

Saint Monica & Saint James

CAPITOL HILL
WASHINGTON DC



The Sacred Triduum

The Easter Vigil

Saturday March 30, 2024

8 pm Sung Mass

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant blesses the new fire, saying

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, through thy Son thou hast bestowed upon thy people the brightness of thy 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.

All **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is brought to the Celebrant, who blesses it, marks it, and inserts five grains of incense into it. The Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Celebrant or Deacon, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel. During the procession the people's candles are lighted.

The following is sung.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is divided into two parts: the first part is labeled 'Deacon' and the second part is labeled 'People'. The notes are: Deacon: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half). People: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half). The piece ends with a double bar line.

The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

All sing the response "Thanks be to God."

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. All remain standing.

THE EXULTET

Then the Deacon standing near the Candle sings the Exultet.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant says

Celebrant 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 sit for each Lesson. Please stand for the prayer at the end of each lesson.

LESSON I - The Story of Creation, Genesis 1:2-2:4a

Read by Nathan Paxton

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 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.

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray. (silence)

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, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Choir sings stanza 1. All sing stanzas 1 and 2.



1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with thee, thou star - a -



earth and sky; thy hands have set the hea - vens with stars;
bid - ing one; come un - to us and dwell with — us;



thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy
with thee are found the gifts of — life. Bless us with



word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice.
life that has no — end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

Words: American folk hymn; para. Philip Frazier (1892-1964), alt. Music: *Dakota Indian Chant* [*Lacquiparle*], Native American melody.

Please be seated.

LESSON II - Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea,
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Read by Nia Harris

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 you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray. (silence)

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.

All **Amen.**

Canticle 8 – Exodus Canticle *The Song of Moses*

Choir Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD, sang to the LORD

The Choir sings the Refrain below – “The Song of Miriam”. All repeat the Refrain.



I will sing to the LORD, for



God has tri - umphed glo - rious - ly!

Choir I will sing to the LORD, for God is gloriously triumphant:
Horse and chariot God has cast into the sea!
The LORD is my strength, my song and my salvation.
This is my God, I sing praise.
The God of our fathers, glorious in triumph: Adonai is the LORD.

Choir, then All repeat the Refrain

Choir The chariots of Pharaoh were cast into the sea,
the strongest of Egypt lost and drowned in raging sea.
The water closed in, they sank like stone.
Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power
has saved us from the foe.

Choir, then All repeat the Refrain

Please be seated.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray. (silence)

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

All **Amen.**

LESSON IV – A new heart and a new spirit,
Ezekiel 36: 24-28

Read by Debbie Sonderman

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 you are able.

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

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!’

This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’”

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.’

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray. (silence)

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

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON VI – The gathering of God’s people Zephaniah 3:12-20 *Read by a Server*

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 you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray. (silence)

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.

All **Amen.**

The Choir sings stanza 1 of the following. All then sing stanzas 1 and 2.

HYMN H 679

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Ann J. Broomell

THE BLESSING OF THE FONT AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Ministers process to the font. All stand and sing the following

HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to

1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to

1. praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -
2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of
3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel - it, Prone to leave the God I

1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE BLESSING OF THE FONT

The Celebrant prays the following prayer over the Baptismal waters

O God, who by invisible power accomplished a wondrous effect through sacramental signs and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation, to show forth the grace of Baptism.

O God, whose Spirit in the first moments of the world's creation hovered over the waters, so that the very substance of water would even then take to itself the power to sanctify.

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood foreshadowed regeneration, so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue.

O God, who caused the children of Abraham to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea, so that the chosen people, set free from Pharaoh, would prefigure the people of the baptized.

O God, whose Son, baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan, was anointed with the Holy Spirit, and, as he hung upon the cross, gave forth water from his side along with blood, and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples: "Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," look now we pray, upon the face of your church and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.

May this water receive by the Holy Spirit the grace of your Only Begotten Son, so that human nature, created in your image and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism from all squalor of the life of old, may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children through water and the Holy Spirit.

The Celebrant lowers the paschal candle into the water three times, and continues

May the power of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, we pray, come down through your Son into the fulness of this font.

And, holding the candle in the water, continues

So that all who have been buried with Christ by Baptism into death may rise again to life with Him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

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

The Celebrant walks around the church, sprinkling all present with holy water taken from the font.

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

All sing the parts in *bold*. Please kneel or sit as you are able .

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. **Chri - ste e - le - i - son.** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.**
O God, the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, **Have mer - cy up - on us.**
O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, **Have mer - cy up - on us.**
O God, the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith-ful **Have mer - cy up - on us.**
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, **Have mer - cy up - on us.**

Mary, mother of God our Savior Jesus Christ,

Stand with us.

Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, all you holy angels
and archangels, and all holy orders of blessed spirits,

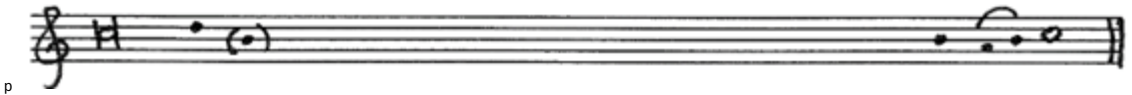
Stand with us.

Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Aaron, Miriam and Joshua,
Isaiah and all the prophets, John the Baptist and Joseph
the Carpenter, and all of you holy ones who waited for
Christ to come,

Stand with us.

Peter and Paul, James and John, Mary and Martha of Bethany,
and Mary Magdalene, and all of you holy apostles and
evangelists and disciples of the Lord,

Stand with us.



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Stephen and Laurence, Agnes and Lucy, Polycarp, and Perpetua,
Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Janani Luwum, Jonathan Daniels
and Oscar Romero, and all you martyrs from
throughout the world,

Stand with us.

Nicholas and Martin and Patrick, Hugh of Lincoln and Richard
of Chichester, Samuel Seabury and Jackson Kemper and
Barbara Harris, and all you holy bishops and pastors,

Stand with us.

Antony of Egypt, Benedict and Scholastica, Francis and Clare
of Assisi, Marian Hughes and Richard Benson, and all you
solitaries and members of religious communities,

Stand with us.

Ambrose and Augustine and Thomas Aquinas, Richard Hooker
and Edward Pusey, and all you teachers of faith,

Stand with us.

Basil of Moscow and Benedict Joseph Labre and Ken Feit,
and all you holy fools for Christ.

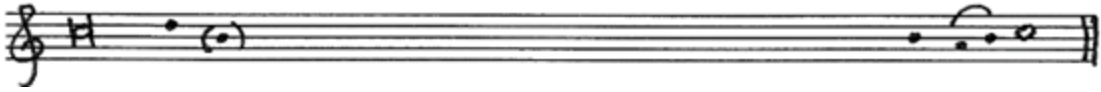
Stand with us.

Ephrem of Edessa and John of Damascus, Dante and
Michelangelo and Andrei Rublev, Johann Sebastian Bach
and John Donne and George Herbert, C. S. Lewis and
Dorothy Sayers and all you writers and painters and singers
of the Spirit,

Stand with us.

John Chrysostom and Basil, William Wilberforce and Florence
Nightingale, Frances Perkins and Thurgood Marshall and
Howard Thurman and Pauli Murray, and all you voices
for the voiceless and reformers of society,

Stand with us.



All you holy innocents, children and adults, victims of genocide,
neglect, warfare, or any violence, whether you died today or
centuries ago, whether known to us or unknown, *Stand with us.*

All you who labored and struggled for freedom, good
government, and just laws, who gave your lives for some
high and holy purpose, *Stand with us.*

All you who sought to bless others by your service and life,
and to lighten the dark places of the earth, *Stand with us.*

All you, dear kindred and friends, teachers and companions
of our childhood and youth, whose faces we see no more,
but whose love remains for ever, *Stand with us.*

All you members of the indivisible household of faith, who
now worship in a brighter place. *Stand with us.*

Kyrie eleison *All sing.*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. iij Chri - ste e - le - i - son. iij

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. ij Ky - ri - e e - - - le - i - son.

All stand as you are able.

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

Servers light the candles at the Altar from the Paschal Candle.

All stand to sing the Canticle below. Bells are rung during the Canticle.

HYMN - Canticle 6, Glory to God in the highest

Gloria in excelsis



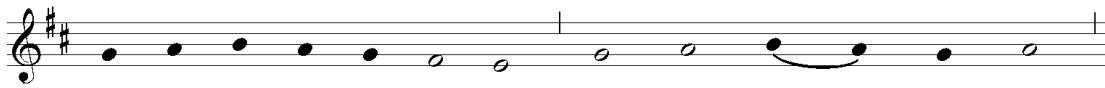
1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



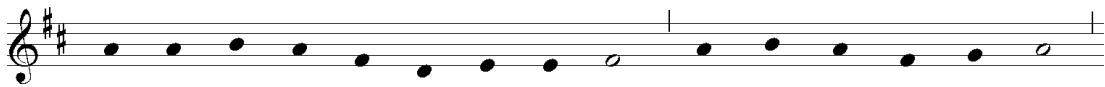
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



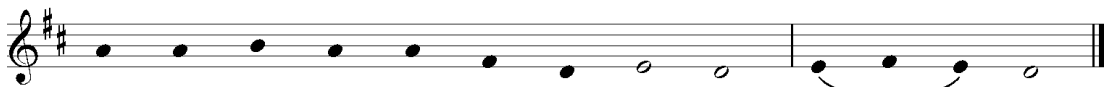
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



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.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who did make 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 forever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit for the lesson.

