

# Solemn High Mass

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

April 4, 2026 8 p.m.

*The Service of Lessons, Holy Baptism,  
and the First Communion of Easter*



*Welcome to Atonement. We hope you will participate fully in today's service, as you feel comfortable. Customary times to stand, kneel, and sit are indicated by italic type. Words spoken by the people are indicated by bold type. Hymns can be found by number in the blue hymnal in the pewbacks.*

*The People gather in darkness.*

## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*In the darkness, a fire is kindled. Please stand, as able.*

### THE BLESSING OF THE FIRE

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.

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

### THE BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*The Celebrant traces the cross, Alpha and Omega, and year into the Paschal Candle, saying*

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End. Alpha and Omega. His are the times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then places five grains of incense on the Candle, saying*

Through his holy and glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard and preserve us.

*The Celebrant then lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying*

May the light of Christ gloriously rising dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.



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.

Therefore, O holy Father, accept the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle, which your holy Church makes before you, and offers to you by the hands of your servants, the work of the bees your creatures. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness as we celebrate the glad solemnity of our redemption. 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.



A - men.

## THE SERVICE OF LESSONS

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

*The People sit and keep their candles lit during the Service of Lessons.*

THE STORY OF CREATION *read by Margaret Wejksnora*

*Genesis 1:1-2:2*

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.

*The Choir sings*

THE PSALM • 33:1–11

*Exultate, justi*

Setting: John Stainer (1840–1901)

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Praise the Lord with harp; sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings. Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage. For the word of the Lord is true; and all his works are faithful. He loveth righteousness and judgment; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host<sup>1</sup> of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap; and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house. Let all the earth fear the Lord: stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. he Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought, and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes. The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever, and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

*The People stand, as able. The Celebrant says*

Let us pray: 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.**

*The People are seated.*

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA *read by Barbara Newman*

*Exodus 14:10–15:1*

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 Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: ‘I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

*The Choir sings*

THE CANTICLE • 8

*The Song of Moses; Cantemus Domino*

Plainsong

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my refuge; the Lord has become my Savior. This is my God and I will praise him, the God of my people and I will exalt him. The Lord is a mighty warrior; Yahweh is his Name. The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea. The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; they sank into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy. Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders? You stretched forth your right hand; the earth swallowed them up. With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling. You will bring them in and plant them on the mount of your possession, The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established. The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever.

*The People stand, as able. The Celebrant says*

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

*The People are seated.*

SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL *read by Miguel Díaz*

*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.

*The Choir sings*

THE PSALM • 42

*Sicut cervus*

Setting: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1526–1594)

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.  
Sitivit anima mea ad Deum fortem vivum:  
quando veniam et apparebo ante faciem Dei?  
Fuerunt mihi lacrymae meae panes die ac nocte,  
dum dicitur mihi quotidie: Ubi est Deus tuus?*

As the hart longs for the water springs, So longs  
my soul for thee, O God. My soul has thirsted  
for the living God: When shall I come and  
appear before the face of my God? My tears  
have been my bread by day and by night, While  
it is said to me daily: Where is your God?

*The People stand, as able. The Celebrant says*

Let us pray: 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.**

*The People are seated.*

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.

*The Choir sings*

THE PSALM • 143

*Domine, exaudi*

Setting: William Crotch (1775–1847)

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire; hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake. And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead. Therefore is my spirit vexed within me, and my heart within me is desolate. Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works; yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands. I stretch forth my hands unto thee; my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land. Hear me, O Lord, and that soon; for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning; for in thee is my trust: show thou me the way that I should walk in; for I lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; for I flee unto thee to hide me. Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee; for thou art my God: let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness. Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake; and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. And of thy goodness slay mine enemies, and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.

