

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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A symbol expresses the inexpressible: light, darkness, water, bread, wine, oil, cloud, fire, death, earth, messianic feast, words, things, actions, all offered to God. Through them God reaches into the hearts of all who do this corporate proclamation of his will for the world. No one could take in all these meanings even in a lifetime of service to the Lord of the Church, but in this liturgy, everyone from the bishop to the youngest person present, will be touched by the power of God.

The Vigil consists of four distinct parts:

- ✘ The Service of Light
- ✘ The Service of Lessons
- ✘ Christian Initiation or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- ✘ The Holy Eucharist

The liturgy begins with the kindling of the new fire. The Presider invites the people gathered to enter into the Passover of the Lord. The Paschal Candle is lighted from the new fire. The Paschal Candle leads the procession and "The Light of Christ" is proclaimed three times in succession. When the Paschal Candle is placed in its stand in the nave, the great prayer of the Church, the Exsultet, is sung. This prayer is one of the oldest of all liturgical texts. The dual blessings of salvation flowing from God's deliverance of his faithful people and of the Passover of Jesus Christ, the true Paschal lamb, are proclaimed as one present reality. In the darkness, we see the morning star appear in Christ who gives his light to all creation.

The Liturgy of the Word records for us God's saving acts in history. We sing a psalm or canticle or hymn following each lesson; then we pray silently and our prayers are gathered up into a collect. This time of waiting is not designed to be a spectator event, but requires us to actively listen and hear the Word of God.

In the Great Vigil, Baptism is a part of the celebration of the Lord's Passover. The waters of baptism are sprinkled over all of us as a reminder of our own baptisms. Water, the great mystery of God's gift of water, upon which the Spirit moved at creation; water, at the Exodus, when God leads his people through it; the water of the Jordan River at Jesus' baptism. Death by water. Death with Christ. Water from which creation emerges. Resurrection in Christ!

The Light of Christ! At last the period of waiting is over. From the darkness of the tomb, Christ comes to greet his people. "Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia." Bells are rung; the Gloria in excelsis is sung; joyful sounds are made. We come together to celebrate the Eucharist and the victory of Christ who has triumphed over sin, death, and the powers of darkness. "Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!" Death has been destroyed forever. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night are before, behind, surrounding, and in the midst of the people. Christ comes again into the darkness of the lives of his people with his risen life. He is in the midst of his people. Thanks be to God. The Light of Christ!

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THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The new fire is kindled and the people encircle it.

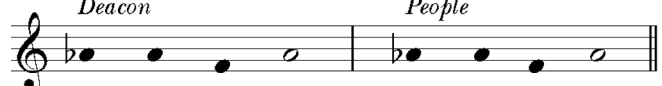
After the fire begins to burn the one presiding addresses the people in these words

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

Let us pray.

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

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the Nave, chanting

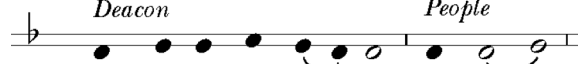
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| <i>Deacon</i> | <i>People</i> |
|  | |
| The light of Christ. Thanks be to God. | |



When the procession arrives where the Paschal Candle will be placed, the people's candles are lighted.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand and the Exsultet is sung.

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people. All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

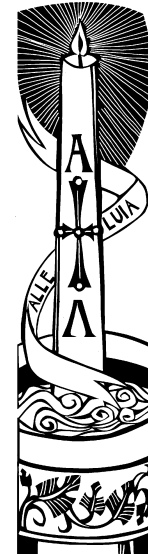
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| ... for ev-er and ev - er. A - men. | |

Deacon
The Lord be with you.

People
And al - so with you.

Deacon
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.



It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our forebears, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son. How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and humanity is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning – he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns

Deacon *People*

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The one presiding introduces the stories of our salvation history in these words

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how God saved God's people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The people are seated.

The Creation from *God's Trombones*

James Weldon Johnson

Response God the sculptor of the mountains (*Sandria*)

Wonder, Love, and Praise 746



1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,



God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.
you are gate of all de - liv' - rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.
you are pres-ent ev-ery mo - ment, we are search-ing; meet us now.
you are host at ev-ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.

words: John Thornburg (b. 1954)
music: *Sandria*, Gerre Hancock (1924–2012)

The people stand.

Let us pray.

A period of silence is kept.

