



THE EASTER VIGIL

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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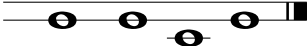
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✠ Service of Light

The catechumens and their sponsors, and the chancel party gather around the new fire. The Presiding Celebrant blesses the fire and prepares the Paschal Candle to be lit from the fire. The Sub-deacon carries the lit candle into the Church, pausing inside the front door. The congregation stands. The Sub-deacon sings:

Leader: The light of Christ.

All: 

Thanks be to God.

The chancel party, catechumens and sponsors process into the narthex and pause at the second station. They receive the light and then move up the centre aisle. They pause at the third station and the congregation receives the light. After the last station, the Sub-deacon installs the Candle in its stand, while the choir sings:

Phos Hilaron (George Black)

The Exultet (Doug Cowling)

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

All: 

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Leader: Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**


Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the
unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's
sin to our eternal Father.

All: 
Al - le - lu - ia!

Leader: This is the Passover feast, when Christ,
the true Lamb is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of
Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the night when Christians everywhere,
washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement,
are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of
death and rose triumphant from the grave.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless
your merciful love! To ransom a slave, you gave away your Son.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away,
restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth
and we are reconciled with God!

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: Therefore Heavenly Father in the joy of this night receive our evening sacrifice
of praise your church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter Candle, may it
always dispel the darkness of this night.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: May this Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that
Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all
creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

After the Exultet, hand tapers are extinguished.

*The Paschal Candle burns at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.
The Presider invites the community to hear the story of God's liberation. All are then seated.*

✠ Vigil of Readings and Prayers

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God,
recalling how he saved his people throughout history
and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

First Reading

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, ‘Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and

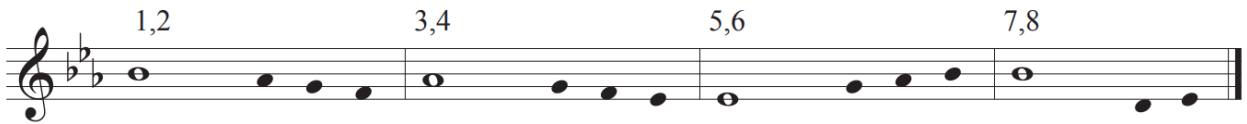
to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Genesis 1.1-2.4a

Psalm 136.1-9 *(George Black)*



(1) Praise to you, O God, for your goodness,

(2) your mercy endures for ever!

(3) Praise to you, God of gods,

(4) your mercy endures for ever!

(5) Praise to you, Monarch of monarchs,

(6) Your mercy endures for ever!

(1) You only do great wonders,

(2) for your mercy endures for ever.

(3) By your wisdom you made the heavens,

(4) for your mercy endures for ever.

(5) You spread out the earth upon the waters,

(6) for your mercy endures for ever.

(1) You created grëat lights,

(2) for your mercy endures for ever.

(3) The sun to rule the day,

(4) for your mercy endures for ever;

(7) The moon and the stars to govern the night,

(8) for your mercy endures for ever.

A brief silence is observed

Collect

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Almighty and eternal God,
you created all things in wonderful beauty and order.
Help us now to perceive
how still more wonderful is the new creation,
by which in the fullness of time
you redeemed your people
through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Second Reading

Please be seated

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.’

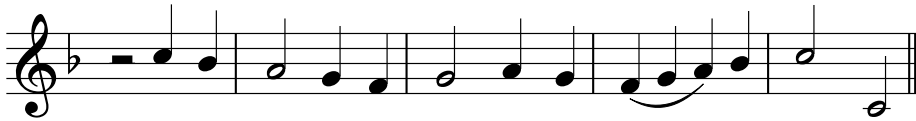
Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed 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.’

Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21

Song of Miriam and Moses (*George Black*)

Refrain:



I will sing to the Lord for his glo - rious tri-umph.

I will sing to the Lord for his glorious triumph;
the horse and the rider he has hurled into the sea.
The Lord has become my strength and refuge;
the Lord himself has become my saviour. **Refrain**

He is my God and I will praise him;
my father’s God and I will exalt him.
The Lord himself is a mighty warrior;
the Lord, the Lord is his name. **Refrain**

Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power;
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods,
holy, awesome, worker of wonders? **Refrain**

In steadfast love you led your people,
You guided your redeemed with your great strength.
You brought them in safety to your holy place,
And planted them firm on your own mountain.
You brought them into your own house.
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever. **Refrain**

A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Please rise as you are able

Priest: God of steadfast love,
your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day.
By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered 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.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Third Reading

Please be seated

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.

Ezekiel 36.24-28

Hymn: #399 (Gather) "Deep Within"

Please rise as you are able and sing

Refrain:

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The first three staves form the main refrain, and the last two staves provide three alternative endings. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Deep with-in I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your
heart. Fol-low me, I will bring you back, you will
be my own, and I will be your God.