*The People stand, as able. The Celebrant says*

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

*The People are seated.*

For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord—the remnant of Israel; they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths. Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

*The Choir sings*

THE PSALM • 98

*Cantate Domino*

Setting: Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, hath he gotten himself the victory. The Lord declared his salvation; his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God. Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; sing, rejoice, and give thanks. Praise the Lord upon the harp; sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving. With trumpets also and shawms, O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King. Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; the round world, and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; for he is come to judge the earth. With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

*The People stand, as able. The Celebrant says*

Let us pray: 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 Lord. **Amen.**

# HOLY BAPTISM

*The Altar Party processes to the Baptismal Font during*

## THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us.

Saint Michael, pray for us.

Saint John the Baptist, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us.

Saint Andrew, pray for us.

Saint John, pray for us.

Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for us.

Saint Stephen, pray for us.

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, pray for us.

Saint Lawrence, pray for us.

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, pray for us.

Saint Agnes, pray for us.

Saint Gregory, pray for us.

Saint Monica, pray for us.

Saint Augustine, pray for us.

Saint Athanasius, pray for us.

Saint Martin, pray for us.

Saints Benedict and Scholastica, pray for us.

Saints Francis and Dominic, pray for us.

Saint Brigid, pray for us.

Saint Hilda of Whitby, pray for us.

Saint Hildegard of Bingen, pray for us.

Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for us.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

Saint Catherine of Siena, pray for us.

Saint Teresa of the Little Flower, pray for us.

Saint Absalom Jones, pray for us.

Saint Óscar Romero, pray for us.

All holy men and women, Saints of God, pray for us.



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.**

*During the procession from the font, the Celebrant sprinkles the people with holy water. It is customary to make the sign of the cross when you feel the water as a reminder of your baptism.*

THE VIDI AQUAM

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

*Vidi aquam egredientem de templo,  
a latere dextro, Alleluia:  
Et omnes ad quos pervenit aqua ista,  
salvi facti sunt, Et dicent: Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus,  
quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus.  
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

I saw water, proceeding out of the temple,  
on the right side thereof, alleluia:  
and all they to whom that water came were  
healed every one; and they say, alleluia, alleluia.  
O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious:  
and his mercy endureth for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is  
now, and ever shall be, world without end.

# ✻ THE MASS ✻

*The Mass Ordinary is “Missa Elliensis” by Arthur Wills (1926–2020)*

## THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

*The Easter Proclamation and Response is sung three times, at successively higher pitches.*

*The Choir sings*

## THE GLORIA

*Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,  
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam,  
Dómine Deus, Rex cælestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
súscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your  
great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of The Father,  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
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.**

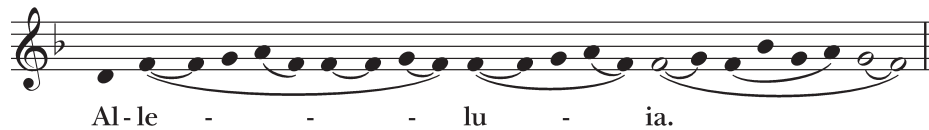
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Please stand, as able, as the Cantor sings*

THE GREAT ALLELUIA

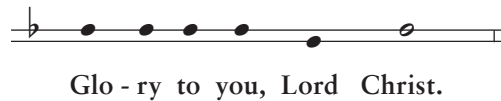


*The Alleluia is sung three times by the Cantor, at successively higher pitches, with the People repeating it each time.*

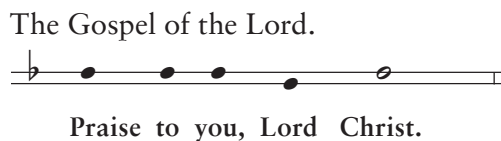
THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–10

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.




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.”



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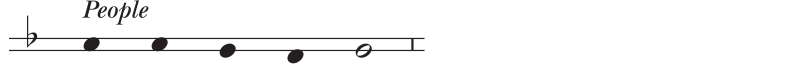
### THE PEACE

*Celebrant*



The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

*People*



And al - so with you.

