



## The Great Vigil of Easter

The First Eucharist of Easter

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**HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

*The people's responses are in bold.*

*This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.*

## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

### OPENING PRAYER

*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.**

### OPENING VERSICLE

*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*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.*

*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.*

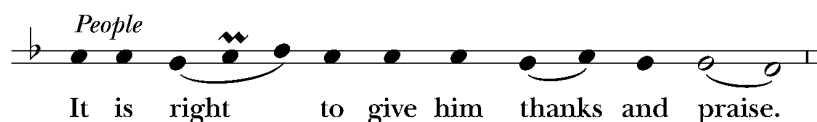
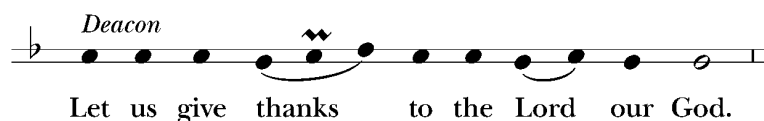
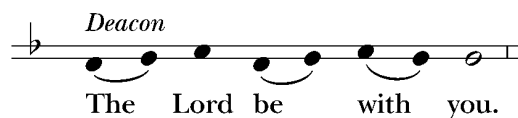
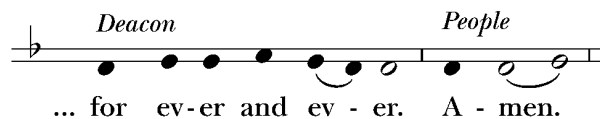
*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

### EXSULTET

*Then the Deacon, or other person appointed, 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,



# *Deacon*

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.

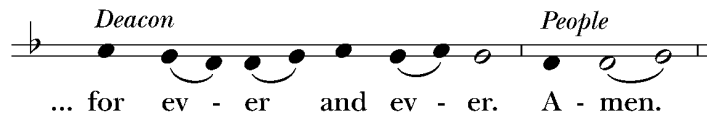
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

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...



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

## The Liturgy of the Word

### INVITATION

*The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture readings 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 FIRST READING

### THE STORY OF CREATION: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

*Reader*

A reading from the Book of Genesis

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>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." <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>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."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>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." <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*Reader* Our response to the reading is a portion of Psalm 136. Please pray it with me.

**FIRST RESPONSE: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26**

<sup>1</sup>**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \***  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

<sup>2</sup>**Give thanks to the God of gods, \***  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

<sup>3</sup>**Give thanks to the LORD of lords, \***  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

<sup>4</sup>**Who only does great wonders, \***  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

<sup>5</sup>**Who by wisdom made the heavens, \***  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

<sup>6</sup>**Who spread out the earth upon the waters, \***  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

<sup>7</sup>**Who created great lights, \***  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

<sup>8</sup>**The sun to rule the day, \***  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

<sup>9</sup>**The moon and the stars to govern the night, \***  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

<sup>23</sup>**Who remembered us in our low estate, \***  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

<sup>24</sup>**And delivered us from our enemies, \***  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

<sup>25</sup>**Who gives food to all creatures, \***

**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
<sup>26</sup>**Give thanks to the God of heaven, \***  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

## **FIRST COLLECT**

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.*

## **THE SECOND READING ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21**

*Reader*      A reading from the Book of Exodus.

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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? <sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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."

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>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.

<sup>15:20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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 to God.**

*Reader*            Our response to the Reading is Canticle 8. Please pray it with me.

**SECOND RESPONSE: Canticle 8: The Song of Moses**

**I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
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.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
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?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**SECOND COLLECT**

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.**

*Reader*        A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>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.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>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.  
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
 a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>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.  
<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
 call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>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.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
 nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
 so are my ways higher than your ways  
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
<sup>10</sup>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,  
<sup>11</sup>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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Reader*        Our response to the reading is Canticle 9. Please pray it with me.

### **THIRD RESPONSE: Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah**

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \***

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \***  
**and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \***  
**from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say, \***

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \***  
**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \***  
**and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \***  
**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **THIRD COLLECT**

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. *Amen.*

### **THE FOURTH READING**

### **THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE: Zephaniah 3:14-20**

*Reader*            A reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>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  
<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.



<sup>19</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Reader*            Our response to the reading is Psalm 98. Please pray it with me.

