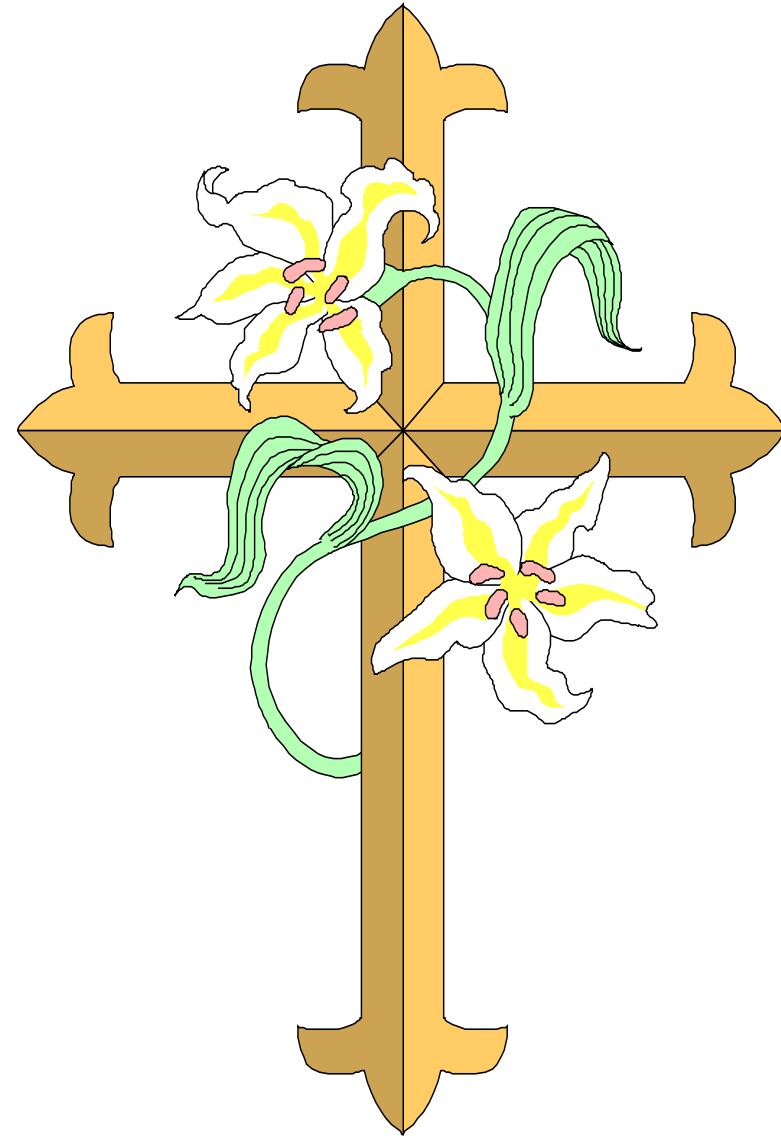


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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