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If this is your first time here, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a Welcome Card, which can be found in the pewbacks, and place it in the offering basket or hand it to the priest or an usher after the service.*

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY PROPER

*Dextera Domini*

The right hand of the Lord hath the preeminence; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass: I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O sons and daughters*

Sir Walford Davies (1869–1941)

Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of Heaven, the glorious King,  
Over death today rose triumphing.  
Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sat, and spake unto the three,  
“Your Lord doth go to Galilee.”  
Alleluia!

That night th’apostles met in fear;  
Amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
And said, “My peace be on all here.”  
Alleluia!

How blessed are they who have not seen,  
And yet whose faith has constant been;  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days  
Our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise  
To Thee, in jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia!

*Please stand, as able, and sing*

### THE OFFERTORY HYMN • 182

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

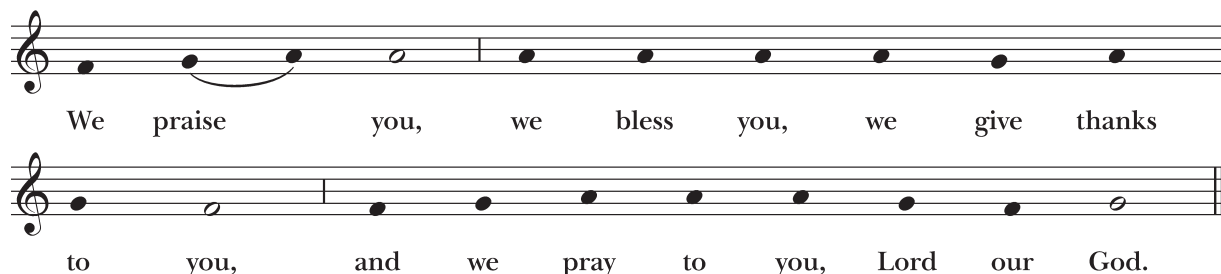
*Truro*



had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.



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

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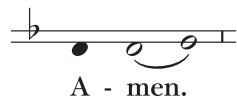
Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs and patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Gregory the Great, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

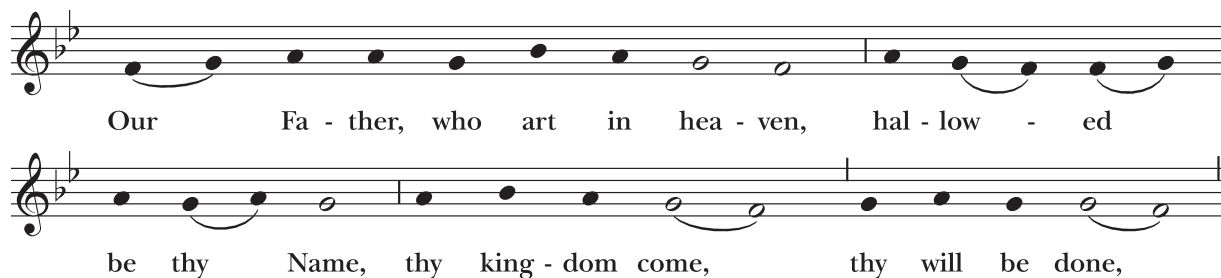
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



