



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

TRIDUUM: The SACRED THREE DAYS

The GREAT VIGIL of EASTER

with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

April 4, 2026

8:00 P.M.



St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church
in the Admiral District of West Seattle

*We acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional land of the Coast Salish people,
including the Duwamish and Suquamish People past and present.*

We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish and Suquamish tribes.

Please know, that wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at St. John's.

Portions of this service are from the optional expansive-language versions of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, as authorized by the 79th General Convention in 2018.

LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE

The Great Vigil of Easter is the last of three liturgies that formed a single Paschal Vigil in the early church. This single Vigil was the primal celebration of the Paschal Mystery: the Christ emerges from the tomb, crucified yet risen. In this new life of Christ, our own suffering, pain and brokenness is caught up in the love of a God whose passion for our redemption survives the grave and turns the way of the cross, walked by us all, into the way of Life.

The single Paschal Vigil developed into the *Triduum*, or “three days,” by the 4th century.

The first element of this Vigil liturgy is the lighting of the New Fire. Lit from flint and kindling, the New Fire signifies the resurrected Christ whose love illumines the suffering world.

As the Fire is processed into the church, the people’s candles are lit from it, and the *Exsultet* is sung. The *Exsultet* is a 6th century hymn of praise to the Fire and the risen Christ whom it signifies.

In its structure and its range of images, the *Exsultet* is a metaphor for the whole of the Vigil liturgy.

The liturgy begins outside. The presider addresses the people. The Paschal Candle is then lit and processed to the front of the nave as we sing



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Exultet

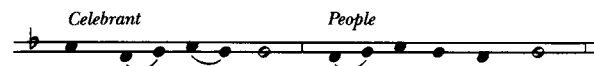
Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

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



A - men.



God be with you. And al - so with you.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The cantor continues.

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.

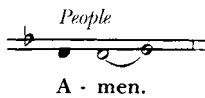
How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

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 we are reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness.

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning — he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



THE VIGIL READINGS

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

Please be seated.

The Creation

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

The second element of The Great Vigil of Easter is a series of vigil readings. This element of the liturgy is what gives this The Great Vigil of Easter its name. Vigils of this type date from Jewish worship prior to the time of Jesus. As many as nine readings are possible in our tradition. We use four on this day: the story of the creation of the world, the creation of the people of Israel, whose passover is the symbolic context for our eucharist; Ezekiel's prophecy of God's new spirit working in and through us, and Ezekiel's vision of God's power to restore the broken people of Israel to life and wholeness.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

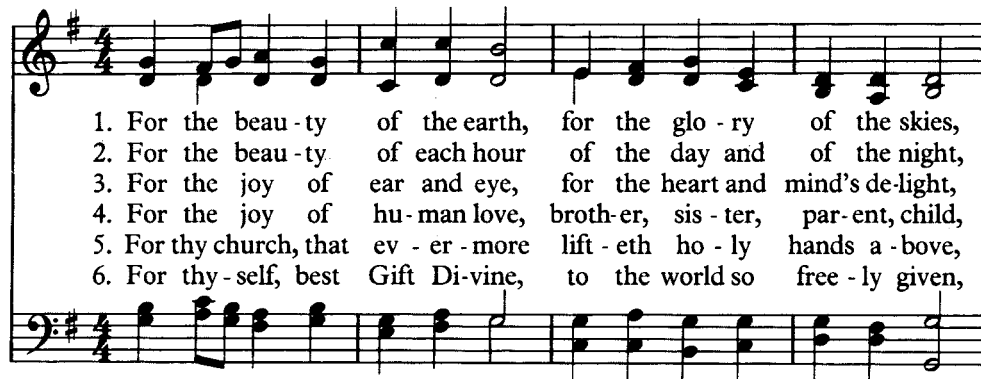
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Hymn

