

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

MARCH 31, 2018

6:00 P.M.



St. Helena's
Episcopal Church and School

410 N. Main St.
Boerne, Texas 78006

The Rev. David G. Read, rector

Welcome to St. Helena's Episcopal Church & School

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor with us, we warmly welcome you to this worship service and to the vibrant life of St. Helena's community. We invite you to fill out a Guest Card found in the pew bookrack and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. We want you to know that all baptized Christians – regardless of your denomination, tradition, age, or background – are invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion during worship. Also, pick up a blue bag as you leave today. It contains our latest newsletter and other information about St. Helena's.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are always welcome in our worship services. Children's sermons are part of our worship during 9:00am and 11:00am worship services. Should you desire it, child care for children ages infants through 4 years is available during all worship services and most parish activities. The parish nurseries (The Ark Room) are located on the ground floor of Wendler Hall (the building closest to John's Road).

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding St. Helena's Early Enrichment Program, Children & Youth Ministries, music, Bible Studies, senior ministries, baptisms, weddings, and more, please feel free to contact our clergy or staff members. More information may be found on our website at www.sthelenas.net.

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I (Sonrise)

9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, March 31, 2018

Prelude

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, fire is kindled. The Celebrant says

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

Let us pray.

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

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



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

The cantor now sings or says

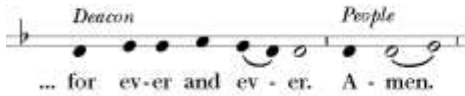
Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.

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,



The people remain standing.

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.**

Priest

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

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

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

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

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

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

Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings, saying

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.

First Reading

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."

When Israel was in Egypt's land

Hymnal 648

Tune: Go Down, Moses

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**

Second Reading

A new heart and a new spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

People and Celebrant

Psalm 42

Quemadmodum

- 1 **As the deer longs for the water-brooks, ***
 so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 **My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; ***
 when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 **My tears have been my food day and night, ***
 while all day long they say to me,
 Where now is your God?"
- 4 **I pour out my soul when I think on these things; ***
 how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

- 5 **With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, ***
 among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 **Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? ***
 and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 **Put your trust in God; ***
 for I will yet give thanks to him,
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 **My soul is heavy within me; ***
 therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
 and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- 9 **One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; ***
 all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 **The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; ***
 in the night season his song is with me,
 a prayer to the God of my life.

Let us pray.

(Silence)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Third Reading

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, "Prophesy 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, "Prophesy 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.

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Hymnal 508

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure,
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine,
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Tune: Nova Vita

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

Presentation and Examination of Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Parents and Godparents say

I present NN. 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.

The Celebrant then asks

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

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

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their 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.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and
in the prayers ?

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

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to
the Lord?

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

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

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

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the people

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The appointed reader leads the following petitions

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

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

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

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

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

Leader Bring them 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 Clergy and People process to the Baptismal font.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, saying

People The Lord be with you.
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.

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**

Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

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

When this action has been completed for all the candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

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

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

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

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

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

After the Baptism, the Clergy and People process back to their places.

The Holy Eucharist

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

The Celebrant says to the people

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
<i>People</i>	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.

Collect of the Day

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

The Celebrant then says

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only- begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

Psalm 114

All stand.

In exitu Israel

- 1 Hallelujah!
 When Israel came out of Egypt, *
 the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
 and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
 Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
 and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
 O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
 you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
 and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

All remain standing.

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already

been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. [And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

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

Sermon

The Rev. David G. Read

Peace

All stand.

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

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

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *The Easter Song of Praise*

Richard Shephard

Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God’s throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
Salute your king in glorious symphony.

Sing choirs of earth! Behold your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly,
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
The night is past the day of life is here!

Sing church of God! Exult with joy outpoured.
The gospel trumpets tell of vict’ry won!
Your Saviour lives: he’s with you evermore!
Let all God’s people shout the long Amen.

Doxology

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

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

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

The Sursum Corda is sung.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By 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:

The Sanctus is sung.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,**

and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
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 persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the priest as you come forward.