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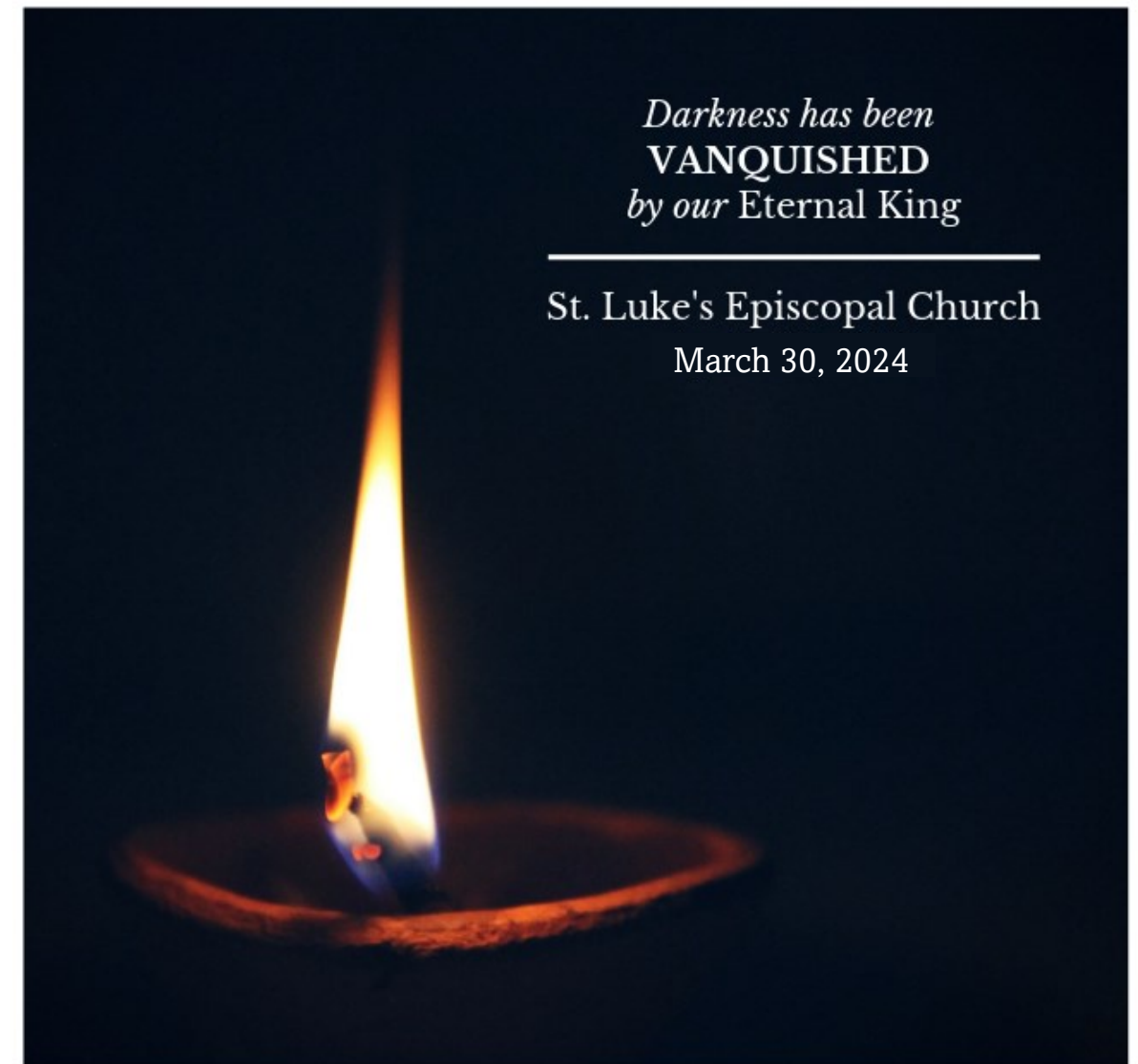


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THE GREAT  
*VIGIL*  
OF *EASTER*



*Darkness has been  
VANQUISHED  
by our Eternal King*

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
March 30, 2024

## CONCERNING THE SERVICE

The liturgy for the Great Vigil of Easter is intended as the first (and conceivably, the primary) celebration of Easter in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The service begins in darkness, sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter, and consists of four parts: The Service of Light (kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle, and the Exsultet); The Service of Lessons (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers); Christian Initiation (Holy Baptism) or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and finally the Eucharist.

Through this liturgy, the BCP recounts an ancient practice of keeping the Easter feast. Believers would gather in the hours of darkness ending at dawn on Easter Day to hear scripture and offer prayer. This night-long service of prayerful watching anticipated the baptisms that would come at first light and the Easter Eucharist. Easter was the primary baptismal occasion for the early church to the practical exclusion of all others. This practice linked the meanings of Christ's dying and rising to our understanding of baptism.

We see this link most clearly in the Great Vigil of Easter. We begin in darkness. It represents *all* darkness, and all the meanings of darkness - devoid of light; evil thoughts, motivations, deeds; all that is hidden and secret, deceitful and dishonest, divisive and abusive, immoral and sinful. It's the darkness of our world, and the darkness in our hearts. It is the darkness of death.