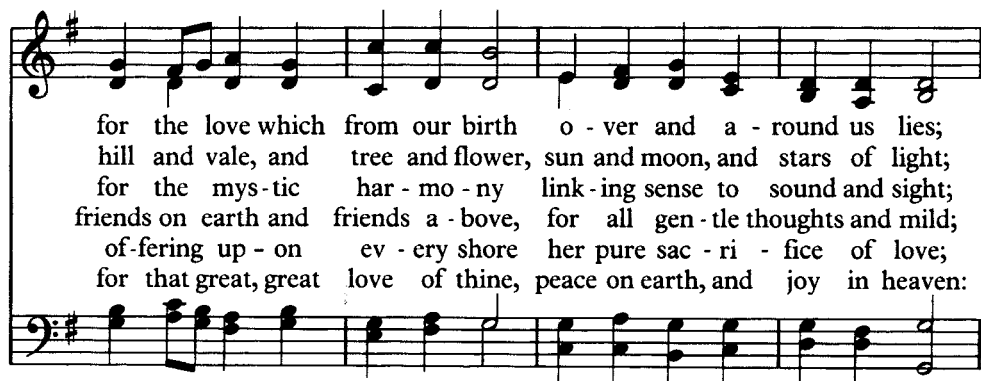
For the beauty of the earth

Hymn 92 from *The United Methodist Hymnal*.

TUNE: *Dix*

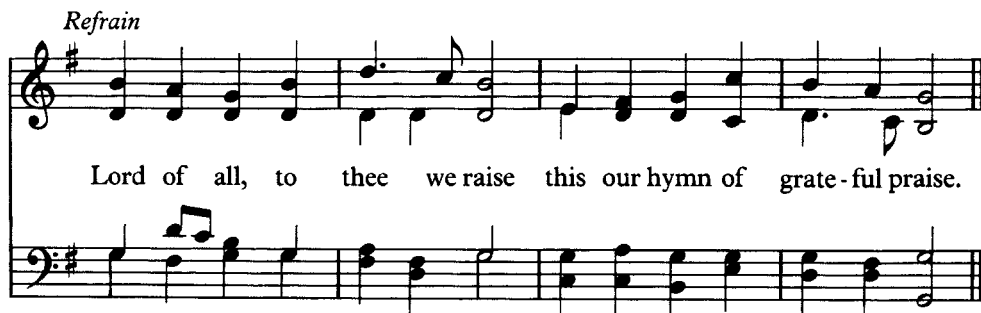


1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
5. For thy church, that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,
6. For thy-self, best Gift Di-vine, to the world so free-ly given,



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies;
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight;
friends on earth and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild;
of-fering up-on ev-ery shore her pure sac-ri-fice of love;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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Collect

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

Please be seated.

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth.

As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Please stand as able.

Hymn 648

When Israel was in Egypt's land

TUNE: *Go Down, Moses*

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

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

Refrain

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

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

Words: Afro-American spiritual

Music: *Go Down, Moses*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

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Collect

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

Please be seated.

A New Heart and A New Spirit

Ezekiel 36:24–28

Say to the house of Israel, thus says the Lord GOD: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Please stand as able.

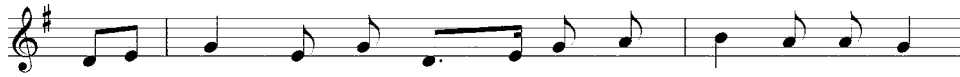
Hymn 636

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

TUNE: *Foundation*



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

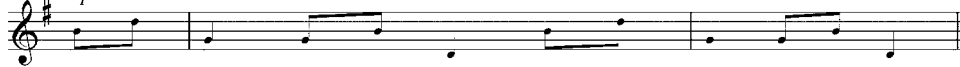


1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Optional Interlude



Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.
Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The gathering of God's people

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Please stand as able.

Hymn 398

I sing the almighty power of God

TUNE: *Forest Green*

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a-rise, and tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis-played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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 Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
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Baptism, the third element of the Great Vigil of Easter, is the rite of initiation into the eucharistic community of Christ which shares, through hope and the practice of servant love, in the life of the crucified yet risen One. The catechumens, who have long prepared for this day, now come to the waters of baptism to share in the death of Christ so that they might share in his life as well.

Conversion to Christ is a lifelong process of growth, celebrated and begun in baptism.