Communion Hymn

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands

Hymnal 186

1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for
2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when
3 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to
4 Then let us feast this ho - ly day on

our of - fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right
life and death con - tend - ed; the vic - to - ry re -
which the Lord in - vites - us; Christ is him - self the
the true bread of hea - ven; the word of grace hath

hand he stands and brings us life from hea - ven;
 mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed;
 joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us;
 purged a - way the old and wick - ed lea - ven;

there - fore let us joy - ful be, and sing to
 stripped of power, no more he reigns, an emp - ty
 by his grace he doth im - part e - ter - nal
 Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our

God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of al - le -
 form a - lone re - mains; his sting is lost for -
 sun - shine to the heart; the night of sin is
 meat and drink in - deed; faith lives up - on no

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia!
 end - ed! Al - le - lu - ia!
 o - ther! Al - le - lu - ia!

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic-tor-ious King,
 2 Where the Pas-chal blood is poured, death's dark an-gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might-y vic-tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be-neath thee lie;
 4 Eas-ter tri-umph, Eas-ter joy, these a-lone do sin de-stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow-ing from his pierc-ed side;
 Is-rael's hosts tri-um-phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con-quer-ed in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light;
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di-vine gives his sa-cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas-chal vic-tim, Pas-chal bread;
 now no more can death ap-pall, now no more the grave en-thrall;
 Hymns of glo-ry, songs of praise, Fa-ther, un-to thee we raise:

gives his Bo-dy for the feast, Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin-cer-i-ty and love eat we man-na from a-bove.
 thou hast o-pened par-a-dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris-en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi-rit ev-er be.

Tune: Salzburg

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Hymnal 199

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha-raoh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters,
all the win-ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly-ing
comes to glad Je-ru-sa-lem, who with true af-fec-tion
but to-day a-midst thine own thou didst stand, be-stow-ing

led them with un-mois-tened foot through the Red Sea wa-ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un-dy-ing.
wel-comes in un-wear-ied strains Je-sus' re-sur-rec-tion.
that thy peace which ev-er-more pass-eth hu-man know-ing.

Tune: St. Kevin

Dismissal*Celebrant*

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.****Postlude**

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Holy Communion Classes will be held on Mondays April 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 3:00-4:00 in Room 2. Please contact Dawn McLendon to register your child for this class. dawn@sthelenas.net

Youth Confirmation class will be held Mondays April 23rd, 30th, May 7th, 14th, and 21st from 4:30-5:30 in the youth house. The Youth Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for May 26th. Please contact Dawn McLendon to register your child for this class. dawn@sthelenas.net

Church Office Will Be Closed Tomorrow, April 2nd

Make note of these important dates (*details to follow*)

Welcome committee cooks breakfast 4-8

S.H.E.E.P. Picnic 4-29

Bishop's Visit 5-27

Service of Remembrance 5-27

Vacation Bible School 6-18 thru 22

Big Cool News We have launched a "Donate" button on our website. All manner of donations, pledge payments, tithes, and gifts of all types, may be conducted with more to come, online for your convenience. Check it out at www.sthelenas.net under "Giving".

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Acolytes:	Maddie Boutte	Sr. Warden:	Tommy Mathews
Altar Guild:	Team: 4	Jr. Warden:	Jasen Hart
EM:	Tommy Mathews, Richard, Mitzi Hallmark, Haley Hallmark	Secretary:	Julie Vickery
Ushers:	Scott Hardin, Luke Hardin	Treasurer:	Ron Tribo
Vestry Host:	Tommy Mathews, Brian Topper		

