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We are so delighted that you are worshipping with us today!

If you are new or visiting, please let an usher know so that we can connect with you!

PRAYGROUND: WORSHIP SPACE RESERVED FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

Located near the choir loft. A soft space with soft toys and floor space for little ones. Pews available in the area or nearby for parental supervision. "Worship Helps" available for older children in the back of the church. The Parlor (near the restrooms) is also available to Nursing Moms that wish to have more privacy. Changing tables are located in both restrooms.

Please note that this service is being livestreamed and members of the congregation may be captured on camera during communion and other parts of the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Rev. Steve Ferguson

In darkness, fire is kindled by the Celebrant and altar party in the back of the church with the following words.

THE NEW FIRE IS KINDLED AND BLESSED

After which the Celebrant addresses the people

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 says 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 BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross on the Paschal Candle and then outlines the letters of the Greek alphabet—alpha and omega— and says the following words

Christ yesterday and today
the Beginning and the End,
Alpha and Omega.
His are all times and all ages
to Him be glory and dominion
through all ages of eternity.

The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

THE PROCESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF LIGHT

After the Paschal Candle is lit from the newly kindled fire, and the Celebrant bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying

The light of Christ.

People **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 Cantor sings the Exultet, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Cantor **The Lord be with you.**

People **And also with you.**

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

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

The Cantor continues

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

This is the night, when you brought our 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.

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

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 Rev. Steve Ferguson

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

THE FIRST LESSON *All seated.*

GENESIS 1:1–2:4A

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

PSALM 136:1-9, 23-26

Chanted by Cantor

Antiphon: God's mercy endures for ever.

1 Give thanks to the, for he is good,*
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods,*
for his mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to theof lords,*
for his mercy endures for ever. ANT.

4 Who only does great wonders,*
for his mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens,*
for his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the waters,*
for his mercy endures for ever; ANT.

7 Who created great lights,*
for his mercy endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day,*
for his mercy endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the night,*
for his mercy endures for ever. ANT.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate,*
for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies,*
for his mercy endures for ever; ANT.

25 Who gives food to all creatures,*
for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,*
for his mercy endures for ever. ANT.

COLLECT

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

SECOND LESSON *All seated.*

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. 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 accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the 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, 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 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 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 fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the 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 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 Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the against the Egyptians. So the people feared the believed in their 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."

THE CANTICLE OF MOSES

Chanted by Cantor

*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.

COLLECT

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

The Valley of the Dry Bones

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

PSALM 143 *Chanted by Cantor*

- 1 Lord, hear my prayer,
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications;*
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant,*
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 For my enemy has sought my life;
he has crushed me to the ground;*
he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.
- 4 My spirit faints within me,*
my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the time past;
I muse upon all your deeds;*
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I spread out my hands to you;*
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

7 O, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;*
do not hide your face from me
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for I put my trust in you;*
show me the road that I must walk,
for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O,*
for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;*
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake;*
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
and bring all my foes to naught,*
for truly I am your servant.

COLLECT

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.**

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

The Rev. Dr. Roman D. Roldan

The Celebrant says to the People

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

The Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People respond with a LOUD voice

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE GREAT NOISE

The bells are rung and celebratory noise is made. The candles at the Altar are now lit from the Paschal Candle, and the lights in the church are raised. The People extinguish their candles. Please hold your candles upright until the wax is dry.

AFTER THE GREAT NOISE, HYMN

HYMNAL 208

The Strife is O'er!

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant **Let us pray.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 EPISTLE

ROMANS 6:3-11

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

After the reading the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GREAT ALLELUIA

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1-10

A Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and

ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Roman D. Roldan

HOLY BAPTISM

All standing. The Celebrant first addresses the people

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 PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Then the candidate is presented by her Parents and Godparents.

Parents and Godparents

I present Emma Chenoa Rodgers Langridge to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

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 parents and godparents who speak on behalf of 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.**

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

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

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

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

THE COVENANT AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader 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.**

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.**

The baptismal party processes to the font in the narthex for the baptisms.

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 BAPTISM AND SEALING

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon them, saying

Emma, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant prays over the candidate, saying,

Let us pray.

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

The Celebrant places a hand the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, and saying

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

Emma, receive the light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People say,

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. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

HYMNAL 174

THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS AND OBLATIONS

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts.