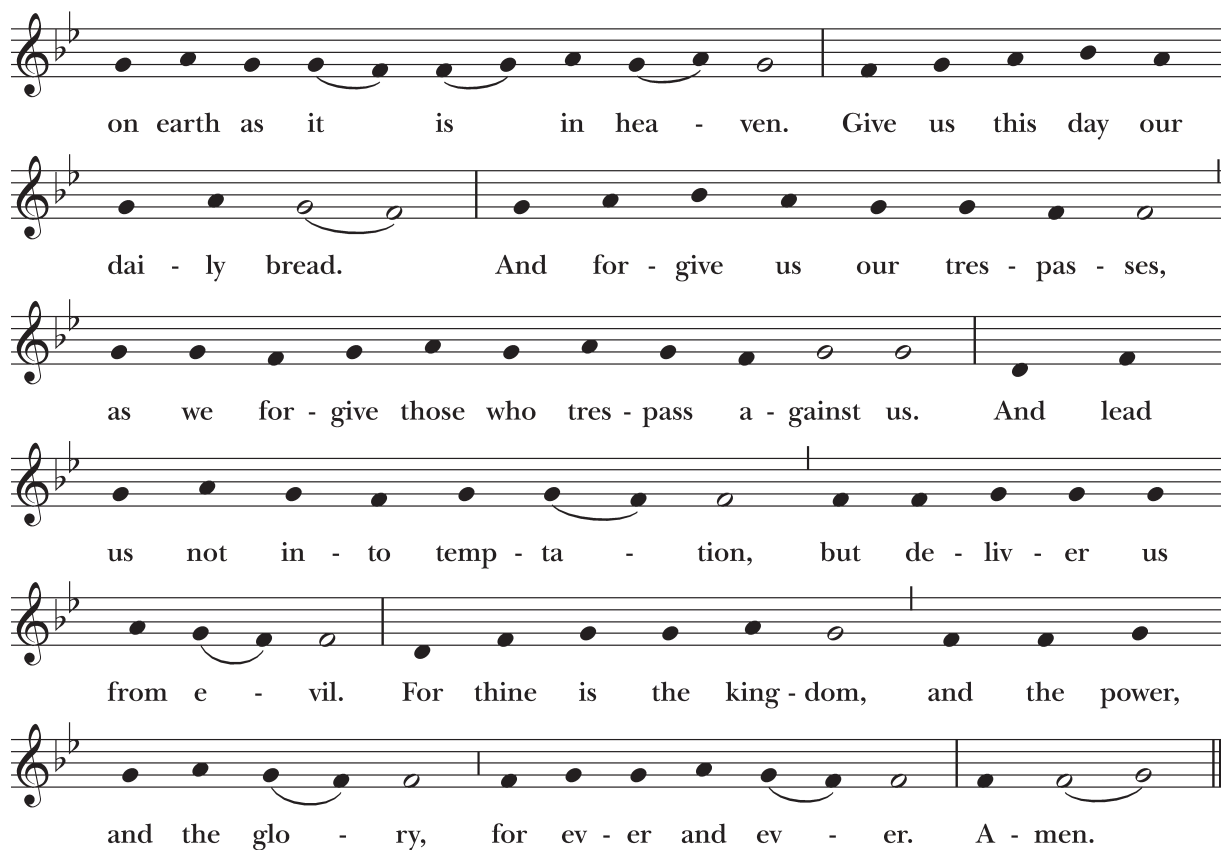
A - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

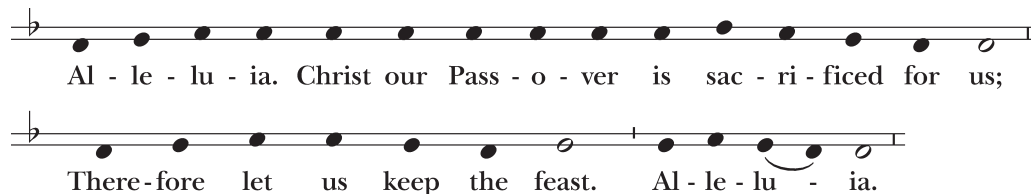


Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,



on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE FRACTION



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.

*The Choir sings*

THE AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*Everyone is welcome to come forward at this time. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion in both bread and wine. Please do not dip your bread in the wine. Gluten-free bread is available; please notify the priest as they come to you.*

*If you are not baptized, or if you prefer, you may receive a blessing from the priest instead: cross your arms over your chest to indicate this. If you do not wish to receive wine, cross your arms over your chest after receiving the bread. Please remain in place until the person next to you has received Communion.*

#### THE COMMUNION PROPER

*Pascha nostrum*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia: therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Sing ye to the Lord*

Sir Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

Sing ye to the Lord  
For He hath triumphed gloriously  
Pharaoh's chariots and his host  
Hath He cast into the sea  
Mighty Victim from the sky  
Hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;  
Thou hast conquered in the fight  
Thou hast brought us life and light  
Now no more can death appall  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
Thou hast opened Paradise  
And in Thee Thy Saints shall rise

Mighty Victim from the sky  
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Thou hast brought us life and light;  
Thou hast opened Paradise  
And in Thee Thy Saints shall rise  
Alleluia!  
Amen.