In Thanksgiving for
Our church family of St. Helena's
By Rebecca Hooks

In Memory of Maggie Hastings
By Allison Topper, Leslie Brown and
Stuart Hasting

In Thanksgiving for
All God's Blessings
By Bruce and Nancy Bradley

In Memory of
Bruce "Papa" Calder
By the Calder Family

In Memory of
Our brother Steve
By Beth and Ben Adam

In Memory of
Charles Raleigh Kreuz
By Jim and Tanya Kreuz

In Loving Memory of
Sean Michael Hughston
By Tommy and Beulah Hughston

In Memory of
Our Parents
By Mark and Judy Olender

In Thanksgiving for
Rose Nelson
By Ember and Kastin Peese

In Thanksgiving for
Caldwell and Gish children
By PK and Mary Caldwell

In Memory of
Tom Bousquet
Brother to Teal Anderson
Uncle to Sarah Hardin

In Memory of Our Mothers
Carmen Powell and
Helen Prudhon
By David and Gail Powell

In Honor of
Doris Kruger
By the Daughters of the King
St. Helena's Chapter

In Memory of Our Parents
Russell and Edith Schofield
Ed and Irene Frishmuth
By Ron and Molly Frishmuth

In Memory of
Parrish Martin
By Max and Ann Martin

In Memory of
Rena Carmine and Rose Hamm
By Eldon and Shirley Carmine

In Memory of
Gerry "Curly" Dupre
By Amanda Dupre

In loving Memory of
Rev. Bill Calhoun and Larry Gatell
By Bill and Millie McVey

In Memory of
Granddad, Grammy & Fuzzy,
Ben Barton and H.R. Patterson
By Jeff, Erin, Morgan and Ben Barton

In Memory of
Rebecca Snell
By the Daughters of the King
St. Helena's Chapter

In Memory of
Jackie Wilson and Margie Nagle
By Charles and Lisa Kelley

In Memory of
Maty Holland
By Lisa Butler and Mason Holland

In Thanksgiving for
Our Parents
By Karen and Dan Powell

In Honor of
Deborah Patterson our beloved Nana
By Jeff, Erin, Morgan and Ben Barton

In Memory of
Larry and Janice Mendive
By Curt and Zane Land

In Memory of
Kelth Teague
By Gregg and Rita Tyler

In Memory of
Taylor Geer
By Kim and Ted Geer

In Memory of
Jayne Pritko
By David and Deborah Bruton

In Memory of
Elmer and Lois Dolch
By Jan and Rusty Busby

In Memory of
S.E. (Sam) Ford
By Lee Ann Braley

In Memory of
Hermanetta Christian
By John, Kristin,
Campbell, and Lyle Lynd

In Memory of my Parents
and Grandparents to Sarah Hardin
Fe' and Bob Bousquet, April 17, 1929
By Teal Anderson

In Thanksgiving for
Jonah Short and Parker Davis
Love, Oma and Opa

In Memory of
Tracy Fehlis Aycock
By Janelle and Dick Burns

In Memory of
Christopher Burton
By Jane and Tuffy Burton

In Thanksgiving for
Our Children and Grandchildren
By Mike and Ann McClelland

In Thanksgiving for
all my blessings
By Loretta Shill

In Thanksgiving for
Amy, Aidan and Harley
By David and Jacquil Read

In Thanksgiving for
Lou and Bud's Family
By Bud and Lou Kennedy

In Memory of
Donna Pauff and Barbara Schroeder
By Susan Watts

In Thanksgiving
By Ron and Jeri Tribo

For Special Music
By David C. Boyers

In Thanksgiving for
The McLendon and Mathews Families
By Dawn McLendon

In Thanksgiving for
Jacqui and David Read
By Buddy and Sheryl Loveless

In Memory of
Jack McAndrew and Troy Hallmark
By Mitzi, Haley Hallmark and
Dorla McAndrew

In Memory of
Darlene Bergmann
By Christina, Michael,
Ember and Kastin Peese

In Thanksgiving for the Marriage of our grandson,
David and Danielle
By Eldon and Shirley Carmine

For the Blessings of
our St. Helena's Ministry Leaders
By the St. Helena's Staff

Candidates for Holy Baptism

Natalie Elaine Johnson

John Lyle Lynd, Jr.

Blake Hampton Webb