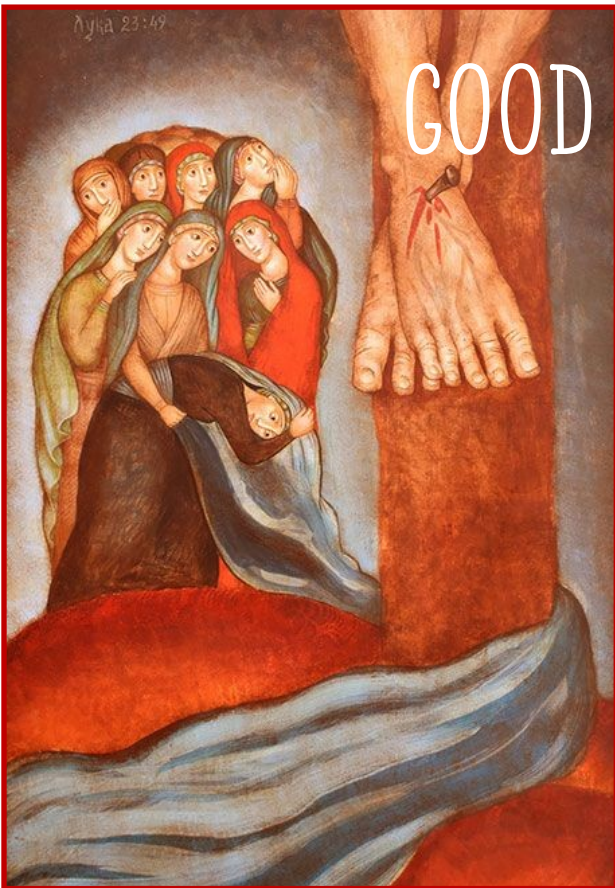
Everyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive Holy Communion. In the Anglican tradition, receiving in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered to be complete Communion. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request. Please do not dip the bread into the wine as this practise is strictly prohibited. If you would like to receive a blessing in place of communion, please fold your arms across your chest when you approach the altar. If you are unable to approach the altar, please alert a sidesperson; we would be happy to bring communion to you in your pew.

Instrumental Music During Communion: 73, 86

Celebrant: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

During the playing of 194- Stay with Us , the ornaments and linens will be removed from the Sanctuary, and the Reserved Sacrament placed on an altar of repose. The lights will be dimmed. At the conclusion, the choir and congregation will depart from the darkness of the Sanctuary in silence.

Please leave this booklet at the back of the church.



GOOD FRIDAY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Friday, April 3, 2026

3:00 pm

Officiant

The Reverend Matthew Brown

Preacher

The Reverend Nicholas Forte

Organist

Paula Lundrigan

Flautist

Sandra Allen

As the clergy enter in silence all shall stand as able.

Officiant: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.

All: **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Officiant: Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

All: **Even death on a cross.**

A moment of silence shall be kept.

Officiant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

All: **we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We pray you of your mercy, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22 *(Said responsively)* Verses 1-17

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *

**and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?**

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *

by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, *

enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *

they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *

they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *

scorned by all and despised by the people.

- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
**they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.**
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; *
**they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.
Hebrews 10.16-25

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: *192– Were You There (vs 1-5)*

Officiant: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
John 18: 1 - 19: 42

*The congregation may be seated until chapter 19, verse 17:
“Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.”*

*Historically, the accounts of the Lord’s Passion have been a source of rhetorical and physical violence against Jews. The Episcopal Church has responded to that history and to contemporary manifestations of antisemitism by commending a translation of the Greek words *hoi Iudaioi* as “the Judeans” rather than “the Jews.” This translation highlights the regional tensions between Jesus of Nazareth from Galilee and the Judean leadership centred in Jerusalem. While there is substantial scholarly support for reading “the Judeans,” dissenting voices express concern that such a translation may serve to obscure the reality of Jesus’ Jewishness. The following alternate passion translation by The Episcopal Church was authorized for use in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa by Bishop Shane Parker in 2023. The goal is to address the inaccurate perception of antisemitism, or its unintentional encouragement.*

The Arrest

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?" So the soldiers, their officer, and the Judean guards arrested Jesus and bound him.