1. I will give you a new heart, a new spir - it with -
2. Seek my face, and see your
3. Re - turn to me, with all your

in you, for I will be your strength.
God, for I will be your hope.
heart, and I will bring you back.

D.C.

Text: Jeremiah 31.33, Ezekiel 36.26, Joel 2.12; David Haas (1957-). Tune: David Haas (1957-); acc. by Jeanne Cotter, (1964-). © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Priest: Almighty and everlasting God,
in the paschal mystery you established
the new covenant of reconciliation.
Grant that all who are born again in baptism
may show forth in their lives
what they profess by their faith.
Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Fourth Reading

Please be seated

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements 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.

Zephaniah 3.14-20

Hymn: "Give to the Wind your Fears"

Please rise as you are able and sing



1. Give to the winds your fears. Hope and be un - dis-mayed.
2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears your way.
3. Even though you do not rule, yet heaven and earth and hell
4. Your ev - er - last - ing truth, O God, your cease - less love,



God hears your sighs and counts your tears. God shall lift up your head,
Wait for the time, so shall this night soon end in joy - ous day,
pro-claim God sits up - on the throne, and rules o'er all things well,
sees all your chil-dren's wants, and knows what best for each will prove,



God shall lift up your head.
soon end in joy - ous day.
and rules o'er all things well.
what best for each will prove.

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A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Priest: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery.
By the effectual working of your providence,
carry out in tranquillity 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.

All: **Amen.**

✠ The Celebration of Baptism & Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The candidates gather at the font with the sponsors laying a hand upon their shoulders.

Priest: Blessed be God,

All: **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Priest: by whose great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope,

All: **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

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

Sponsors: We present Elisa, Jerry, Pearl
to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest: Elisa, Jerry, Pearl, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

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

Candidates: I renounce them.

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

Candidates: I renounce them.

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

Candidates: I renounce them.

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

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do.

The congregation stands, the Priest addresses the people, saying,

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power
to support Elisa, Jerry, and Pearl in their life in Christ?

***People:* We will.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Water is poured into the Font. The Priest says,

Priest: Let us now pray for Elisa, Jerry, and Pearl
who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Sponsor: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

✠ The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All: **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.**

All: **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?

All: **I believe in God 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?

All: **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?

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

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

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

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

All: **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?

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

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

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

Thanksgiving over the Water

Water is poured into the font.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water 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 celebrate our fellowship in him in faith. Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who have passed through the waters of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Baptism

The Priest then pours water over the candidates saying,

Priest: Elisa, Jerry, Pearl, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

The Priest makes the sign of the cross on the candidate's forehead saying,

Priest: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

The Priest prays over the newly baptized, saying,

Priest: Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon Elisa, Jerry, Pearl the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised her/him to the new life of grace.
Sustain her/him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give her/him 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.

People: Amen.

The Giving of the Light

A candle is given to the newly baptized, the priest saying,

Priest: Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.

The Asperges

The Candidates and Priests sprinkle the congregation with water

“Tryin’ to get Ready” (arr. Clayton White)

All sing

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the song. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line, which includes a first ending (marked '1.') and a second ending (marked '2.'). The first ending leads back to the beginning of the second line, and the second ending leads to the final line.

Tryin' to get read - y, tryin' to get read - y, tryin' to get
read - y, Lord, Read - y to try on my long, white robe,
Read-y to try on my long, white robe. long, white robe.

Priest: God the creator, the rock of our salvation,
has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
May God keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

All remain standing for the Proclamation of Easter.

✠ The Easter Proclamation

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

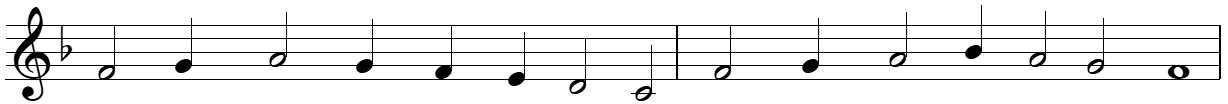
All: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*A fanfare sounds. Everyone ring your bells, shake your shakers, or beat your pots and pans.
In short, make lots of noise! Then all sing the Gloria.*

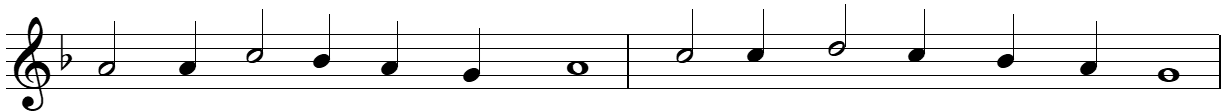
Song of Praise: #366 (Common Praise)



1. Glo - ry, in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.
2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Lamb of God, for sin - ners given,



Wor - ship, thanks, and praise un - ceas - ing to the Source of all we raise:
Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma - ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:



reign - ing in the sap - phire height, hid - den from our mor - tal sight,
ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



now re - ceive our a - dor - a - tion, as we make our sup - pli - ca - tion.
with the Spir - it there u - nit - ed, and the God - head high ex - alt - ed.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Eternal Giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ.
Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Epistle

Please be seated

Reader: 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. 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.

