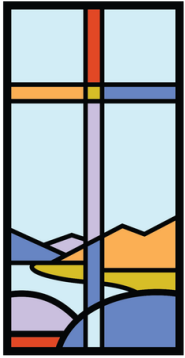


SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER



SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026  
7:00 PM

**EASTER FLOWERS**  
**Given to the glory of God and...**

**In Loving Memory of:**

Julianna Witter and Judy Hoffman	by	Julie Witter
Mom and Dad Gregor and Mom and Dad Yackel	by	Bob & Ginny Gregor
Max & Delilah Grzybowski, The Rev. Canon		
Dr. Kenneth Higginbotham, Ethel "Pat"		
Higginbotham, Scott K. Higginbotham	by	Mary Jo & Ken Higginbotham
My beloved husband, Jeffrey Stephen Gibbons &		
my wonderful sister, Sharon Legg	by	Colleen Gibbons
Hilary Louise Shaw	by	Diane Shaw
Kim Bailey, brother of Rosa Holdredge	by	Rosa & Richard Holdredge
Our parents, Bob & Patricia Raub, Elizabeth &		
Jack Clampitt, and Monte & Anne Ramirez	by	Bob & Kelsey Raub
Russell Boyington, stepdad & grandfather to		
the Sena-Cario Family	by	Cheryl Sena
Susan Barlow and Bruce Lent-Koop	by	Helen & Jeff Barlow
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lives with her kindness, love, and generosity	by	Joey Bultman
Carol Miniajluk, Gillian Lucker	by	Stevan Plote
Margaret Morrow	by	Robin & Dave Morrow
Jean Montella, Jeanne Long, Stan Long and		
our grandparents	by	Rev. Christopher & Erick
Thomas Reece Adkins	by	Richard Adkins
Doel Joaquin	by	Carol, Nick and Avery Vestuto
Melissa Lackman & James Lackman	by	Vernon Lackman
Julia W. Jay (Judy)	by	Julia & Jim George
Our parents, brothers, sisters & nephew who have		
gone before us!	by	Marv & Miriam Aardahl
Lella Dvorak	by	Mary Roberti
Our parents, Lee & Marvin Moore and		
Claire & Don Schlaman	by	Shari & Brett Schlaman

**In Thanksgiving for:**

The blessing of being at St. Stephen's	by	Joanie Stanzione
My grandchildren and the ability to visit them		
very soon	by	Mary Mercogliano
Tony Montella and our families	by	Rev. Christopher & Erick
We are grateful for the community of		
St. Stephen's	by	Amy, Joe, and River
For my daughter, Ash Lawson	by	Greg Dilger
Our daughter Claire, our family & friends and our		
blessed life here in Santa Clarita	by	Shari & Brett Schlaman

We thank Moon Valley Nurseries in Fillmore for providing palms for Palm Sunday.



*Celebrant:* Ho - ly God be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ you. **ALL:** And \_\_\_\_\_ al - so with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ to our Ho - ly God.

**ALL:** It is right \_\_\_\_\_ to give God thanks \_\_\_\_\_ and praise. \_\_\_\_\_

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 Savior; 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 forbearers, 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 God, 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

### *Celebrant*

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

**The Story of Creation Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

Reader: Kelsey Raub

**Psalm 36:5-10**

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,\*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the  
shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Priest: 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 Savior. **Amen.**

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**Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21** Reader: Shari Schlaman

**Anthem**

*Be Not Afraid*  
St. Stephen's Parish Choir

Craig Courtney

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Priest: 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 Savior. **Amen.**

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**A new heart and a new spirit Ezekiel 36:24-28** Reader: Ken Higginbotham

**Anthem**

*Before the Marvel of This Night*  
St. Stephen's Parish Choir

Carl Schalk

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Priest: 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 Savior. **Amen.**

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Psalm 126

- 1      When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
        then were we like those who dream.
- 2      Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
        and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3      Then they said among the nations, \*  
        "The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4      The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
        and we are glad indeed.
- 5      Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
        like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6      Those who sowed with tears \*  
        will reap with songs of joy.
- 7      Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
        will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Priest: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

*Please stand as you are able.*

Priest:      Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People:     **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Please join in the celebration with the ringing of bells in the sanctuary or in your home and singing the following hymn as the altar candles are lit from the Paschal Candle.*

1. He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with joy - ful voice:  
 2. Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and ra - diant brow!  
 3. Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri - um - phant day;  
 4. He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened hea - ven's gate:

he has burst his three days' pri - son; let the whole wide earth re - joice:  
 Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed; Je - sus' woes are o - ver now,  
 not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray,  
 we are free from sin's dark pri - son, ris - en to a ho - lier state;

death is con - quered, we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
 and the pas - sion that he bore; sin and pain can vex no more.  
 break - ing o'er the pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
 and a bright - er Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Priest: God be with you.  
 People: **And also with you.**  
 Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of our Savior'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 Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*  
**THE LESSONS**

### The First Reading Romans 6:3-11

Reader: Steve Plote

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*This Joyful Eastertide*  
St. Stephen's Parish Choir

Charles Wood

Psalm 114

Reader: Ryan Hubbard

- 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.