In the biblical Greek, conversion is spoken of as *metanoia*—“turning” of mind and heart. The three renunciations and three affirmations that the baptismal candidates make reflect the dynamic of conversion as *metanoia*: a turning from the world and a turning to life in Christ.

All the baptized, gathered to reaffirm their own baptismal vows by reciting the Apostles’ Creed whose core beliefs and structure date to the 2nd century.

The five promises attached to the Apostles’ Creed flesh out biblical themes of discipleship: a continuing commitment to the eucharistic community of the baptized, the promise to share the possibility of new life with others, servanthood, and the seeking of justice in human social relations.

Collect

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 tranquillity 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 people extinguish their candles.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Standing as able.

Presider Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we have been made part of that great fellowship of believers in all times and places, the Communion of Saints. In baptism God has adopted us as children and made us members of Christ’s Body and inheritors of God’s kingdom with the saints in light. Let us, therefore, renew the vows of our baptism by which God has made us a holy people.

After the proclamation of the salvation story, we respond in baptism and the eucharistic feast. This day will be the first communion of the catechumens, now full members of Christ’s Church.

The Baptismal Covenant

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

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Presider Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God’s help.**

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

People **I will, with God’s help.**

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

People **I will, with God’s help.**

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

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

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

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

The congregation is sprinkled with water from the font, reminding us all of the continuing joy and challenge to "become who we are."

The Asperges

As a reminder of our own incorporation into the household of God, the congregation is sprinkled with water. By custom and as a symbol of the sign under which we were adopted as God's sons and daughters, the faithful sign themselves with the cross as they are sprinkled.

Hymn 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

TUNE: *Houston*

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

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

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we
star of my life is Je-sus.
show me the way to the Fa-ther.
shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The
night and the day are both a-like. The
Lamb is the light of the ci-ty of God.

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Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

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AT THE EUCHARIST

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The fourth and final element of The Great Vigil of Easter—the first eucharist of Easter—begins with the shout of “Alleluia!” and the singing of the *Gloria*, unheard during Lent.

Gloria

Hymn 900 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, —
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God,
heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, —. we wor - ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. —
Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, —
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: — have mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right
hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. — For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, — you a - lone are the
Lord, — 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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The Collect referring to “this most holy night” underscores the unity of the crucifixion and resurrection in the single paschal vigil of the early church. It recalls the mystery of life through the cross and grave that had been celebrated throughout the night.

The Collect of the Day

Second Collect for Easter

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

You may be seated.

The eucharistic readings complete the salvation story begun in the earlier vigil of readings: the promise of God is fulfilled through the gift of God’s own Son.

The Lesson

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response

Psalm 114 • *In exitu Israel*

Read responsively.

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 **The sea beheld it and fled; ***
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 **What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? ***
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 **Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, ***
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 **Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water ***
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 28:1–10

Standing as able.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, O 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."

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

You may be seated.

The Homily

The Reverend Robert Stevens

There will be a moment for quiet personal reflection.

Standing as able.

Prayers of the People

There is no Confession or other penitential note in the liturgy of this day, nor throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter. This is the time of rejoicing: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"

From a second century homily by Melito of Sardis: "Though Lord, he became man; he suffered for those who were suffering, he was bound for the captive, judged for the condemned, buried for the one who was buried; he rose from the dead and cried out: 'Who shall contend with me? I have freed the condemned, brought the dead to life, raised up the buried. Who will speak against me? I am the Christ.'"

Intercessor Joined by those who are newly baptized in Christ, and filled with joy on this queen of feasts, let us offer prayers to God who fills the darkness of the world with the light of Christ. For the holy churches of God, Sean our presiding bishop; Phil our bishop; Elise and Robert, our priests; the presbyters and deacons, and our new brothers and sisters. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Mexico (La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico). In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Ascension, Seattle; and Epiphany, Seattle. For this holy gathering and all the holy people of God.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, especially _____, and those we now name either silently or aloud _____, and the dying and the dead, especially _____, and those we now name either silently or aloud _____.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially _____, and thanksgivings we now name either silently or aloud _____.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor That with Christ we may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and all evil powers.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor That Christ may fill us with the joy and happiness of his holy resurrection.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor That we may enter the chamber of the divine wedding feast and rejoice without limit with the angels and saints.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Presider Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Standing.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Hymn 174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

TUNE: *Salzburg*

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free soul's new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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The congregation's gifts of money and donations for the Food Bank and Little Free Pantry are presented and placed on the Holy Table.

