



# GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

March 30, 2024

6:30pm

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# THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The church is in darkness. The ministers and people gather on the courtyard near the entrance of the church and the New Fire is kindled. After you light your candle from the Pascal Candle, you will be led into the nave. Please continue to hold your lighted candle while the candles along the aisle are lit by servers.*

Priest 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 Priest blesses the New Fire.*

Priest 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 Priest inscribes the Paschal Candle.*

Priest Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End. Alpha and Omega. His are the times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity. **Amen.**

Priest Through his holy and glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard and preserve us.

*The Priest lights a taper from the New Fire, then lights the Pascal Candle saying:*

Priest May the light of Christ gloriously rising dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*The Pascal Candle is carried ahead of the ministers and people into the church. The procession pauses at the door of the church and twice more as it continues up the aisle, each time the cantor chants at a higher pitch, the people responding:*



## *The Exsultet*


Priest 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.

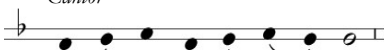
All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,  
pray with me to God the Almighty  
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;  
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God

*Cantor*                      *People*




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

*Cantor*




The Lord be with you.

*People*




And al - so with you.

*Cantor*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest 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.

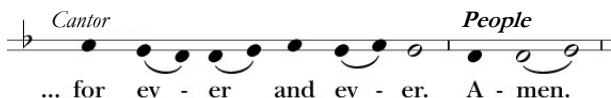
This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

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 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.



*All are seated. The people extinguish their candles.*

Priest 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

## The First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:2

## *The story of Creation*

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.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be the God.**

*All remain seated.*

**Chant** Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

*Dakota Indian Chant*

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.

*All stand.*

**Priest** 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.**

*All are seated.*

## **The Second Lesson: Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21**     *Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea*

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be the God.**

*Remain seated.*

## The Song of Moses

*Cantemus Domino*

*The people sing the antiphon at the beginning, and following verses 3, 6, 9 and 13*



- 1 I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
- 2 The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.
- 3 This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
- 4 The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.
- 5 The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.
- 6 The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.
- 7 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
- 8 Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

9 You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.

10 With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.

11 You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,

12 The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

13 The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

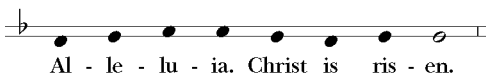
Priest Let us pray. *Silence.*

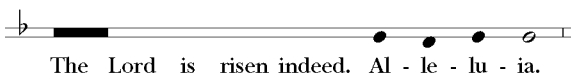
O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among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

## THE EUCHARIST

*All Stand*

*The Easter Acclamation is chanted three times.*

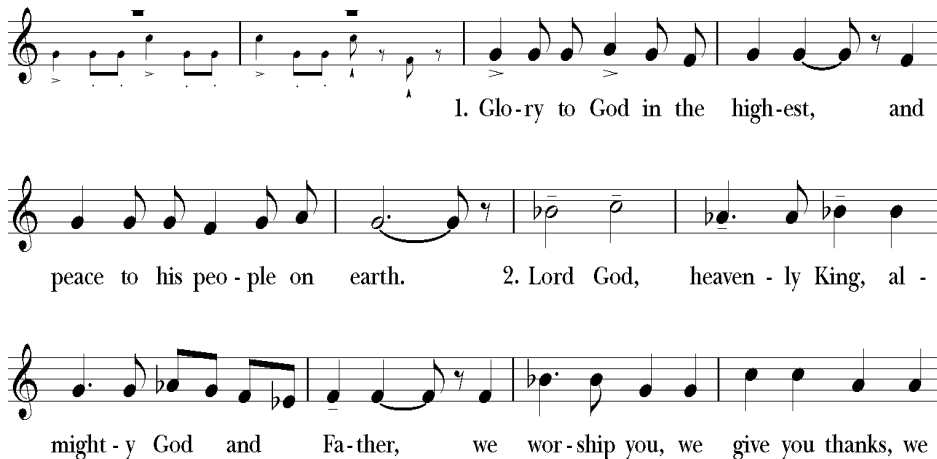
Priest   
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

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

*The candles on the altar are lighted from the Pascal Candle. Bells are rung.*

**Glory to God** Gloria in excelsis

*William Mathias (b. 1934)*



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.

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.

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

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

**Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

### **Romans 6:3-11**

*As Christian disciples have been joined with Christ in his death through baptism, so they are to know a resurrection life like his. In union with Christ we have died to our sinful selves and have begun to experience a new way of life. In one sense our freedom from death still awaits us in the future, but, in another sense, we already know what it means to be alive to God in Christ Jesus and to realize the true meaning of life.*

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.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## The Great Alleluia

*All stand as The Great Alleluia is sung three times on successively higher pitches,  
The people repeating each time.*



*The people remain standing for the reading of the Gospel*

## Mark 16:1–8

*Three women disciples first learn of Jesus' resurrection. Coming to the tomb early in the morning, they are astounded to find its huge stone covering rolled back. A young man, in appearance like an angel, announces to them that Jesus is risen and will go before his disciples to Galilee. The event is awesome, even terrifying. The women flee from the tomb and, for at least a time, report nothing to anyone because of their fear.*

Priest    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Priest    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Laurel Coote

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

## Holy Baptism

*The people remain seated*

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Priest        The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents      We present Zoey to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the candidate    Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate    I do.