Blessed are you, O God of our salvation. Your love cannot be contained and overflows in the wonder of creation. You formed the universe out of nothing and molded us from the clay of the earth. All you have made sings of your marvelous deeds, O Lord, our maker and redeemer. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Response There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 469



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure



of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -
 up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -
 of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -



tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come
 ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -
 nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were



for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer - cy
 ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for
 but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would



with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



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The people stand.

Let us pray.

A period of silence is kept.

Holy One, you drew near to Hagar in the wilderness, and you heard Ishmael's cries. Draw near to us and help us to hear the cries of the world for water, food, peace, love, and justice so that none of your children are exploited or rejected and the dignity of all who bear your glorious image may be honored and respected to the glory of your name, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea Exodus 14.10-15.1a, 15:20-21

Response Psalm 46 (Choir)

God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now: and will be for ever. Amen.

words: Psalm 46

chant: after Martin Luther

The people stand.

Let us pray.

A period of silence is kept.

Blessed are you, O God of our salvation. You heard the agony of your people as they cried out from their slavery, and you gave them Moses to lead them to a land flowing with milk and honey. Hear the cry of the enslaved and the homeless today and lead us through the turbulent sea of life to our true home with you, O Lord, our maker and redeemer. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

A Reawakening Song of Solomon 2:1-13

Response Morning has broken

Hymnal 8

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written between the staves. The first system includes three numbered lines of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics with blank lines for the end of phrases. The third system contains three lines of lyrics. The fourth system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a consistent rhythm.

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The people stand.

Let us pray.

A period of silence is kept.

God, our beloved, you continually set before us new seasons of life lived in Christ. May our lives be renewed in the power of the resurrection and bring forth the fruit of your gentle and loving reign here on earth. We ask this in the name of the one who calls us to love, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Swords Into Plowshares Micah 4

Response O day of peace (*Jerusalem*)

Hymnal 597

1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -

hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -

lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

1 *Interlude*
prom - ised reign of peace.
earth shall know the (Lord.)

Final Ending
Lord.

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The people stand.

Let us pray.

A period of silence is kept.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably 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.
Amen.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The one presiding addresses the people

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

One Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Many **I do.**

One Do you believe in God the Father?
Many **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

One Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
Many **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.**

One Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
Many **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.**

One Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
Many **I will, with God's help.**

One Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent, and return to the Lord?
Many **I will, with God's help.**

One Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
Many **I will, with God's help.**

One Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
Many **I will, with God's help.**

One Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
Many **I will, with God's help.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

One God be with you.

Many **And also with you.**

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The one presiding continues

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

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

At the following words, the one presiding touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

A period of prolonged silence is kept.

Easter Acclamation

One Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

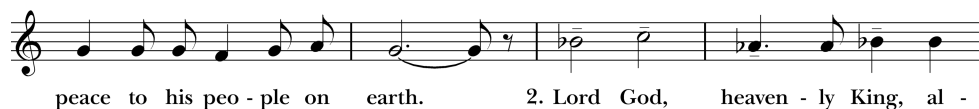


The people are sprinkled with baptismal water in thankful remembrance of their own baptism

The people's candles are extinguished and bells are rung during the singing of the Gloria in excelsis.

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-278 (Mathias)



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Collect of the Day

One God be with you.
 Many **And also with you.**
 One Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated for the reading of the Epistle Lesson.

Epistle Romans 6:3-11

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.

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

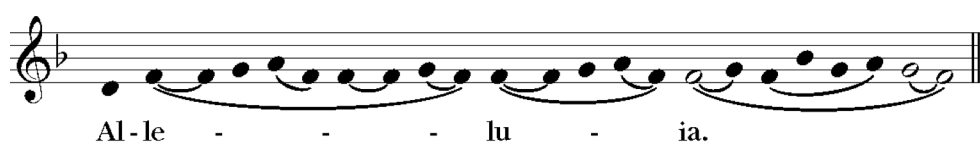
Many **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

The Great Alleluia

The Great Alleluia is sung three times by a cantor at successively higher pitches.

The people repeat it each time.



Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

One The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Many **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

One The Gospel of the Lord.