Presentation

People All things come from you, O God, and from your own have we given you.

Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, expansive language

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S125

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.
Blessed 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.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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Please remain standing.

Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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."

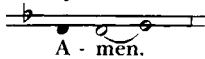
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

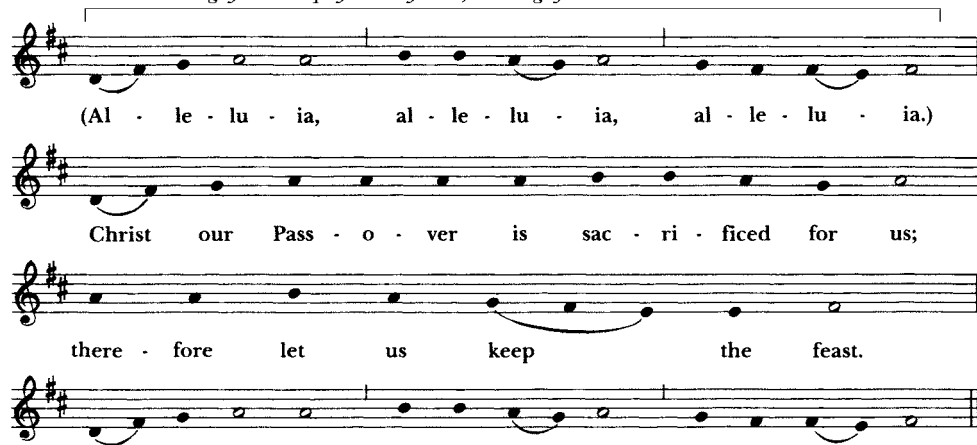
From Ephrem of Edessa, a 4th century Deacon: "Glory to you! You built your cross as a bridge over death, so that departed souls might pass from the realm of death to the realm of life. Glory to you! You put on the body of a mortal man and made it the source of life for all mortal men. You are alive! Your murderers handled your life like farmers: they sowed it like grain deep in the earth, for it to spring up and raise with itself a multitude..."

Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S154

Introduction sung by cantor or played on keyboard, then sung by all.



(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.
You may be seated.

To receive Communion, you are invited to come to the altar rail and stand or kneel at one of the cushions. To receive the bread (wafer), please hold your hands palms up, and the Presider will place a wafer in your hands. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding your hands palms down initially. If you do not wish to partake of the consecrated wine from the common chalice, you may consume the wafer at the altar rail or return to your seat to consume it.

To receive the wine, please consume your wafer, and then wait for the Eucharistic Minister to bring the common cup to you at the altar rail. Please do not attempt to intinct (dip) the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer not to partake of the common cup, but would like to receive the words of ministration, simply cross your arms in front of your chest when the Eucharistic Minister comes to you at the altar rail.

Reception of the sacrament in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered a full experience of the sacrament.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, when you come to the altar rail, simply cross your arms in front of your chest, and the Presider will greet you and offer God's blessing.

If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.

From Julian of Norwich, a 14th century English woman, whose visions are recorded in her Showings: "With a glad countenance our Lord looked at his side, rejoicing as he gazed. And as he looked, I, with my limited understanding, was led by way of this same wound into his side. There he showed me a place, fair and delightful, large enough for all saved mankind to rest in peace and love... At the same time, our good Lord said, most blessedly: 'See how I have loved you.'"

As the consecrated bread and wine are broken and poured out for us, so our own lives are broken and poured out for the life of the world as we continue the loving work of Christ.

Communion Anthem

This joyful Eastertide

DUTCH TUNE: *Vruechten*
arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

1. This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this
morrow.

2. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season
slumber
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead
in number. *Refrain...*

Refrain:

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst
his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath
Christ arisen.

3. Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed
the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.
Refrain...

— George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

Communion Hymn 713

Christ is arisen

TUNE: *Christ ist erstanden*

1
Christ is a - ris - - en. Al - le - lu - ia,
Christ ist er - stan - - den. Al - le - lu - ia,

2
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

3
4
5
Christ is a - ris - en. Christ is a - ris - en.
Christ ist er - stan - den. Christ ist er - stan - den.

Words: German, ca. 1529, adapt.

Music: *Christ is arisen*, Richard Rudolf Klein (b. 1921); based on the chorale *Christ ist erstanden*

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Prayer for Those Worshipping at Home During the Time of Communion

Those worshipping at home are invited to pray.

People O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

— from *Saint Augustine's Prayer Book*, Forward Movement, 2014

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

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

Margaret Ford, secretary to Janani Luwum, the martyred Archbishop of Uganda whose body was never found, recalls his funeral: "We came away from the service praising, healed by the revelation of the empty grave. We greeted each other, using the words of the old Easter greeting: 'Christ is risen'... The resurrection is the heart of the gospel we proclaim and because I have tasted of the reality of the resurrection, I know I must continue telling others, 'Christ lives.'"

Threefold Easter Blessing

Presider 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.**

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

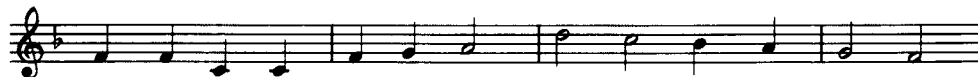
May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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

Hymn 200

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

TUNE: *Gaudeamus pariter*



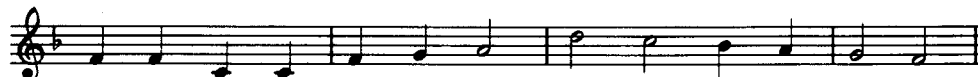
1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



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-roah'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 - wea - ried strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: *Gaudeamus pariter*, melody from *Medieval [German or] Bohemian Carol Melody*, 1544
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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Christ has Arisen, Alleluia (Mfurahini, Haleluya)

Nancy M. Rabbe (b. 1954)

EASTER FLOWERS

Maggie Abrahamson in memory of Paul, Jim, Mom and Dad, and Court and Marguerite
Dave Bartz and Gene Mendez in memory of Marcella and Harry Bartz, Michael Cannon, Mercy Jimenez, and Ballin Mendez
Rick and Layne Bautista in memory of The Rev. Thomas Dixon and Philip Rosser
Stephanie Bonynge in memory of Gates Patrick Bonynge, Mom and Milton, and cousin Gene
Arline Borella in memory of Kenneth Johnson and Doris Johnson
Pamela Bradburn in honor of Bettie Luke
DJ Carpenter in memory of Corinne Carpenter Woo
Pam Crenshaw in memory of my parents
Sten Crissey in memory of James and Aimee Crissey
Carol Dona in memory of John Graham and Virginia Whitaker
Ken and Joanne Duvall in memory of Carol Duvall, Dolores Malek, Kathy Malek, and Mary Milligan
Sandy Hanson in memory of John Hanson
Wayne Heuschele in honor of Mary Heuschele
Jasmine Horton-Carroll in memory of Egerton, Albertina, Dwight, and Max Horton
Victor Janusz in memory of Karla Eskro
James and Karen Jarvis in memory of Richard Jarvis
Dan Johnson in memory of Charles, Ruby, Steven, Donald, and Cobain Johnson
Jan Johnson in memory of family members who have passed
Mary Kay Jones and Anne Bucci in memory of Joan Bucci and Joan Jones
Rebecca Kacel in memory of Ernest Kleen, James Kleen, Dora Ewing, and Robert Kacel
John Kettel and Molly Carson in memory of Esther Kettel and Don Carson
Lurilla Lee in memory of Frank and Millicent Lee
Jeanne Merritt in memory of Jan, Anita, Carol, Helen, and Anne
Janet Murphy in memory of Terry Murphy and my parents
Mary Nicholls in honor of Elizabeth Hansen
Kitty Pelkan in memory of Karl Pelkan
Robbie Ralkowski in memory of Jan Ralkowski, and in honor of Ellie, Jack, and Tyler
The Family of Dick and Nell Rehm in memory of Dick and Nell Rehm
Julie Scheid in memory of Jeanne and Ivan Delp
D Smith in memory of Violet Emma, Patrick Smith, Bill and Mary Burnett, and Becky Atlee
Carol Sutcliffe in memory of Brian Sutcliffe
Ron and Cathy Thompson in memory of our parents
Maria and Paul Weber in memory of Tom Weber, Margaret Raley, Stefan Qvistgaard, William C. Heffner, Naeko Heffner, and Paul Heffner
Julia Wight in memory of Andy Kohn
Kathryn Yerke in memory of parents and friends
Bonnie Young in memory of Robert Young
Irene Zebroski in memory of Catherine Zebroski