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL 618

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Celebrant says

All things Thee, O Lord,

People **and of Thine own have we given Thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also 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.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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The Celebrant and People sing

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

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.

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.

Celebrant and People say

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

Then 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 our bishops, Andrew[†], Jeff[†], Hector[†], Kai[†], and Brian[†] and all who minister in your Church. 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 patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Dunstan, 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *People and Celebrant, kneeling*

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept, then is sung

Celebrant **Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us**
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table.

To receive Holy Communion stand or kneel at the altar rail. Place your hands together (palms upward), receive the host, & carefully dip the host in the chalice before consuming, or drink from the cup. You may also come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMNAL 188

Love's redeeming work is done

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *kneeling*

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 EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PROCESSION TO SERVE

HYMNAL 199

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

THE DISMISSAL *All stand.*

The People respond **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Organ Voluntary

Krista Mays, Organist

Join us for Easter Sunday tomorrow, April 5! 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:15am, 11:15am (Spanish)

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Easter Celebration Offerings

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

Our Extended Family
Our Children & Grandchildren
Friends & Family
Mitchell & Lauren
Our Family
Our Grandsons Tres & Tate
My Dear Family
Family Members
St. Dunstons
Our Grandchildren
Deen & Diana
Deen & Awonu
Enyioma, Judah, & Imene Akinrinsola

GIVEN BY:

Dick & Joliet Moynihan
Henry & Teresa Killen
Kathleen Ann Bell
Chris & Annette Matthews
Rod & Karen Leis
Patsy & Bob Organ
Kate Wheelless
Charles Juhasz
Stephen & Barbara Jones
John & Mary Taylor
Deena Akinrinsola
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IN HONOR OF:

Shirley Ada
Our Grandsons
Cathy Lejeune

GIVEN BY:

Rod & Karen Leis
Jeff & Kim Lawson
Deena Akinrinsola

IN MEMORY OF:

Ruth Kroon, Melvin & Iris Kroon
Ross & Jeannette Wood
Rod Homan, Curtis Sharpe, Leigh Ann Bryant
Paul & Bertha Moynihan
Carl & Becky Miller, David Miller
Janet Moynihan
John Crowell
Frank Fiore
Mark & Arlette Dyott
Thomas Sellers
Rodney Bishop
Bonnie Jones
Jeri Willen

GIVEN BY:

Carolyn Kroon
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Dick & Juliet Moynihan
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Helen Fiore
Amy & Michael Dyott
Linda Sellers
Sandy & Robert Jones
Sandy & Robert Jones
Dennis Willen

Connie Dyer
Ethel Yolanda Walters
Hazel & James P. Chachere Jr.
James P. Chachere, III
Herman Harris
William Mitchell III
Faustina & Donald Locke
Mark & Diane Erkman
Rose Bernal
Marty, Gene, & Michael Harrington
Chris Hall & Frank Hall
Collie & Brooks Parker
Norma & Barney Wheelless
Warren Wheelless
Sandra Hensley
Rachael Keener
Grant Keener
Cpl. Scott A. McIntosh
Kathryn "Kathie" Blinn
Rhetta Parham
Linda Leach
Betty Little
Connie Dyer
Lee Wallace
Catherine George
Steve, BJ, & Susan
Stephen Dapra
The Cox Family
Our Parents
Katherine Avery Senter
Beth & Dick Laughter
Sandy Ferguson
Jack W. Babcock
Ruby, Nellie, Ibraheem, & Bolaniran
Bill Wheeler
Sarita Gearhart
Jean & Shannon Gunn
Chip Matthews
Artin Bakerjian
Don & Chay Hoyle
Keith & Suzanne Eubanks

Ben & Nancy Dyer
Gloria V. Simmons
Jennifer Chachere
Jennifer Chachere
LaSchon Harris
LaSchon Harris
The Erkman Family
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Trish & Doug Harrington
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Kate Wheelless
Kate Wheelless
Bill Wheelless
Bill Wheelless
Del & Cathi Wisler
Paula Hurst
Paula Hurst
Alex & Gwenn McIntosh
Altar Guild
Altar Guild
Altar Guild
Altar Guild
Altar Guild
Altar Guild
Agnes Lnu
Betsy Rodnok
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Catherine Sullivant
John & Mary Taylor
Vincent, Tyler, & Maddison
Mary Beth Schmitz
Fr. Steve & Bonnie Ferguson
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Deena Akinrinsola
Liz Wheeler
Mia Culver
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