The Interrogation

First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Judean leaders that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the guards had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Judeans come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the guards standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

The Trial

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Judean leaders replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Judeans?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Judean, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Judeans. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Judean leaders again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Judeans?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Judeans!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the guards saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Judean leaders answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him

no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Judean leaders cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.” When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Judean leaders, “Here is your King!” They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.” Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

All stand as able.

The Execution

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Judeans.” Many of the Judeans read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Judeans said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Judeans,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Judeans.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; (now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top). So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” (This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.”) And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

All sit or kneel for silent reflection

All remain sitting or kneeling for the remainder of the Gospel reading.

The Burial

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Judean leaders did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.” After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Judean leaders, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Sermon: *The Reverend Nicholas Forte*

Hymn following Sermon: *184— My Song Is Love Unknown*

The congregation remains standing as able.

The Solemn Intercession

Officiant: Dear people of God, our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved, that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death and become heirs with him of eternal life.

The people sit or kneel as preferred.

Leader: Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic Church of Christ throughout the world: for its unity in witness and service, for all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve, for Kathryn our bishop-elect, and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community, for those about to be baptized, that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them: for Charles, our King and all the Royal Family, for Mark, the Prime Minister and for the government of this country, for Douglas, the premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Ronald the mayor of this municipality and those who serve with him on Pembroke City Council, for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Officiant: Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind: for the hungry and homeless, the destitute and the oppressed, and all who suffer persecution or prejudice, for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped, for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish, for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair, for the sorrowful and bereaved, for prisoners and captives and those in mortal danger, that God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Officiant: Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those in misery and need. In their afflictions show them your mercy, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them, for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray for all who have not received the gospel of Christ: for all who have not heard the words of salvation, for all who have lost their faith, for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ, for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed, for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ, and persecutors of his disciples, for all who in the name of Christ have persecuted others, that God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Officiant: Merciful God, creator of the peoples of the earth and lover of souls, have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ. Let your gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it, turn the hearts of those who resist it, and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that with all who have departed this life and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

Officiant: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in 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 whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

A cross is brought forward by the officiant.

Officiant: This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.

All: **Come let us worship.**

Silence

Officiant: Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow

which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

All: **Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: O my people, O my Church,

What have I done to you,

or in what have I offended you?

Testify against me.

I led you forth from the land of Egypt,

and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

All: **Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with manna.
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

All: **Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink,
and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

All: **Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you
to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

All: **Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: I gave you a royal sceptre,
and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have hanged me on the cross.

All: **Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name,
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

All: **Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counsellor.
I pray that all may be as one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing.

All: **Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel,
and you turned on them with persecution
and mass murder.
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

All: **Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

All: **Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

There will follow a period of five minutes for silent prayer. During this time you are invited to come forward for a moment of meditation before the Cross.

Hymn: *610- Before I Take the Body of My Lord*

Holy Communion *(from the Reserved Sacrament)*

Officiant: And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Instrumental Music During Communion: *194- Stay with Us*

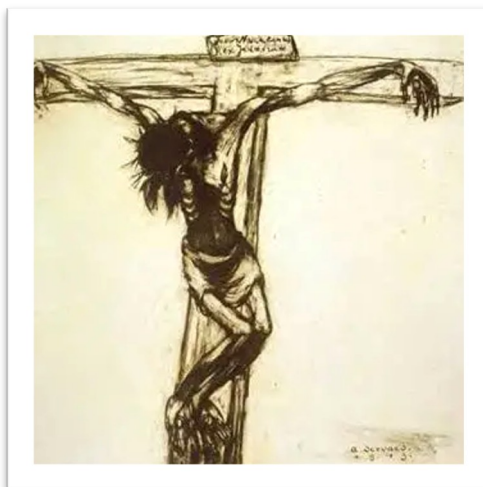
Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
All: **we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death
between your judgment and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.
Give mercy and grace to the living,
pardon and rest to the dead,
to your holy Church peace and concord,
and to us sinners everlasting life and glory;
for with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
you live and reign,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn: *386 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