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

At the Return of the Gospel Procession (*choir*)

This is the day that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

words: Psalm 118:24

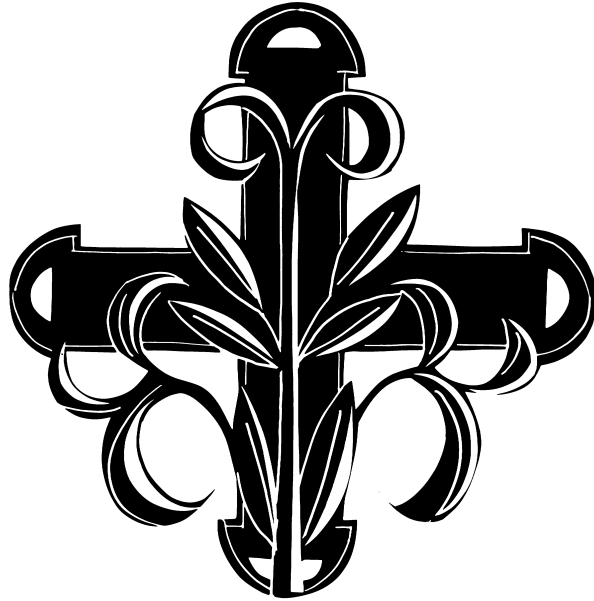
music: Anonymous, 16th century

Sermon The Rev'd Raymond Walker, III

The Peace

One The peace of Christ be always with you.

Many **And also with you.**



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Anthem at the Offertory Easter Anthem

The Lord is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah!

And did he rise? Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead. He rose, he burst the bars of death and triumph'd o'er the grave.

Shout, earth and heav'n, this sum of good to men,
whose nature then took wing and mounted with him from the tomb.

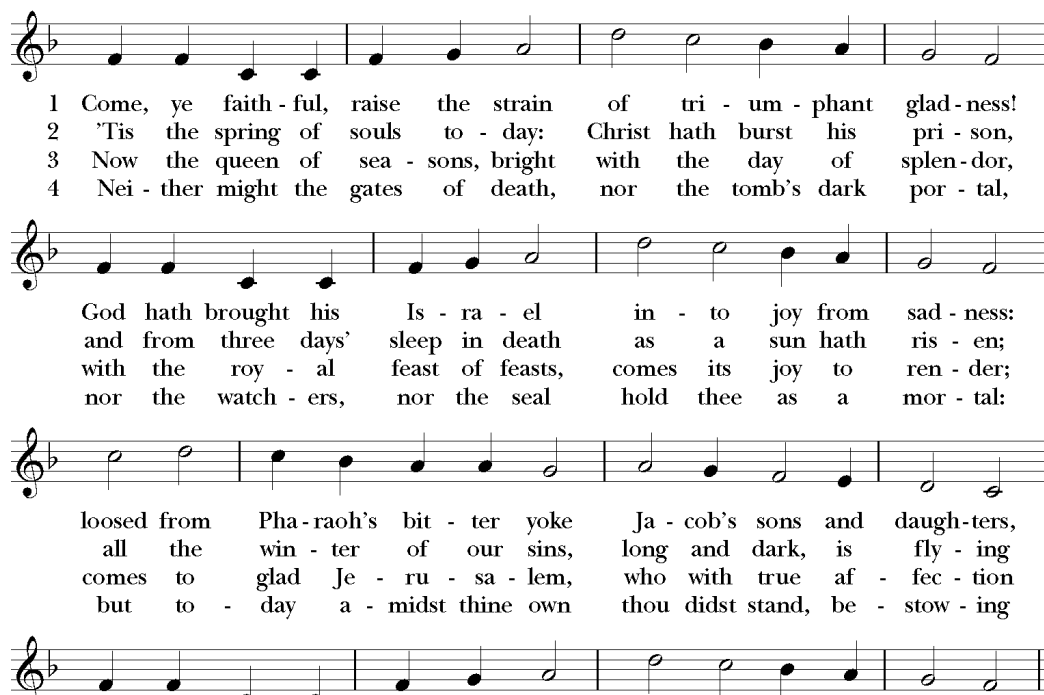
Then I rose. Then first humanity triumphant past the crystal ports of light and seiz'd eternal youth.

Man all immortal hail, heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man.