#### **FOURTH RESPONSE: Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup>**Sing to the LORD a new song, \***  
**for he has done marvelous things.**  
<sup>2</sup>**With his right hand and his holy arm \***  
**has he won for himself the victory.**  
<sup>3</sup>**The LORD has made known his victory; \***  
**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**  
<sup>4</sup>**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \***  
**and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**  
<sup>5</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \***  
**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**  
<sup>6</sup>**Sing to the LORD with the harp, \***  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**  
<sup>7</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn \***  
**shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**  
<sup>8</sup>**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \***  
**the lands and those who dwell therein.**  
<sup>9</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands, \***  
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,**  
**when he comes to judge the earth.**  
<sup>10</sup>**In righteousness shall he judge the world \***  
**and the peoples with equity.**

#### **FOURTH COLLECT**

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 tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

## BAPTISMAL RENEWAL INVITATION

*The Celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing*

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

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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

*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.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

*Celebrant* 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 congregation is sprinkled with baptismal water, a physical reminder of our Baptism in Christ's death and resurrection.*

# **The First Eucharist of Easter**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF EASTER**

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

*The Celebrant may say to the people*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The People extinguish their candles.*

**CANTICLE FOR EASTER VIGIL • S 278**

*Glory to God (Canticle 20)*

*Sung by all*

William Matthias

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,



## COLLECT FOR EASTER VIGIL

*The Celebrant then says*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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 LESSONS

*The People sit.*

### EPISTLE: Romans 6:3-11

*Reader* A reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>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.**

*All stand.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN • #210**

*The day of resurrection*

*Sung by all*

*Ellacombe*

*The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”*

*Descant*

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,  
 From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.  
 our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

*Remain standing*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>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.

And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

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

*The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

## THE SERMON

The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People stand, sit or kneel as able.*

Intercessor    The Prayers of the People are guided by Form 3 found on page 387 of the Book of Common Prayer and in the service leaflet. Please pray them with me.

In Easter light and in peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

### *Silence*

As your uniting light calls us from the darkness, Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Transform us to be light bearers, and grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

In your loving light, we pray for Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; for Marty Stebbins, our Bishop; and for our priests, deacons, and lay leaders at Holy Spirit and across the Diocese.  
We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

In your persevering light, we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

In your merciful light, give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

In your true light, help us to walk with those who are in prison, poor, hungry, oppressed, addicted, homeless, sick, suicidal, or fearful. Today we walk with and pray especially for:

Frank, Anthony, and Benjamin Horton	Marleigh Flanigan	Joel
Bert and Nora Horton	Jeff McElwain	Jeanne
Joan Chaussee	Keegan Yates	Cheyenne
Betty Rice	Tanya Lodahl	Liza
Laura Lambert and her family	Mary Lou Cordis	Graham
Norrie Dusty Bull and family	Laura and Cannon	Jim
Ken and Nancy Hailey	Paula and family	Shannon
Jodie Ulrigg and family	Malcolm Smith	Peg
Nancy Callen	Aaron Evans	Peter
Jari Davis	Tim Iudicello	Sam
		Charlie
		Moe

And any others who we lift to you now.



*The People may add their own petitions*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for all those in whose memory the Easter flowers are given, for those lost to disease, destruction, or violence, and for any others you may wish to remember, silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

In your unending light, we praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

**THE PEACE**

*The People stand*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen. The peace of Christ be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>

*The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# The Holy Communion

## THE OFFERTORY

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

*All are invited to make a gift to support Holy Spirit's ministry of sharing God's love with our community and the world by texting HOLYSPIRITGIVE to (833) 714-3270 or by visiting <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>. You may also put your gift in the offering plate or by scanning the QR code below to give to the General Fund:*



*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion*

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

*That Easter day with joy was bright*

arr. Dale Wood

## DOXOLOGY • #380, vs. 3

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

Hymnal 1982

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

## SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

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

*Celebrant*                      *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 him thanks and praise.

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's 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 • S 128**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*Sung by all*

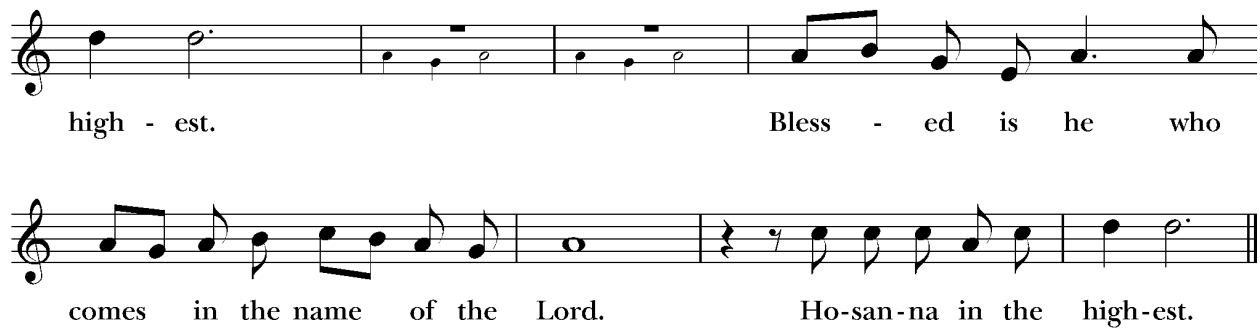
William Matthias

*The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the



*The People stand or kneel.*

*We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and people*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ ] and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