#### THE COMMUNION HYMN • 324

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

*Picardy*

*Please kneel or stand, as able, for*

#### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

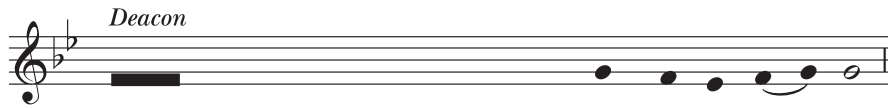
Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE EASTER BLESSING

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

THE DISMISSAL



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



al - le - lu - ia.



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

THE CLOSING HYMN • 207

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!*

*Easter Hymn*

THE VOLUNTARY

*Final from Symphony No. 1*

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)



*Please join us for refreshments after the service in Montgomery Hall,  
through the double doors on the right side of the church.*

*The flowers at the Paschal candle are given to the glory of God  
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*In memory of Richard Laurenzi by Evelyn Laurenzi*

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*In memory of Charles & Marjorie Waltz and Norma June Bedaloe by Michael Waltz*

*In thanksgiving for blessings received by Leonard Caramela*

*In memory of my parents, Robert and Anna Loewe, by Elizabeth Loewe*

*In memory of Mary Susan Loewe by Elizabeth Loewe*

*In memory of Jeanmarie Sullivan, Edith Elliott, Amanda Elliott, and Alan Mawdsley by Chuck Elliott & Margaret Sullivan*

*In memory of John Fleckenstein and Alice & Charles Rigby by Beth Fleckenstein*

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*In memory of deceased members of the Fox family by Br. Ron Fox*

*In memory of Elaine Van Horn by Charlene Reynolds*

*In memory of Martha, Helen & John Wahlers and the Cassidy Family by Ann & Tom Cassidy*

*In memory of Eric Jasper by Liz Sarnik*

*In memory of Ann Terry by Mary Devlin*

*In memory of Joe Nathan Carter, John & Galine Challas, Cecilia Christensen, Bob Darling, E. John Ford, the Rev'd Robert Kirk Galloway, Barbara Greeter, the Rev'd William F. Johnson, Roland Krause, Chuck Meyer, Doris & Rudy Munis, Ruth & Ed Petersen, Janet Reilley, the Very Rev'd Dean Paxton Rice, Suzanne Schaeffer, Somjit Sirisuvan, Opat Srisai, Jennifer Sutton, Don Walski, and Ted Young by Kay Sirisuvan*

## HOLY WEEK AT ATONEMENT



### **Sat., Apr. 4: Holy Saturday / The Great Vigil**

There will be no Healing Mass on Saturday morning.

A special Holy Saturday service recalling the descent of Jesus into Hell will be offered at a 10 a.m.

During the Easter Vigil at our 8 p.m. Solemn High Mass, we witness the transition from darkness to light—death to resurrection—and read of God's deliverance. This Mass will be celebrated at the high altar. If you can join us in person, the Vigil will be live-streamed.

### **Sun., Apr. 5: Easter Day / The Feast of the Resurrection**

Please join us for our 8 a.m. Spoken Mass, 9 a.m. Sung Mass, or 11 a.m. Solemn High Mass as we give thanks that those who die in Christ shall be, like him, raised in glory. We will also host an Easter egg hunt for the children on the north lawn at 10 a.m. (weather permitting).





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## Clergy, Staff & Leadership

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## Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS Low Mass 8 a.m., Family Mass 9 a.m., Solemn High Mass 11 a.m.

WEEKDAYS Monday and Friday 7:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon, Wednesday 7 p.m.

SATURDAYS The Holy Rosary 9:30 a.m., Healing Mass 10 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER Daily 8:30 a.m. *on Google Meet*

EVENING PRAYER Tuesday 5:30 p.m. *on Google Meet*

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