



ST. LUKE **IN THE FIELDS**
487 HUDSON ST. NYC 10014

The Great Vigil of Easter

19 April 2025

8:00 pm

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IN THE FIELDS

Holy Week Schedule and Events



Holy Saturday | April 19

8:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter*†

Easter Day | April 20

Services at 9:15 and 11:15am*†

10:30am Easter Egg Hunt

**Service is also livestreamed*

†Childcare available for children ages 6 and under

Easter Offering Donations

Deadline for inclusion in bulletin is April 13.

Easter donation envelopes can be found on the pew ledges and on the parish life table at the rear of the church. You can also donate online by choosing the “Easter Fund” from the dropdown menu on our giving platform (saintlukesnyc.org/donate). Donations received after April 13 will be recorded, but will not be acknowledged in the *Easter bulletins*.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Please refrain from bringing food or drink (except if for young children) into the church during Mass.

Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices.

People often wish to take the time before and after worship for silent prayer. Please be considerate of your fellow worshippers by refraining from conversations before Mass and applause at the end of the postlude. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

Child-care is available for young children and babies; please ask an usher for directions; all children are welcome in worship, and we encourage parents to bring children to communion.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

A new fire is lighted. All stand and face the Bishop.

Bishop

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.

Bishop *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.*

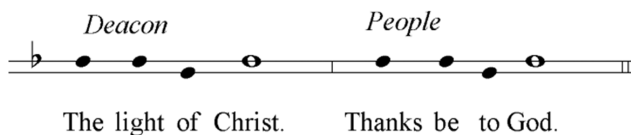
The Bishop marks the Paschal Candle with the sign of the cross, the Alpha and Omega, and the Year of the Lord, saying

This is the year of Our Lord Jesus Christ two thousand and twenty-five. Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega; his are all times and ages, to him be glory and dominion, through all the ages of eternity. Amen.

The Bishop then lights the Paschal Candle, saying:

The Light of Christ, who rises gloriously, drive out all darkness from each heart and mind.

The Deacon, bearing the Candle leads the procession forward, pausing three times and singing:



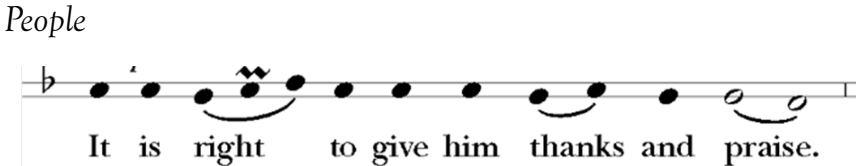
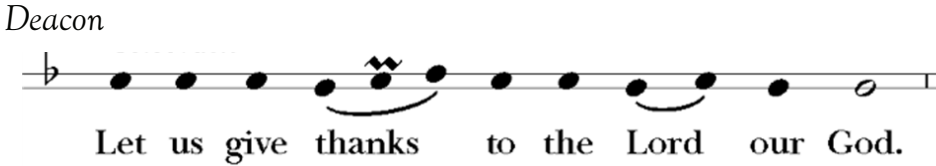
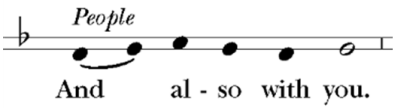
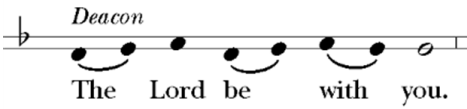
At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

Then the Deacon, standing near the Candle, sings

THE EXSULTET

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.



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 ancestors, 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 we are 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bishop

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.

All are seated. It is traditional at the Easter Vigil that the readings are given without introduction or response.

THE STORY OF CREATION *Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

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.

All remain seated for the Psalm. The refrain is intoned, then repeated by the congregation and sung as indicated.

PSALM 33

Setting by Mason Martens



Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
 it is good for the just to sing praises.
 Praise the Lord with the harp;
 play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
 Sing for him a new song;
 sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet. *Refrain*

For the word of the Lord is right,
 and all his works are sure.
 He loves righteousness and justice;
 the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth. *Refrain*

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
 and stores up the depths of the sea.
 Let all the earth fear the Lord;
 let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him. *Refrain*

For he spoke, and it came to pass; he commanded, and it stood fast.
 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever,
 and the designs of his heart from age to age. *Refrain*

All stand.

Priest Let us pray.

Silence

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

All are seated.