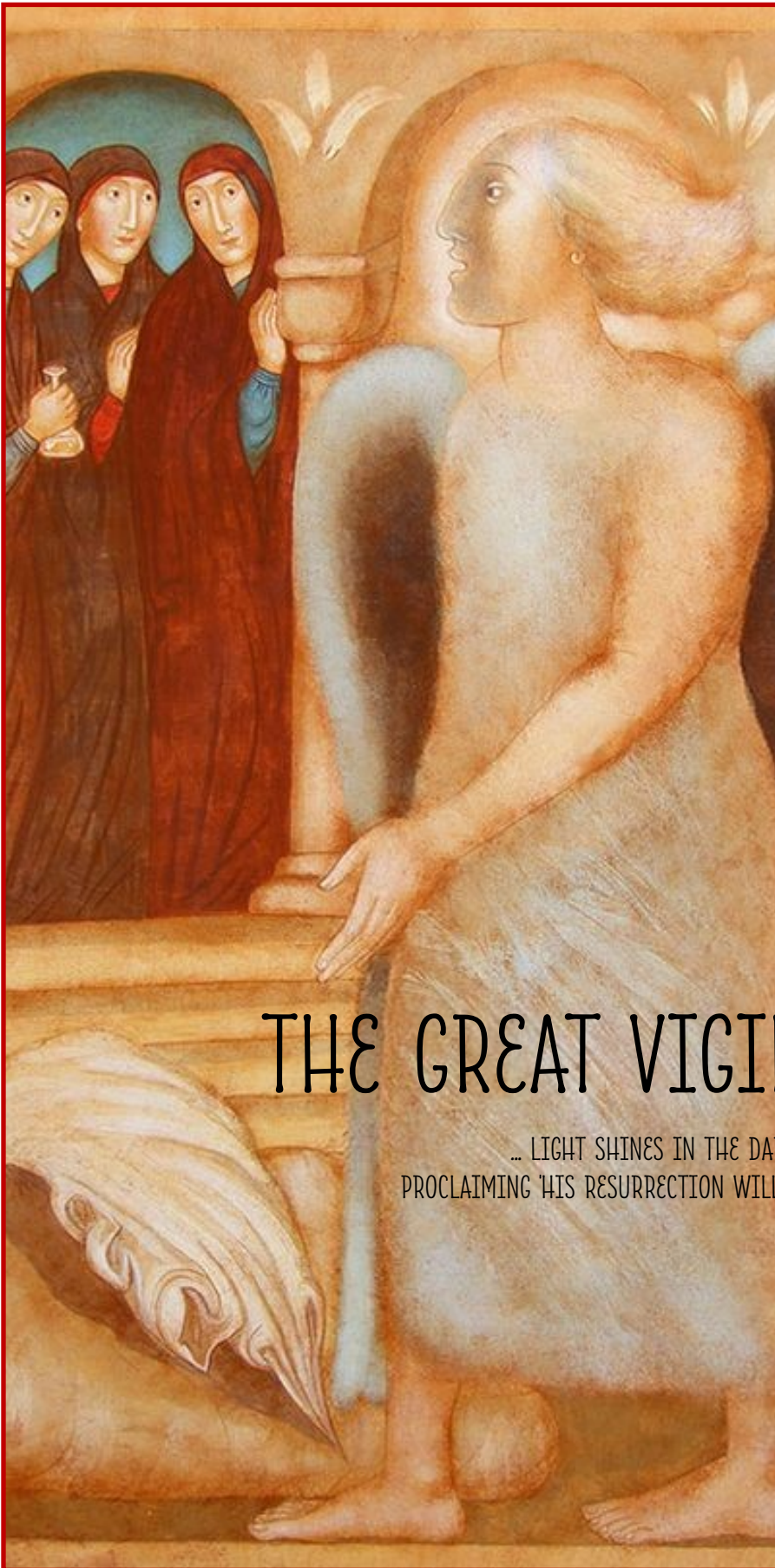
Officiant: Send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Grant them pardon; bring them comfort. May their faith grow stronger and their eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The clergy depart in silence.

