

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

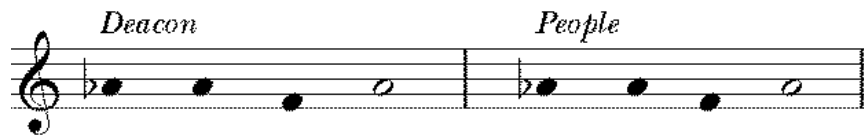
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Welcome! We encourage you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. This bulletin contains the congregation's responses and an outline of our service. BCP page numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer, and hymns (unless otherwise noted) are found in The Hymnal 1982; both books are in the pew racks.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

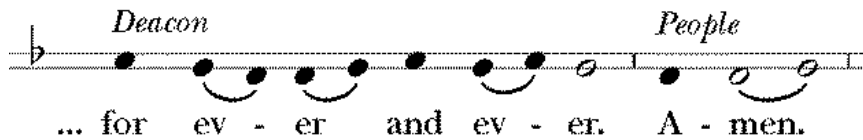
BCP 285

After the Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly kindled fire, the Celebrant, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the church, pausing three times and singing



It is truly right and good, always and everywhere...

...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



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

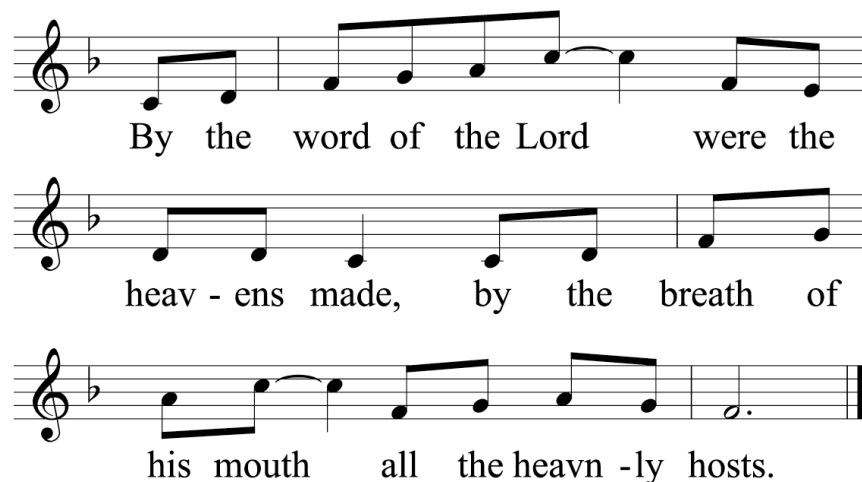
The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1—2:4

Psalm 33:1-11

BCP 626

For each Psalm, the refrain is first sung by the cantor, then repeated by the congregation. The cantor sings the verses of the Psalm, with the congregation singing the refrain where indicated.



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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 psalter 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.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts. **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.

For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast. **Refrain**

The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age. **Refrain**

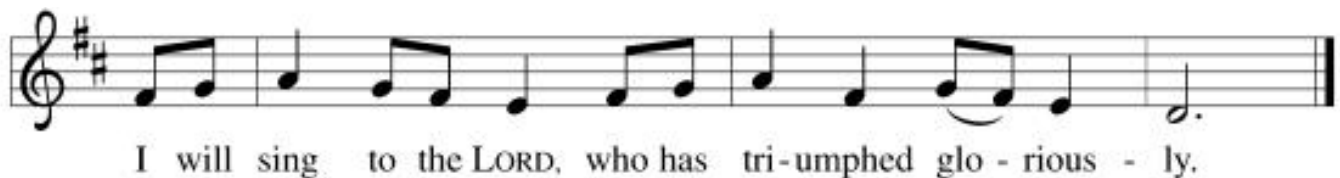
After each Psalm, the Celebrant bids the People stand for silent prayer, concluding with a Collect.

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:1

Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

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Exodus 15:1b

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

The LORD is my strength and my refuge; *
the LORD has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.

Refrain

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O LORD, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O LORD, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders? **Refrain**

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

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

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O LORD, *
the sanctuary, O LORD, that your hand has established.