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

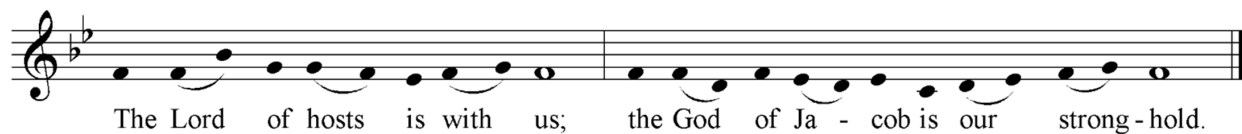
The Lord said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind — every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from

the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh — birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth — so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

All remain seated for the Psalm. The refrain is intoned, then repeated by the congregation and sung as indicated.

PSALM 46

Plainsong, Mode VII



God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. *Refrain.*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. *Refrain.*

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.” *Refrain.*

All stand.

Priest Let us pray.

Silence

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

All are seated.

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA *Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21*

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.” The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all

night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

All remain seated for the Canticle. The refrain is intoned, then repeated by the congregation and sung as indicated.

THE SONG OF MOSES

Setting by Mason Martens



I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted;
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea. *Refrain.*

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. *Refrain.*

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. *Refrain.*

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

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. *Refrain.*

The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever. *Refrain.*

All stand.

Priest Let us pray.

Silence

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

All are seated.

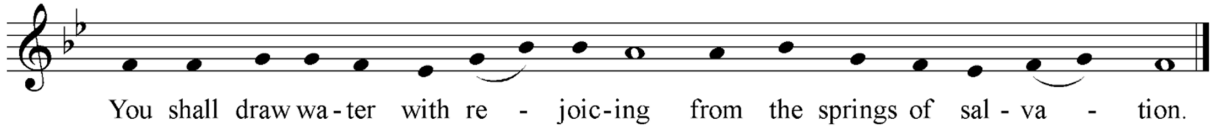
SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL *Isaiah 55:1-11*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

All remain seated for the Canticle. The refrain is intoned, then repeated by the congregation and sung as indicated.

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Plainsong, Mode VIII



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. *Refrain.*

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. *Refrain.*

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. *Refrain.*

All stand.

Priest 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.*

All are seated.

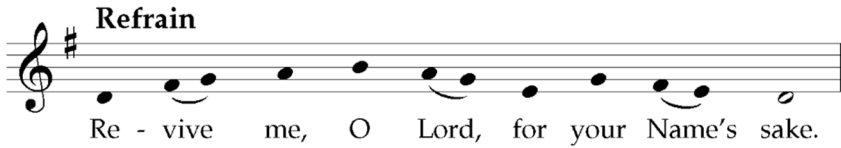
THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

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, prophecy, 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 prophecy, 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.

All remain seated for the Psalm. The refrain is intoned, then repeated by the congregation and sung as indicated.

PSALM 143

Plainsong, Mode VII



Lord, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.

Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be justified. *Refrain*

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.
My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate. *Refrain*

I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands.
I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land. *Refrain*

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

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *

let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake; *

for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, *

for truly I am your servant. *Refrain*

All stand.

Priest Let us pray.

Silence

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

HOLY BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

All are seated.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 301

Bishop The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Candidates for Baptism: Diana Yichu Cao, Luisa Cherian

Diana is presented by her Sponsor, as follows

Sponsor I present Diana to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks Diana

Do you desire to be baptized?

Diana I do.

Then Luisa is presented by her Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents & Godparents

I present Luisa to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the Parents & Godparents

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

Parents & Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

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

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions to the candidates and sponsors

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.

Bishop The other Candidates will now be presented.

Sponsors I present John “Jack” Beeson, Bella, and Grady Tarplee for Confirmation.

Sponsors I present Trent McKnight for Reception.

Sponsors I present Robertson “Mac” McAnulty for Reaffirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

All stand.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Bishop 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 BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop 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 CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

The candidates for Baptism are brought in procession to the Font.

ANTHEM

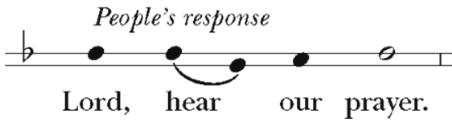
G.P. da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes
aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te,
Deus.

*As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you,
O God.*

The Deacon leads the following petitions. The response to each petition is

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.