Serving in Worship This Evening

Acolyte: Jordan Alfonzo;

Altar Guild: Layne Bautista, Carol Eaton, Carol Long;

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Lilith Lysistrata;

Flowers: Sten Crissey, Sharon Parker;

Preaching: The Rev. Robert Stevens;

Presiding: The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone;

Readers: Pamela Bradburn, Rick Bautista, Lynn Ogdon-Perrine, Gene Mendez;

Thurifer: Jeana Frazier;

Usher: Sten Crissey;

Verger: Tom Taylor.

Easter Services at St. John's

Easter Sunday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. *Easter Day spoken Holy Eucharist*
 10:30 a.m. *Easter Day Holy Eucharist with music*
 11:45 a.m. *Easter Egg Hunt*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Join us for a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall following our 10:30 a.m. service every Sunday for snacks and coffee. Newcomers are especially invited to attend so we can better get to know you and welcome you to SJB. If you are interested in providing snacks and hospitality during our weekly Coffee Hour, please consider signing up to support this ministry on the yellow sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Hosts serve in teams. Experienced hosts are happy to show newcomers the ropes. Thank you!

Sunday Morning Adult Formation Starts April 12

April 12–26, we will study Episcopal Bishop Mariann Budde's curriculum *The Lost Art of Kindness: Civility as a Christian Calling* as we explore the idea of civility as a Christian calling by delving into the powerful theme of kindness, as exemplified in both the Hebrew Scriptures and Christian teachings. Being kind, however, doesn't mean abandoning our principles. Bishop Budde examines the importance of standing firm in our convictions while respecting the dignity of others, even during moments of strong disagreement. And in May, Canon Elise will share about her upcoming sabbatical. Questions? Email Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Youth Group April 5

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to the Parish Hall 7–8:30 p.m. for snacks, games, and conversation on the first and third Sundays of the month. Our next youth group will be this Sunday, April 5. Contact Jackson with any questions. familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

Parish Office Closed on Monday

In observance of the Easter holiday, the church office will be closed Monday, April 6.

Spiritual Practices Small Groups

SJB continues our exploration of Spiritual Practices in Small Groups, on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Robert. robert@SJBWestSeattle.org

Walking Through the Bible

Join us on the second and fourth Sundays for *Walking Through the Bible*. You do not need to have a deep knowledge of the Bible to join in these explorations. In March we began a study of Exodus. Questions? Please email Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Evening Prayer Resumes This Week

Zoom Evening Prayer is a lovely way to wind down the day. At the beginning of the service, everyone chooses a role. The bulletin is displayed on the screen. At the end is a short social hour. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/229332884>

Men's Gathering

Men of all ages and their partners, friends, and neighbors are invited to a no-host breakfast every second Saturday of the month. Meet at Chelan Café, 3527 Chelan Ave SW, Saturday, April 11, 8 a.m. For more information or a ride, please contact David Perrine. 206-937-2932

White Center Welcome Table Meal

It's SJB's turn to coordinate a hot meal for our food-insecure neighbors at New Beginnings Fellowship Church in White Center on Saturday, April 11. If you'd like to make casseroles or serve food, please contact Sharon Parker, 206-859-7083, or Carol Long, 206-930-4991.