*To the Parents:*

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

Parents      We will, with God's help.

Priest        Will you by your prayers and witness help her grow  
                 into the full stature of Christ?

Parents      We will, with God's help.

*To the Candidate:*

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.



*To the Congregation:*

Question Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Zoey in her life in Christ?

**People We will.**

Priest Let us join with Zoey who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**The Baptismal Covenant** *All Stand.*

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

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

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

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

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

Priest 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**

Leader Let us now pray for Zoey, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.  
Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest 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 Priest blesses the water, first saying*

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest 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. 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

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

Priest Zoey, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**People Amen.**

*The Priest prays over her, saying*

Priest Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Zoey the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.**

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

Priest Zoey, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

**People Amen.**

*Then the Priest presents a candle representing the light of Christ.*

Priest Zoey, receive the light of Christ.

**People Amen.**

*The Priest then says*

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All 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.**

**The Peace** *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The people exchange the peace with one another.*

## **Easter Greeting & Welcome**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*During the setting of the table a collection is taken to support the life and ministry at St. Dunstan's. The people's offerings of bread, wine and money or other gifts will be brought to the priest. The people stand while the offerings are presented. Offerings may also be made online at [www.stdcv.org](http://www.stdcv.org)*

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Offertory Anthem Now the Green Blade Rises

arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,  
Thinking that he would never wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,  
Your touch can call us back to life again.  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

## Offertory Hymn 211 The whole bright world rejoices now

*Hilariter*

### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### The Great Thanksgiving

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give God thanks and praise." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

*Celebrant*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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

*Frederick Burgomaster*



*The people stand or kneel.*

Priest Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

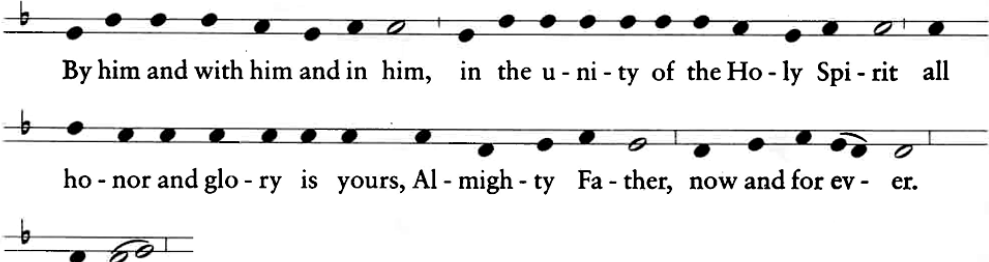
**People** Christ has died.

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**Priest** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ.

**Priest**



By him and with him and in him, in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit all

ho - nor and glo - ry is yours, Al - migh - ty Fa - ther, now and for ev - er.

**People** A - men.

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

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem S155 Christ our Passover

*Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)*

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

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.



Priest    The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who come in faith seeking a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ  
are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to receive  
the bread in your open palm.

If you choose to receive the cup, gently guide the chalice to your  
lips by touching the base.

**At this time, we are not able to allow dipping the wafer into the chalice.**

Those who prefer to receive a blessing, or who choose not to receive the cup,  
may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.  
You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying an usher.

**Communion Hymn 174** At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

*Salzburg*

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

Priest    Let us pray.

**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

Priest            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.**

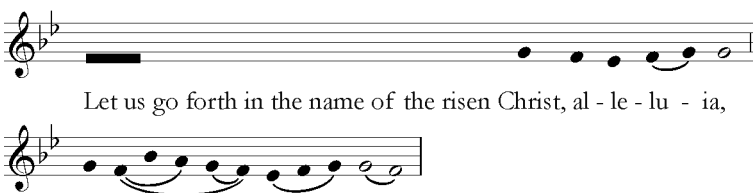
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us  
from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to  
be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

## Closing Hymn 199 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain            *St. Kevin*


Priest



Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Postlude** Toccata in F

*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

*The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude.*

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*“All are welcome to enjoy refreshments with one another outside  
the church following the service.*

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and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age,  
gender, sexual identity, culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*

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*John and Julie Tomlin in loving memory of  
Ralph and Irene Hickcox, Jim and Margaret Tomlin*

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*Jackie Wendland in loving memory of Rev. Mark Wendland*

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*Joe and Beth Heston in loving memory of Doug Hansen*

~

*Rev. Laurel and Peter Coote in loving memory of  
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*Sue Peccianti in loving memory of  
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Ruben Ruybal*

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