Deacon Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop

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

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Bishop blesses the water, first singing

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Bishop

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 Bishop dips the Paschal Candle into the water three times

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.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

The Bishop may then consecrate oil of Chrism, placing a hand on the vessel of oil, and saying Eternal Father, whose blessed Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

The baptizing Priest pours water on each candidate, saying
N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The newly baptized is given a baptismal candle.

Celebrant N., receive the light of Christ.

The clergy and Baptismal party return to the altar. The People are sprinkled as a reminder of their Baptism.

ANTHEM

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture,
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of
righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Then the Bishop places a hand on the person's head, marking the forehead with the sign of the cross with oil of Chrism and says:

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

Bishop Let us pray.

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

Bishop Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Bishop and People

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

AT CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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Bishop Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that s/
he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit
more and more, until s/he comes to your everlasting
kingdom. *Amen*

Bishop N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and
apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this
Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve,
and keep you. *Amen.*

Bishop N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and
uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

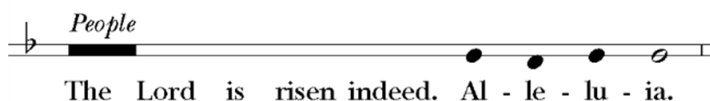
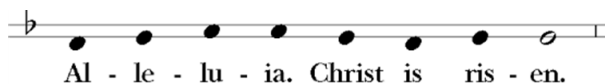
Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these
your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them
in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you
in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Eucharist

All stand.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Bishop



The congregation is invited to join in the ringing of bells. The candles are extinguished.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Hymnal S278*

William Mathias (1934-1992)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop 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.*

All are seated.

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? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

THE GREAT ALLELUIA

Plainsong, Mode VIII

The Great Alleluia is intoned by the cantor and repeated by the congregation. It is intoned again at a higher pitch and repeated. It is intoned a third time at a still higher pitch and repeated.



PSALM 114*Tonus Peregrinus**Sung by all.*

al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia. _____

When Israel came out of Egypt, alleluia,
 The house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, alleluia.
 Judah became God's sanctuary, alleluia,
 and Israel his dominion, alleluia.
 The sea beheld it and fled: alleluia,
 Jordan turned and went back, alleluia.

The mountains skipped like rams, alleluia,
 and the little hills like young sheep, alleluia.
 What ailed you, O sea that you fled? alleluia,
 O Jordan, that you turned back? alleluia.
 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? alleluia,
 you little hills like young sheep? alleluia.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, alleluia,
 at the presence of the God of Jacob, alleluia,
 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water, alleluia,
 and flint-stone into a flowing spring, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 28:1-10*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an

angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *The Right Reverend Mark Beckwith*

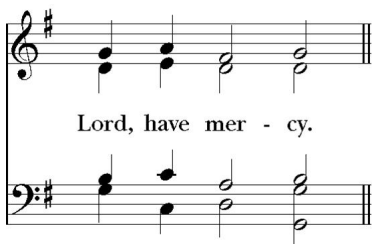
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beloved, offer your intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The people may offer their petitions.

With all our heart, and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,



For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Matthew, Allen, and Mary, our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the newly baptized throughout the world, especially Diana and Luisa, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the newly confirmed, especially Jack, Bella and Grady, for all those received into the communion of this Church, especially Trent, and for all those who have renewed their Baptismal vows, especieally Mac, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church in every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, and for every city and community, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick, the suffering, the hungry, and the lonely; and for those in any need or trouble, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this parish, as we work towards an anti-racist society and for racial justice in our church, our city, our nation and in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Luke, our Patron, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.



The Bishop concludes with a Collect.

THE PEACE

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

Then the Ministers and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Peter Philips (1561-1628)

Ecce vicit Leo de tribu Juda, radix
 David, aperire librum, et solvere septem
 signacula ejus: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Dignus est Agnus, qui occisus est,
 accipere virtutem, et divinitatem, et
 sapien-tam, et fortitudinem, et honorem,
 et gloriam, et benedictionem. Alleluia.

*Behold, the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root
 of David, hath prevailed to open the book,
 and to loose the seven seals thereof: Alleluia.
 Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive
 power, and godhead, and wisdom, and
 strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.
 Alleluia*

OFFERTORY HYMN 174 • Salzburg

All stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

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.