Romans 6.3-11

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Gradual Hymn: #227 (Common Praise) “Israel Went Out” *Please rise as you are able & sing*



1. Is - ra - el went out from E - gypt, trem-ble at the pres-ence of God;
2. Moun-tains skipped just like scared rams, so trem-ble at the pres-ence of God.
3. Trem - ble, O you earth and sky, yes, trem-ble at the pres-ence of God.



sanc - tu - ar - y found in Ju - dah, trem-ble at the pres-ence of God.
Hills were bound - ing like young lambs, yes, trem-ble at the pres-ence of God.
God is strong, how great and high, so trem-ble at the pres-ence of God,



Great seas saw them come and ran a - way in fright,
Tell us, great roar - ing sea, why do you run a - way?
who has brought cool - ing rains when days grew hot - ter,



trem-ble at the pres-ence of God. Ho - ly Jor - dan turned her wa - ters
Trem-ble at the pres-ence of God. Ho - ly moun-tains strong and bold, why
trem-ble at the pres-ence of God. Sto - ny hills are burst - ing forth with



back at the sight, trem-ble at the com-ing of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia,
must you shake that way? trem-ble at the com-ing of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia,
cool - ing wa - ter, trem-ble at the com-ing of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al-le-lu-ia.
al-le-lu-ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al-le-lu-ia.
al-le-lu-ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al-le-lu-ia.

X=stomp and clap

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 worshipped 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 Christ.

Matthew 28.1-10

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Steven Mackison

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed.

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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Offertory Hymn: #430 (Gather) “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

All Sing



1. I know that my Re - deem-er lives; What joy the blest as - sur-ance gives
2. He lives, to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me a - bove;
3. He lives, and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and I shall con-quer death;
4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name; He lives, my Sav-iour still the same;



He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last-ing Head!
He lives, my hun - gry soul to feed; He lives, to help in time of need.
He lives, my man - sion to pre - pare; He lives, to bring me safe-ly there.
What joy the blest as - sur - ance gives; I know that my Re-deem-er lives!

Text: Samuel Medley (1738-1799). Tune: John Hatton (c.1710-1793).

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



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



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus: #726 (Common Praise)



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,



God of power and might, heav-en 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.

Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your People; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

***All:* we remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

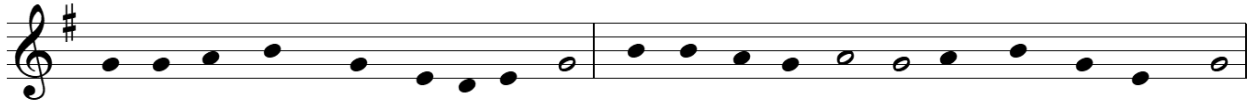
Priest: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

***All:* Amen.**

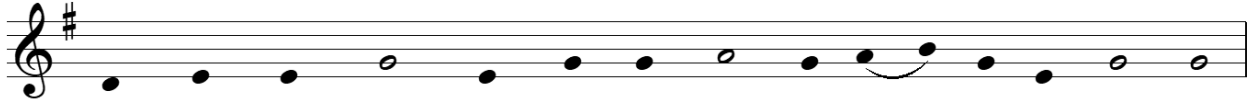
The Lord's Prayer

Priest:

People:



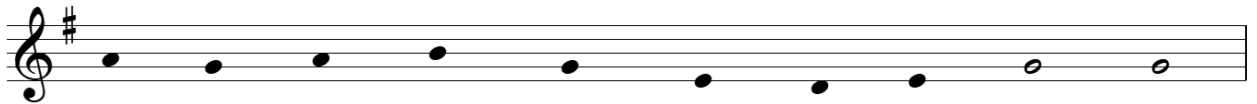
As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,



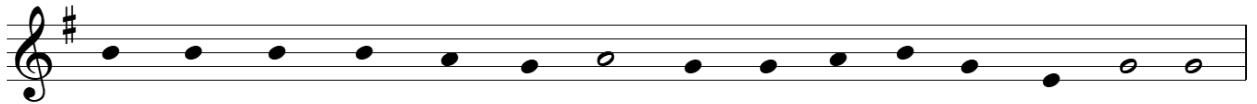
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



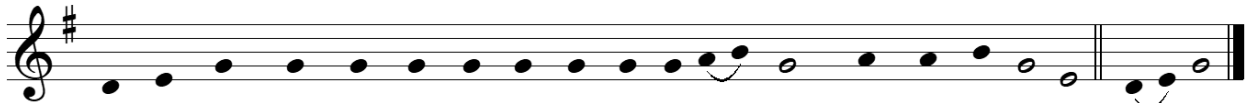
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins



as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

MUSIC: McNeil Robinson © 1979, Theodore Presser Co.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Priest: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Fraction Hymn: “Christ Our Passover”

Fine *Leader*

Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri-

Response *Leader*

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

Response *Leader*

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

Response *D.C.*

ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

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The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Priest: Dear friends,
I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God’s people,
unseen and yet present with us now.