*The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.*

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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung*

### FRACTION ANTHEM • S 154

*Christ our Passover*

*Sung by all*

David Hurd

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

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

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

there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

## INVITATION

*The Celebrant says*

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.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available, and you may drink from the common cup or dip your wafer in the intinction cup. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

*O sons and daughters*

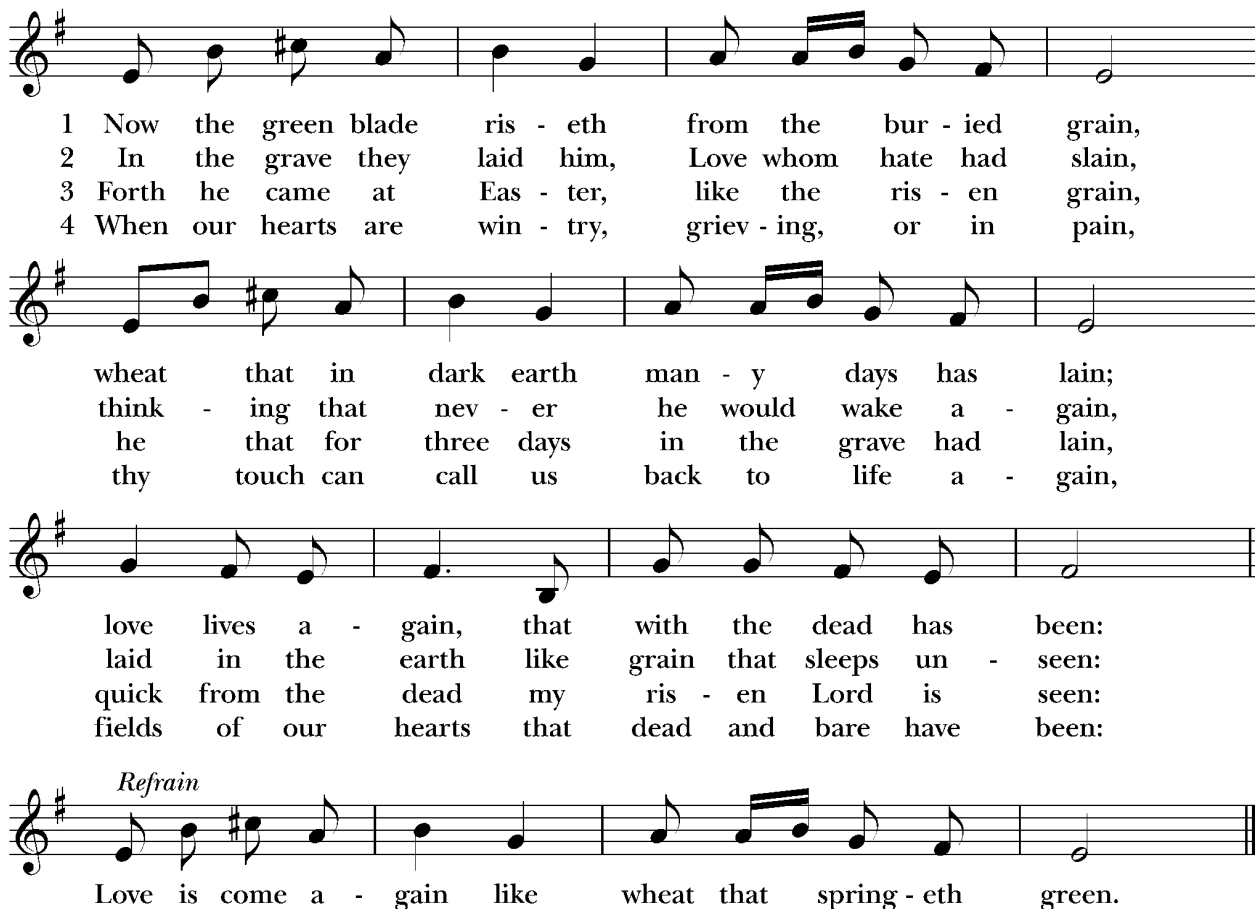
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### COMMUNION HYMN • #204