Thine all the glory, Man's the boundless bliss.

words: Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:20; poetry of Edward Young

music: William Billings (1746–1800)



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

One God be with you.
Many **And also with you.**
One Lift up your hearts.
Many **We lift them to the Lord.**
One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Many **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The one presiding continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Hymnal, S 125 (Proulx)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of Blessed Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, **“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption, recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, and awaiting his

coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All pray together

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

The one presiding continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

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

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All pray together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

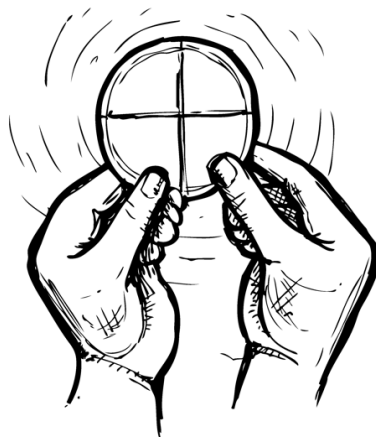
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

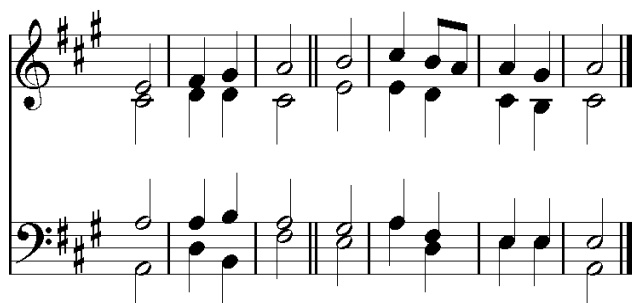
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



The Breaking of the Bread

*The one presiding breaks the consecrated Bread.
The following Canticle is sung.*

Richard Woodward (1744-1777)



All

- 1 Alleluia, | al-le | luia.*
Alle- | lu-ia, | al-le- | luia.
- 2 Christ our Passover is | sacri • ficed for | us; *
therefore | let us | keep the | feast,
- 3 Not with old leaven,
neither with the leaven of | malice • and | wickedness, *
but with the unleavened | bread • of sin- | certy • and | truth.
- 4 Alleluia, | al-le | luia.*
Alle- | lu-ia, | al-le- | luia.

Choir

- 5 Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *
death hath no more dominion over him.
- 6 For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *
but in that he liveth, he liveth un-to God.
- 7 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

- 8 Alleluia, | al-le | luia.*
Alle- | lu-ia, | al-le- | luia.
- 9 Christ is | risen • from the | dead, *
and become the | first fruits • of | them that | slept.
- 10 For since by | man came | death, *
by man came also the resur- | rec-tion | of the | dead.
- 11 For as in | Adam • all | die, *
even so in Christ shall | all be | made a- | live.
- 12 Alleluia, | al-le | luia.*
Alle- | lu-ia, | al-le- | luia.

The one presiding offers the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymns at Communion

Through the Red Sea brought at last (*Straf mich nicht*)
The whole bright world rejoices now (*Hilariter*)

Hymnal 187
Hymnal 211

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the one presiding says

Let us pray.

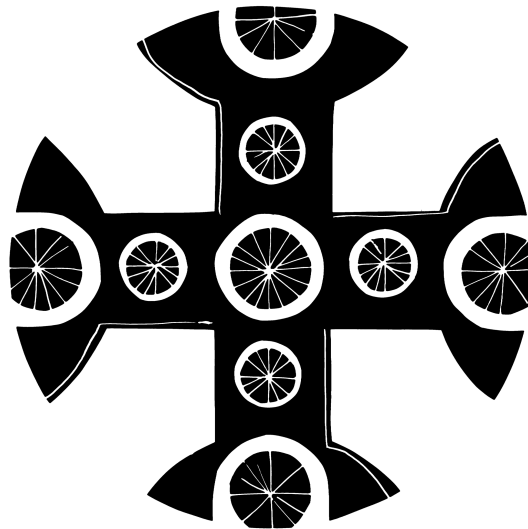
All pray together

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, so that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The one presiding offers God's blessing with the following or similar words

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Dismissal

The Deacon sends the people forth with the following or similar words

One Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Many **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Voluntary Pièce d'Orgue

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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Our daughter, Kara,
by Karen and Paul Werner

And in loving memory of

Our parents, Marguerite and Eugene Lillie and Ruth and Robert Vail
by Tom and Loretta Vail

Our mothers, Olga Faramand and Victoria Ackall
by Helen & Issa Ackall

Jim Barton
by Nancy Bruce

Peter Michael Stellato,
by his mother, Nancy

Peter Michael Stellato
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