THE EPISTLE - Romans 6:3-11

Read by John Van De Weert

Reader A reading from the Epistle of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GREAT EASTER ALLELUIA

All stand. All repeat the Alleluia after the Choir.



Al- le- lu- ia.

The Choir sings the verse below from Psalm 118



Give thanks to the Lord for he is



good: for his mer- cy en-



dures for ev- er.

All repeat the Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 28:1-10

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE PEACE *Please stand as you are able. The Celebrant introduces the Peace.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet each other in the name of the Lord. Please remain standing to sing the Offertory Hymn. Please bow when the congregation is censed by the Thurifer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated as the Celebrant makes a few announcements.
Please stand to sing the Offertory Hymn. A collection will be taken.*

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Representatives of the Congregation bring the people's offering of bread, wine, water, and the collection to the Celebrant. The Element Bearers stand at the Altar rail while the gifts are offered and placed on the altar. Please bow when the Congregation is censed by the Thurifer.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN H 174 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Celebrant Pray, dear friends in Christ, that this my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the Almighty father.

All **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues with the Preface, ending

who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All Sing

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel or sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer during which the following is said

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, ending

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We prayerfully pause for a moment.

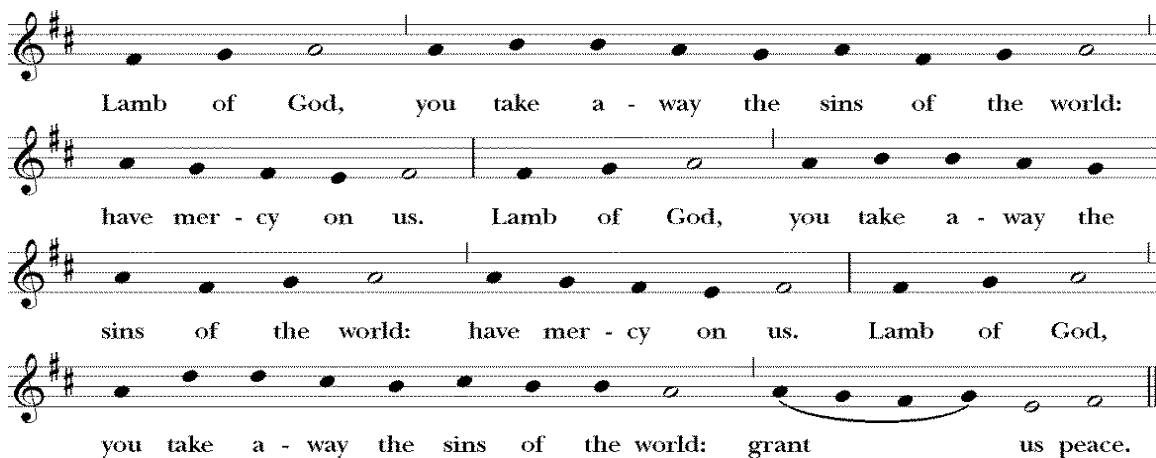
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Celebrant says this invitation

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God.

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

All **Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

Please make your way to the Altar rail as directed by an usher. Kneel or stand.

Both the Host and Chalice will be offered. Should you wish to receive the Chalice, please remain kneeling or standing at the altar rail after receiving the Host.

The Host and the Chalice are given with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow.

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.

My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain

Death's flood hath lost his chill, Since Jesus cross'd the river:
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver.

Refrain

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Please kneel or sit.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE EASTER BLESSING

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN H 205 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

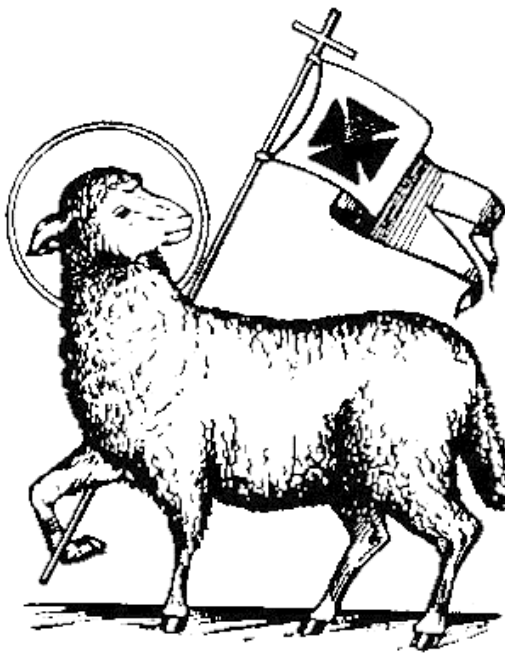
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Easter

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