The LORD shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

Refrain

Salvation Offered Freely to All

Isaiah 55:1-11

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

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Isaiah 12:3

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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

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

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name;

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

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.

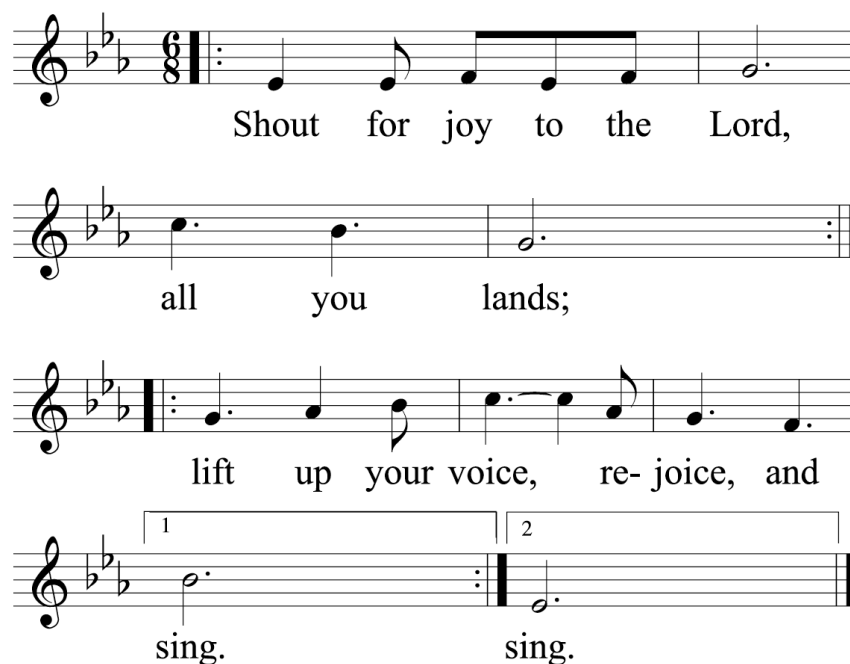
Refrain

The Gathering of the People

Zephaniah 3:12-20

Psalms 98

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Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **Refrain**

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Refrain

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Refrain

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your
commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

To the following five questions, the people respond

People I will, with God's help.

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

The Celebrant sprinkles the People with the holy water of Baptism.