The Bishop continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Hymnal S128*

William Mathias

The Bishop continues. Mid-way through, he says
 Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Bishop and People

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

The Bishop concludes

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 *Hymnal S149*

McNeil Robinson II

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the bread. A short period of silence follows.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Mason Martens (1933-1991)

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

INVITATION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

This is the Lord's Table. All are encouraged to come forward at this time. Gluten free wafers are available from the Priest on the pulpit side of the altar. If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive, you are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. Signal this by crossing your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION MOTET

Thomas Crecquillon (c.1505-1557)

Congratulamini mihi omnes qui diligitis
Dominum, quia cum essem parvula,
placui Altissimo: Et de meis visceribus
genui Deum et hominem.

*Rejoice with me, all ye that love the Lord, for
when I was small, I pleased the Most High:
And from my womb I brought forth God and
man.*

Ego quasi vitis fructificavi suavitatem
odoris, et flores mei fructus honoris et
honestatis.

*As the vine I have brought forth a sweet
odour, and my flowers are the fruit of honour
and truthfulness.*

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 187 • *Straf mich nicht*
All stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER
Said by all.

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 PASCHAL BLESSING

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

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

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

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

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon bids the dismissal.

Deacon

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

al-le-lu-ia.

People

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

HYMN 207 • *Easter Hymn*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!

3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!

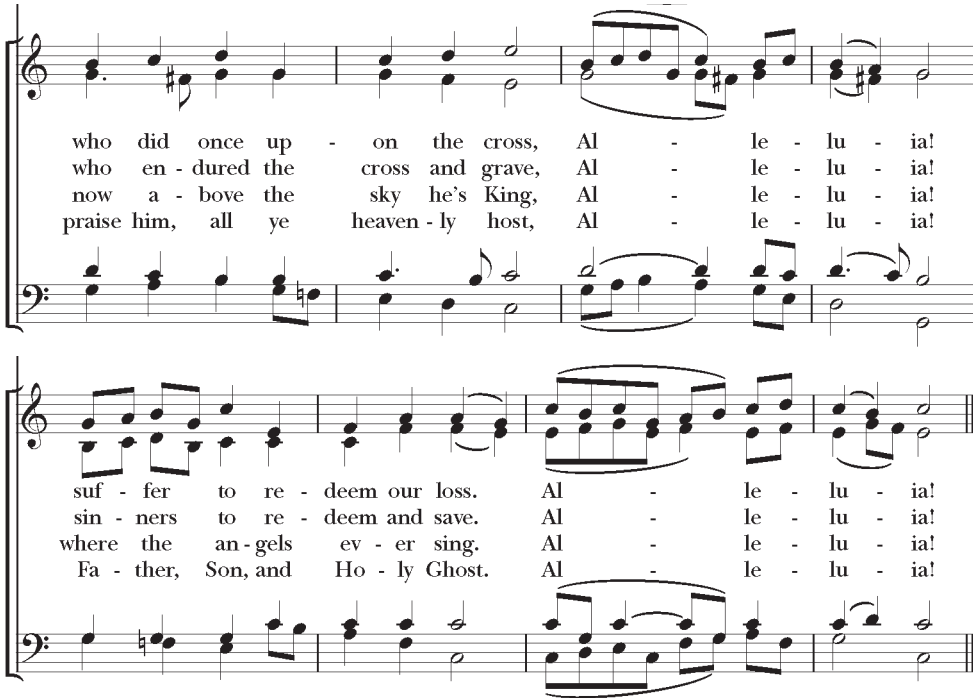
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!

our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



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

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

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708;
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All are invited to a festive reception following the service in the School Dining Room.

Easter Offerings have been enhanced by:

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 Miriam Walden
 Julia Alberino

James Belzer & Jerry Ferreira
 Michael Cudney
 Liliyan DeAngelis
 The Lee-McGraw Family
 Thomas Lawrence

Michael Hudson & Bill Finklea
 Anonymous
 Kurt Weyrauch Memorial Flower Fund

Brad Bellah, given in thanksgiving for Trent
 McKnight

Charles Binkley & David Kemp in memory
 of Dorothy and Charles Binkley, and Leslie
 Kemp

Leslie Evans, in thanksgiving for many
 blessings, and in memory of beloved family
 who have gone before.

Goldalee & Rev. Kat Katsanis ~ Semel,
 in celebration of Kat's Confirmation
 Discernment, for Earth Day, for 18-Year
 "Chai-nniversary" & Goldalee's 2017
 Baptism Anniversary; and in memory of
 Bruce Fulton, our beloved nephew Jermaine,
 & Aunt Robin; and in gratitude to Mo.
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