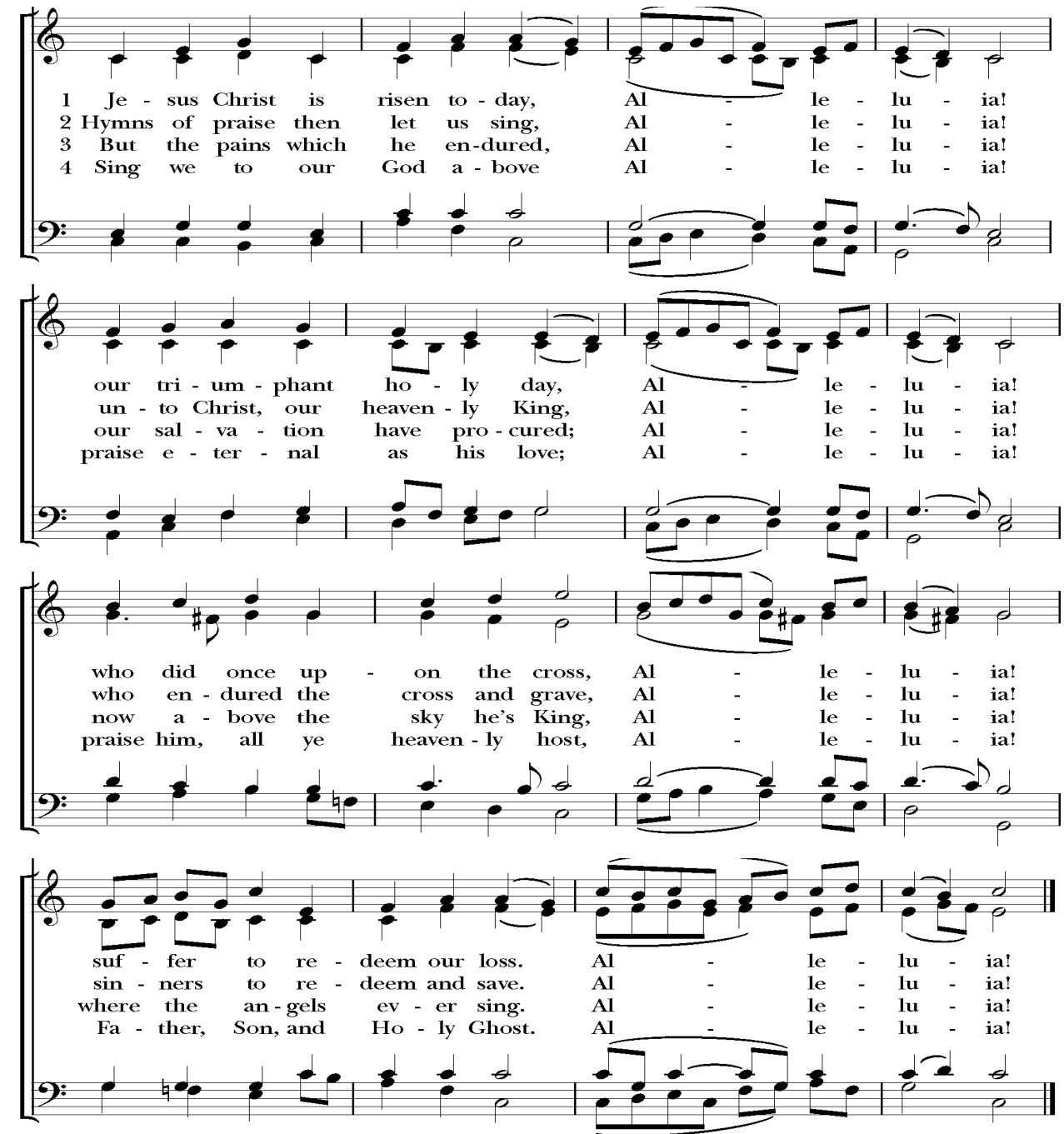
Then a light is struck. It breaks into the darkness. A new fire is kindled, and from that fire bursts forth a New Creation. The candle lit from the new fire is the new Paschal Candle. Its light spreads and we receive its light and experience the power of that light as it grows. The Paschal Candle is brought front and center; it leads the way as we celebrate this Easter Mystery.

Then we hear our story. We hear the story of God's salvific work in time and history. We hear how God created and it was good. We hear how God provides for those who trust in His will. We hear how God saves his people. We hear of the power of God and his plans. We hear the story of our relationship with God and we then invite others into this relationship through the waters of Baptism.

We see the light of Christ enter this world, we see the light of Christ enter the Newly Baptized and we finally, in a moment of pure joy and triumph, burst forth into light, ringing our bells as the brightness of this new day dawns. From darkness we move into the fullness of the Light of Jesus Christ. Then, we once again partake of the heavenly banquet, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven; we celebrate the marvelous work of God with those most precious gifts of bread and wine, Body and Blood.

## CLOSING HYMN

## Easter Hymn



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

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

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

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

*The Deacon or Priest dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## POSTLUDE

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

## THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

1 joice in the day thou wast born;— on this fes - ti - val day,  
 2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed,— while his grace we re - ceive  
 3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine!— Now cre - a - ted a - gain  
 4 joined us to Je - sus'— Name;— so u - ni - ted in heart,  
 5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat:— to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.—  
 2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.—  
 3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.—  
 4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.—  
 5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet.—

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

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

*In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar 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 may say the following prayer*

Let us pray.

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

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon (the Celebrant if there is no deacon) bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing*

*Deacon*                      *People*

The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*If candles have been distributed to members of the congregation, they are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the priest, standing near the Candle, sings or says the Exsultet, as follows*

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,

*People*

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

The Lord be with you.

People  
And al - so with you.

Deacon  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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

Deacon  
... for ev - er and ev - er.

People  
A - men.