The Lord's Lunch

The Lord's Lunch is a monthly community service event led by Dan Johnson, where members of SJB make and pack 150+ meals to distribute to unhoused and at-risk populations around West Seattle. Our next gathering is Saturday, April 18, 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall. Please use the Signup Genius link to volunteer to provide food or assist with assembly. <https://bit.ly/3G3WORN>

Cathedral Day at Saint Mark's

Cathedral Day is a "family reunion" for Episcopalians from across western Washington. It's a time for connecting across congregations and experiencing all your cathedral has to offer. For centuries, cathedrals have served as Christian pilgrimage sites, drawing people of faith into their orbit of wonder and awe. This year's Cathedral Day, April 25, celebrates the idea of pilgrimage, with Saint Mark's serving as your sacred destination. Join us for a day of confirmations, receptions, reaffirmations, food, and fun. The event is free but you must RSVP to secure your free food-truck lunch. See the Friday *E-News* for more information.



St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in the Admiral District of West Seattle

A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

If you are visiting with us, we would be glad to answer any questions you may have about the Episcopal Church or about St. John's. I'm Elise, the Rector (the priest in charge) of St. John's— I encourage you to reach out to me— I'd love to meet you!

Interested in Baptism?

In the Episcopal Church, we believe that Baptism by water and in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is full initiation into the Body of Christ, the Church— regardless in which Christian tradition you may have been baptized.

If you are interested in Baptism, please reach out to me— I would love to talk with you about this.

As we like to say here, wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at St. John's!

Welcome!

Elise+
elise@sjbwestseattle.org

If there is a ministry you're interested in knowing more about or getting involved, you can also contact the office
office@sjbwestseattle.org

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Would you like to request that our Prayer Chain pray for you or someone you know? Would you like to add a name to the Prayers of the People? Please visit

<https://sjbwestseattle.org/prayers>

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What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, April 5, 8:30 AM	Spoken Holy Eucharist	Nave
Sunday, April 5, 9:30 AM	Choir Practice	Choir Room
Sunday, April 5, 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist with Music	Nave
Sunday, April 5, 10:30 AM	Children's Chapel with Godly Play	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Sunday, April 5, 11:45 AM	Easter Egg Hunt	Outside
Sunday, April 5, 3:00 PM	Worship at The Mount	Providence Mount St. Vincent
Sunday, April 5, 7:00 PM	Youth Group	Parish Hall
Monday, April 6, 4:00 PM	Endolyne Rehearsal*	Parish Hall
Monday, April 6, 6:00 PM	AA Shipwrecked	Community Room
Tuesday, April 7, 4:00 PM	Endolyne Rehearsal*	Parish Hall, Community Room
Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 PM	AA Into Action	Community Room
Wednesday, April 8, 11:00 AM	Spiritual Practices Group	Library
Wednesday, April 8, 2:30 PM	WSHS Outreach Event*	Parish Hall, Community Room
Wednesday, April 8, 5:00 PM	WSHS Track & Field Dinner*	Parish Hall
Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 PM	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday, April 9, 12:00 PM	Staff Meeting	Library
Thursday, April 9, 6:30 PM	Choir Practice	Choir Room
Thursday, April 9, 7:00 PM	AA 12x12	Community Room
Friday, April 10, 6:00 PM	AA Shipwrecked	Community Room
Saturday, April 11, 7:45 AM	Al-Anon	Parish Hall, Community Room
Saturday, April 11, 8:00 AM	Men's Gathering	Chelan Café
Saturday, April 11, 8:30 AM	White Center Welcome Table Meal	New Beginnings Fellowship Church
Sunday, April 12, 8:30 AM	Spoken Holy Eucharist	Nave
Sunday, April 12, 9:30 AM	Choir Practice	Choir Room
Sunday, April 12, 9:35 AM	Adult Formation	Zoom, Library
Sunday, April 12, 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist with Music	Nave
Sunday, April 12, 10:30 AM	Children's Chapel with Godly Play	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Sunday, April 12, 12:00 PM	Walking Through the Bible	Community Room
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.		