AT THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

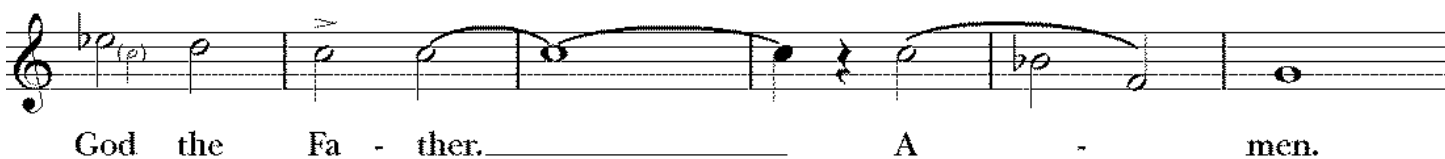
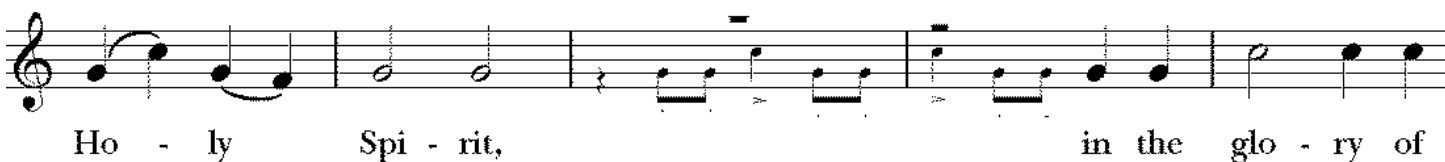
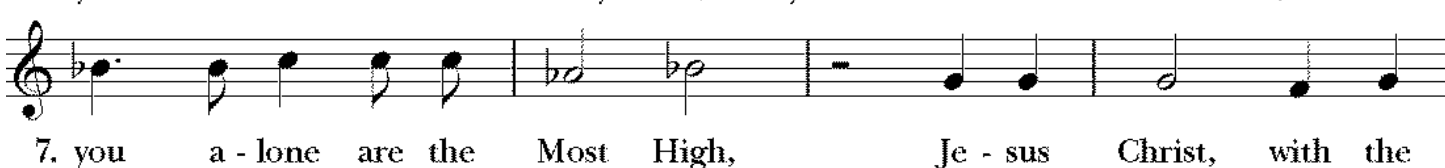
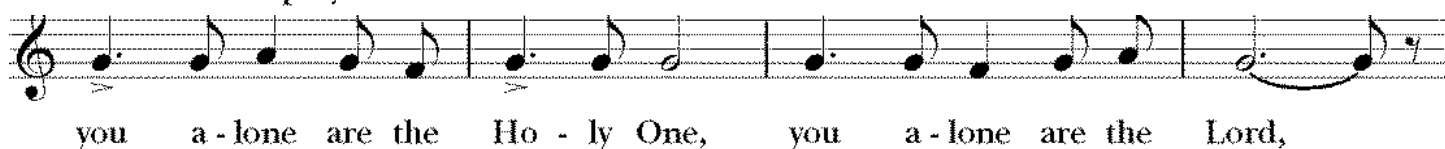
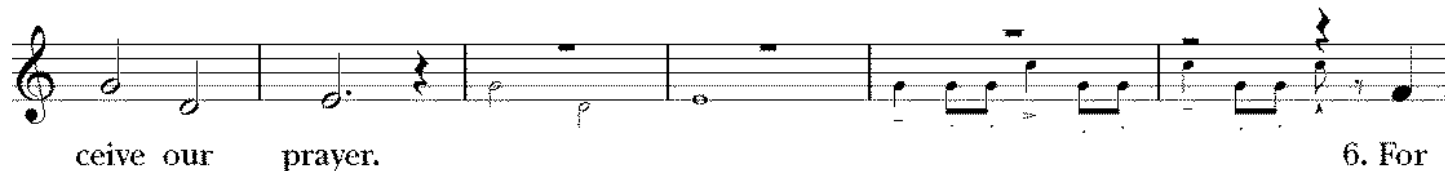
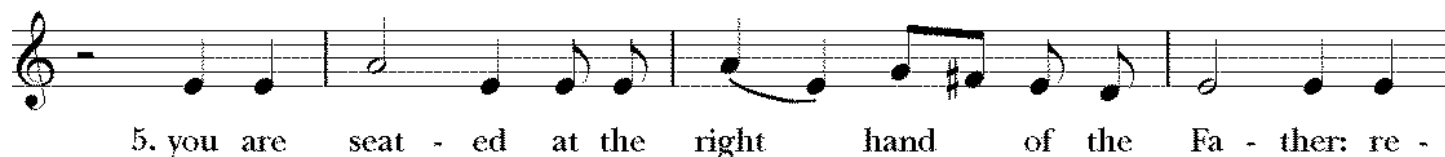
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria in excelsis

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The 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.

Alleluia

Chant Mode VI

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

The cantor sings the appointed verse.

Repeat alleluia.

The Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their

faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Miller

The Prayers of the People

All stand. The leader says

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God, who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray,

Leader Risen Lord,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth
Noël nouvelet, medieval French carol

While the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, the people stand and sing the following hymn.

Hymn 174 (stzs 1, 4)

At the Lamb's High Feast

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP 372

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks...Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power...

...and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues, concluding

...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

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

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

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Cantor



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

All

keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive communion. Please come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers, filling in from right to left, and either kneeling or standing to receive. For those who prefer not to use the steps, please request from an usher that communion be brought to you in your pew. Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to receive both elements by putting hands forward, palms crossed and facing upward to receive the bread, and by lightly guiding the chalice to our lips to receive the wine. Please note that receiving the bread or the wine alone is fully receiving communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, you may come forward and cross your arms across your chest.

Communion Anthem

Psalm 34: Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord
Calvin Bower

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All stand.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Closing Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the

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