Gradual Hymn

*A Repeating Alleluia*

Hampton

Repeat until cue

Al - le - lu - ia

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

al - le - lu - ia. Al - le

## The Gospel Reading Matthew 28:1-10

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, O 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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Savior.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Very Rev. Christopher Montella  
Rector

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Priest: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: We present Georgia, Joseph, Laura to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

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

Sponsors: **I will, with God's help.**

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

Sponsors: **I will, with God's help.**

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

Candidate: **I renounce them.**

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

Candidate: **I renounce them.**

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

Candidate: **I renounce them.**

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

Candidate: **I do.**

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

Candidate: **I do.**

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

**Candidate: I do.**

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

**People: We will.**

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

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

### **Baptismal Covenant**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

## Prayers for the Candidates

Reader: Shari Schlaman

Let us now pray for Georgia, Joseph, and Laura who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor: Deliver them, O God, from the way of sin and death.

People: **O God, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: **O God, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **O God, hear our prayer.**

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

People: **O God, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **O God, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: **O God, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **O God, hear our prayer.**

*The Priest says:*

Grant, O God, 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us give thanks.

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

*Priest*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Loving God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism

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

Holy God, 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 God, 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.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

*The people remain standing as they are able while the clergy move about the church sprinkling the congregation with holy water.*

## The Peace

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Members of the congregation who are joining us via livestream are encouraged to post "Peace be with you" in the comments or to use the "like" or "love" reaction button to take part in the virtual exchange of God's peace with the rest of the congregation at this time.*

*Please be seated.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Offertory Prayer

*The People remain seated and say together:*

Loving God, you alone are the source of every good gift. Everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you. Now, help us to be grateful, accountable, and, with praise and thanksgiving, to give of ourselves generously, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory

*Comfort, Comfort*  
St. Stephen's Parish Choir

John Ferguson

Please stand as you are able.

### Doxology

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

G D Em Bm G D G D Em  
 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise God all crea - tures,  
 C G D Em D G Am G/B C F#dim/A  
 here be - low. Praise God, you hosts in heav'n a -  
 Em D/F# G C#dim/ED C G/D D7 G G7 C G  
 bove; Praise God the Trin - i - ty of Love. A - men.

### Sursum Corda S 120

*Celebrant:* ALL: *Celebrant:*  
 Ho - ly God be \_\_\_ with you. And \_\_\_ al - so with you. Lift \_\_\_ up your hearts. \_\_\_  
 ALL: *Celebrant:*  
 We lift \_\_\_ them to \_\_\_ our God. \_\_\_ Let us give thanks \_\_\_ to our Ho - ly God.  
 ALL:  
 It is right \_\_\_ to give God thanks \_\_\_ and praise. \_\_\_

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 Hymn #S128

Mathias

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, 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 Stephen and all your saints into the realm of your eternal joy.

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 God, now and for ever.

Great Amen from *Mass of Creation*

Marty Haugen

A - men, a - men, a - men!

A - men, a - men, a - men!

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Please remain standing during the Fraction hymn.*

Fraction Hymn #S 154

Hurd

*Cantor will sing the refrain first, followed by the congregation.*

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

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

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 are welcome to receive communion. The table we set belongs to God.  
Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey you are  
welcome to receive the Bread and Wine made holy.*

*The church teaches that temporal isolation cannot constrain the sacrament's ineffable power. Calling us to "massive, corporate, spiritual communion,"*

## **The Invitation to Holy Communion**

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

*Priest and People say together:*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Please follow usher instructions for taking communion.*

## **Communion**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May God, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

May Jesus, who in bursting from the grave won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Christ, empower you and fill you with his peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the one, holy and undivided Trinity be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #182

“Christ is Alive!”

Truro

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His  
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to  
 3. Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un -  
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where  
 5. Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through

cross stands emp - ty to the sky.  
 dis - tant years in Pal - es - tine,  
 touched, un - moved by hu - man pains,  
 co - lor, scorn or wealth di - vide,  
 this and ev - ery fu - ture

Let streets and homes with prais - es ring. His  
 he comes to claim the here and now and  
 but dai - ly, in the midst of life, our  
 he suf - fers still, yet loves the more, and  
 till all cre - a - tion lives and learns his

love in death shall nev - er die.  
 con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
 People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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