The congregation is invited to remain in silent prayer before the Cross



Please leave this booklet at the back of the church.



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

... LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS,
PROCLAIMING HIS RESURRECTION WILL MARK THE WAY...

Please note that incense will be used at this service.

Saturday, April 4, 2026
7:30 pm

Presiding for the Liturgy of the Word

The Reverend Matthew Brown

Presiding for the Liturgy of the Table

The Reverend Christine Muise

Cantor & Preacher

The Reverend Gillian Hoyer

Thurifer

The Reverend Nicholas Forte

Organist

Paula Lundrigan

7:25 pm the congregation will be invited to gather outside the front doors. The fire is kindled.

The Service of Light

Celebrant: 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.

Father, 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 Preparation of the Candle

After the blessing of the new fire, the paschal candle is brought to the Celebrant, who marks a cross in the wax, traces the Greek letters, alpha and omega, above and below the cross, and the numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross, meanwhile saying:

Celebrant: Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha, and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all the ages, to him be glory and power, through every age for ever. **Amen**

Then five grains of incense are inserted into the candle in the form of a cross.

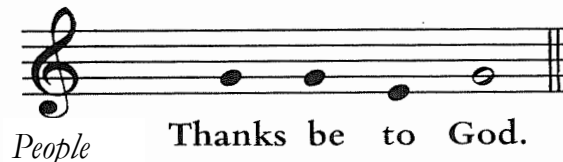
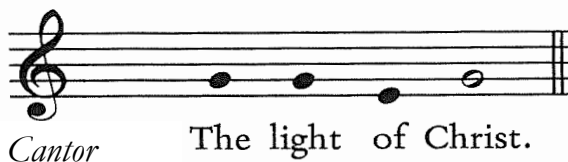
Celebrant: By his holy, and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord, guard us, and keep us. **Amen.**

The Celebrant lights the candle from the new fire, saying:

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

The new paschal candle is scented with incense.