*Now the green blade riseth*

*Sung by all*

*Noël nouvelet*



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

*Refrain*  
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

## 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.

## BLESSING

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

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN • #180

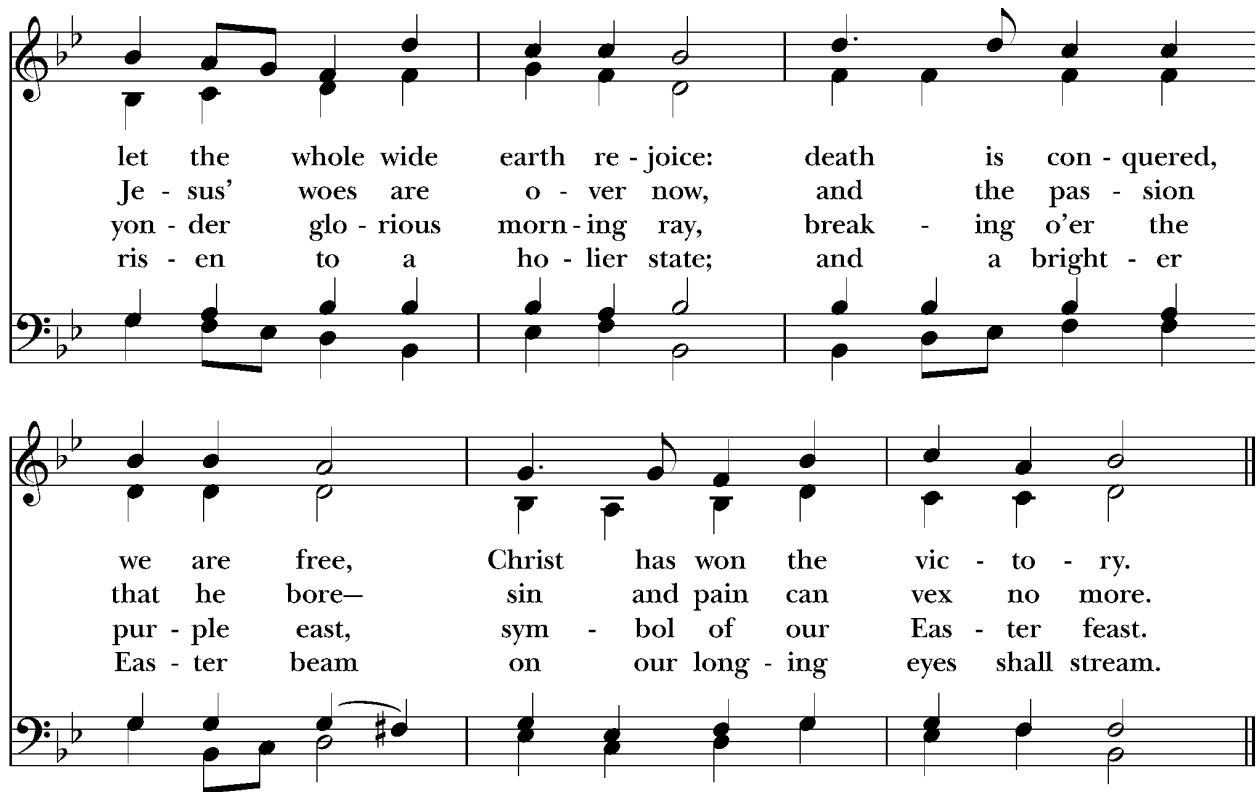
*He is risen, he is risen*

*Sung by all*

*Unser Herrscher*

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,



let the whole wide earth re-joice: death is con- quered,  
 Je- sus' woes are o- ver now, and the pas- sion  
 yon- der glo- rious morn- ing ray, break- ing o'er the  
 ris- en to a ho- lier state; and a bright- er

we are free, Christ has won the vic- to- ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur- ple east, sym- bol of our Eas- ter feast.  
 Eas- ter beam on our long- ing eyes shall stream.

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the hopeful light of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

*We celebrate this Holy Feast*

J. S. Bach



## *Participants in the service*

<b>Presider</b>	<i>The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier</i>
<b>Celebrant</b>	<i>The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger</i>
<b>Preacher and Deacon</b>	<i>The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis</i>
<b>Organist and Choir Director</b>	<i>Dr. Nancy Cooper</i>
<b>Crucifer</b>	<i>Caitlin Sherman</i>
<b>Cantor for Exsultet</b>	<i>The Rev. Judy Anderson</i>
<b>Salvation History Readers</b>	<i>Keith Kuhn, Bruce Bowler, Holly Swartz, Glenn Hladek</i>
<b>Lector/Lay Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<i>Scott Jourdonnais, Holly Swartz</i>
<b>Intercessor</b>	<i>Jocelyn Siler</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>John Rimel, Pat King</i>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<i>Lori Cordis, Beverly Maas, Lucy Deaton</i>
<b>Easter Vigil Reception</b>	<i>Anne Cohen and the Reception Committee</i>



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