*It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture reading in these or similar words.*

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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then the Celebrant says*

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

**Receiving Holy Communion** - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in The Episcopal Church. Come forward to the altar rail as the Ushers direct you and take the next available place. You may either stand or kneel as able. If you need a gluten-free host, please let the clergy know. If you have not been baptized in a Christian church, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you are interested in receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism, please contact the church office: (225) 926-5343

## COMMUNION ANTHEMS

O Lord, I Cry unto Thee

Arcadelt

This Is The Day

Anonymous

## COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn No. 213

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -  
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our  
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the  
4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath  
\*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

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

The Celebrant continues

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

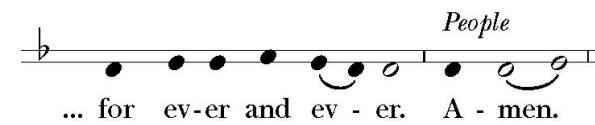
Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

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

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

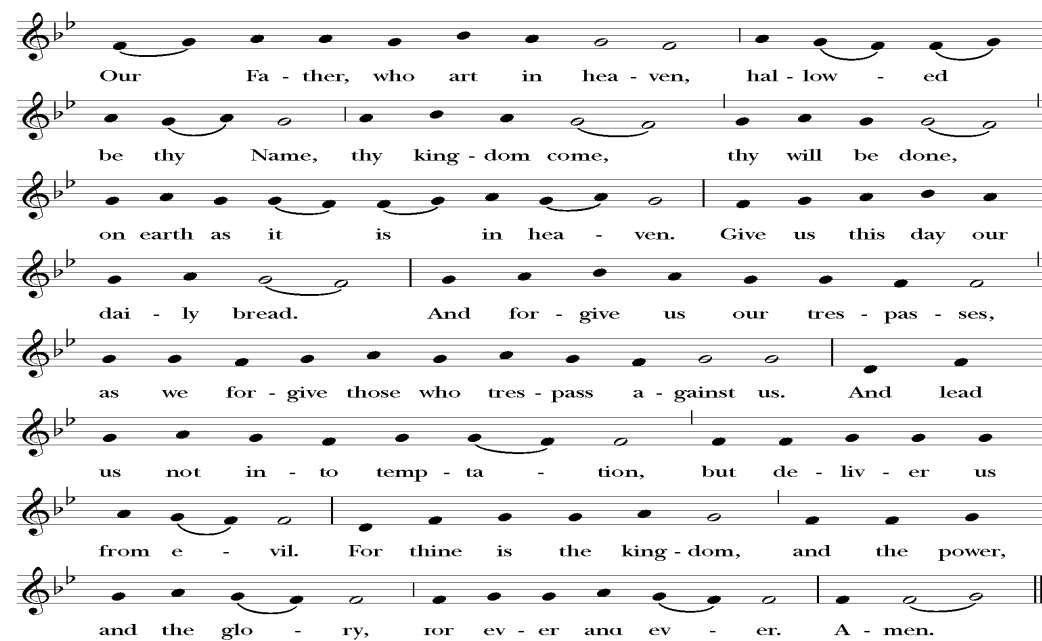
And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with Blessed Luke, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



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

People and Celebrant



**I. THE STORY OF CREATION**

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

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, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**II. THE FLOOD**

**Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13**

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**III. ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE OF ISAAC**

**Genesis 22:1-18**

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**IV. ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA**

**Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21**

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. *Amen.*

**V. THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

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. *Amen.*

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Theodore Aden Evans to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

*When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

*People* We will.



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*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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

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

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

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.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then the Celebrant proceeds*

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

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

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

*Celebrant and People*

**SANCTUS** **Powell**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* 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.

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

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*The Deacon leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

**CENSING HYMN**

Salzburg

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic-tor-ious 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-phiant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
 thou hast con-quer-ed in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
 From sin's power do thou set free souls 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:



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.

*All Stand and remain standing for the Gospel.*

**ALLELUIA** **Celtic Alleluia**

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** **Mark 16:1-8**

*The Deacon or Priest says*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon or Priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE HOMILY** **An Easter Homily by St. John Chrysostom**

***St. John Chrysostom (c. 344-407 AD), 4<sup>th</sup> Century Bishop of Constantinople, was the greatest preacher of the ancient Church and one of the greatest of all time. His surname means "Golden Mouth." Probably no sermon he preached is as well-known as the powerful and eloquent Easter sermon (delivered around the year 400 AD). Many churches in the Eastern Orthodox and Catholic traditions recite it each year as part of Pascha, the Great Vigil of Easter.***

**THE PEACE**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*All stand as the elements of bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** **Jesus Christ is Risen Today** **Dean**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

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

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

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

*Celebrant*

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

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

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

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

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

**THE BAPTISM**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Priest who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

Theodore Aden Evans, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to each one*

Theodore Aden Evans, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

*When all have been baptized the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## AT THE EUCHARIST

*The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.*

*The Celebrant says to the people*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Priest asperses the people with the baptismal water as a reminder of their baptism as we sing the Gloria in excelsis.*

**GLORY TO GOD** (*Gloria in excelsis*)

**Powell**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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

*The Celebrant then says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the following Collect*

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*.

*All sit.*

**EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 6:3-11**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 114**

*Read Responsively by half verse*

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?