The cantor then takes the paschal candle, lifts it high, and sings,



The community walks to the narthex, where the cantor again sings,

Cantor: The light of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

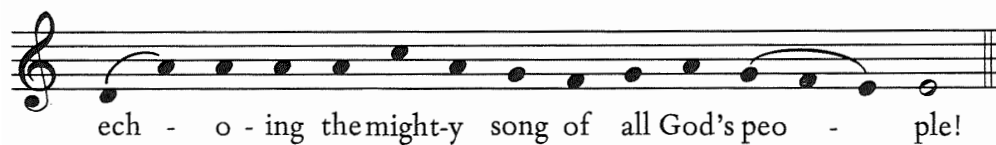
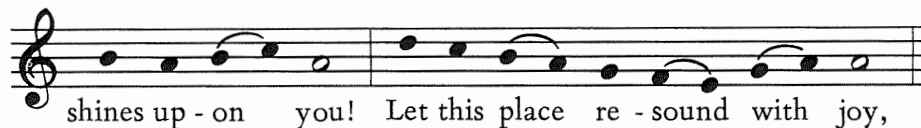
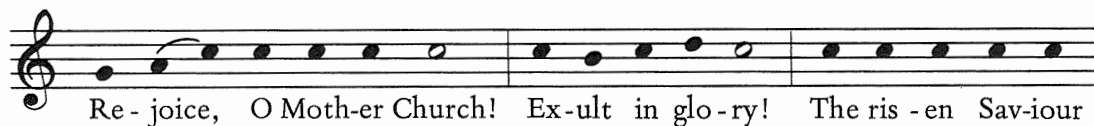
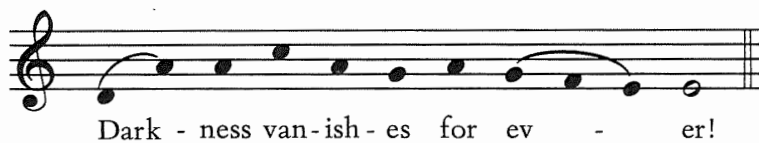
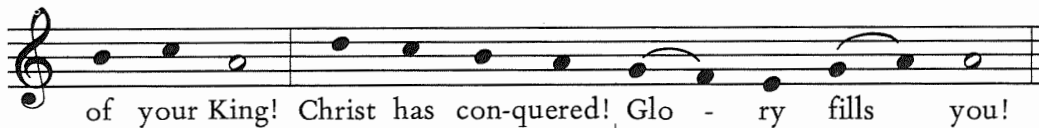
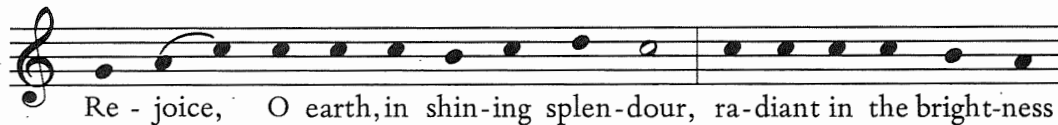
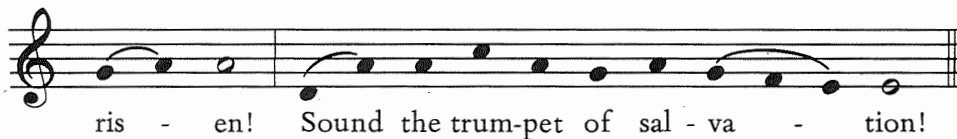
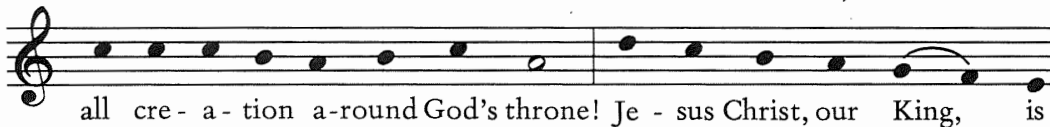
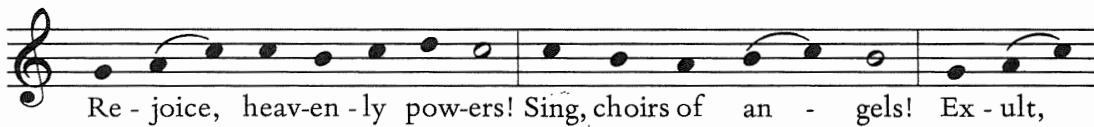
The cantor walks to the front of the sanctuary, and again sings

Cantor: The light of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The light of Christ is spread throughout the community. The community remains standing for the Exsultet

Cantor:



Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.
Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4a

Reader: The word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God**

Celebrant: 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**

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.
Exodus 14: 10-31; 15: 20-21

Reader: The word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God**

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

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah
Isaiah 55.1-11

Reader: The word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God**

Celebrant: 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**

Reader: A reading from the book of Ezekiel
Ezekiel 37.1-14

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

*The organ sounds, bells are rung, and the Church lights are lit.
The congregation shall extinguish their candles and stand to welcome the Good News of our Lord's Triumph.*

Acclamation: *203- Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.
Romans 6: 3-11

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: *SNC 25 - From the Waters of Creation*

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

(sung)

Matthew 28.1-10

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

(sung)

Sermon *The Reverend Gillian Hoyer*

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*During the singing of the hymn the celebrant, clergy and servers will process to the font.
The congregation is invited to join the procession.*

Hymn for the Procession to the Font: *211 - Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

We thank you, 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 celebrate our fellowship in him in faith. We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

Celebrant: 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.

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

All: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

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

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

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

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

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

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

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

All: **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?

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

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

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

The community is asperged with the waters of baptism.

Celebrant: 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.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

We return to our seats and sing

Offertory Hymn: *207– At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing*

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

(Sung)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,
(Sung) 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 his name.

All (Sung): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Celebrant: 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All (Sung) : **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming again in glory;**

Celebrant: 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.
In the fullness of time,
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.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

The Lord's Prayer: *SGP 10*

All (sung): **Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

All (Sung): **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

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Music During Communion: 73- *One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All*

Celebrant: Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant: Glory to God,
All: **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Celebrant: 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 forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Sending Hymn: *486 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (set to tune 374)*

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