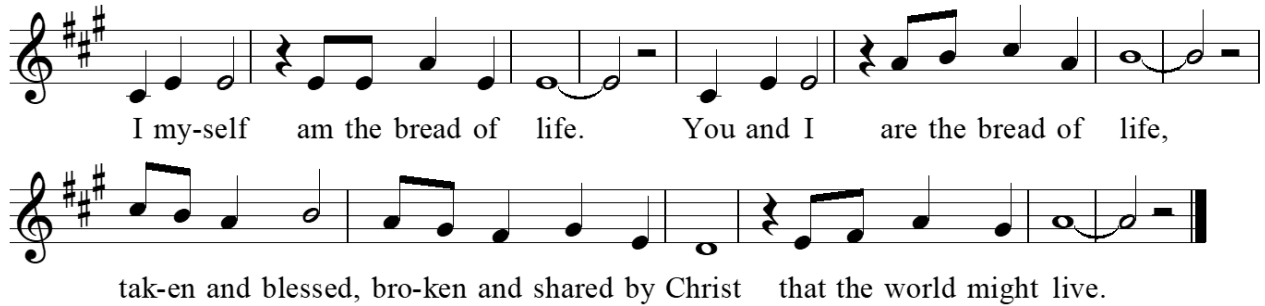
*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

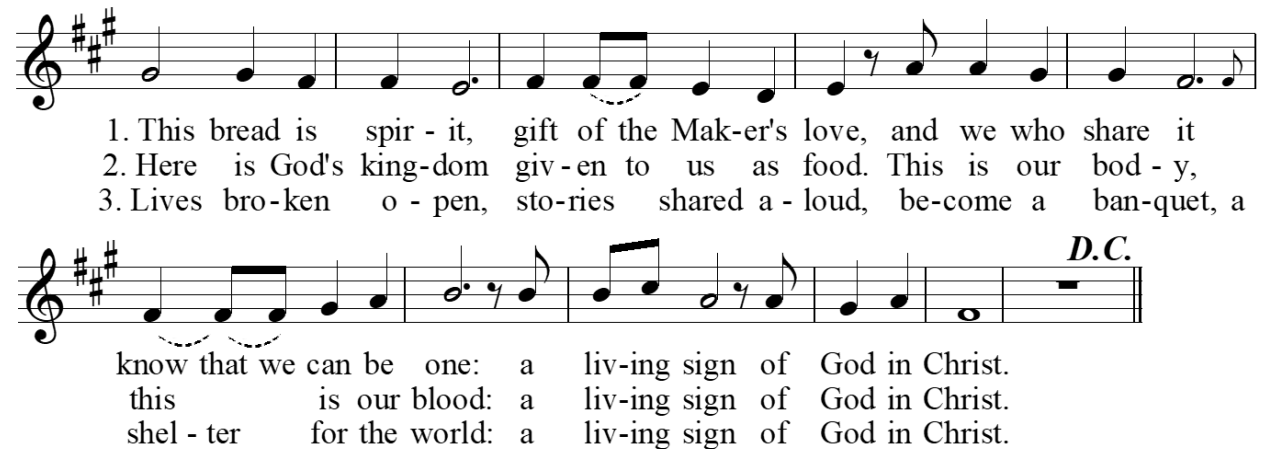
One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

Communion Hymn: #824 (Gather) “I Myself Am the Bread of Life”

Refrain:



I my-self am the bread of life. You and I are the bread of life,
tak-en and blessed, bro-ken and shared by Christ that the world might live.



1. This bread is spir - it, gift of the Mak-er's love, and we who share it
2. Here is God's king-dom giv-en to us as food. This is our bod - y,
3. Lives bro-ken o - pen, sto-ries shared a - loud, be-come a ban-quet, a
D.C.
know that we can be one: a liv-ing sign of God in Christ.
this is our blood: a liv-ing sign of God in Christ.
shel - ter for the world: a liv-ing sign of God in Christ.

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Motet: Exultate Justi (*John Williams*)

Laudamus te, laudamus!
Exsultate, justi, in Domino;
Rectos decet collaudatio.
Alleluia!
Salvator Dominus, Salvator mundi:
Qui tollis peccata mundi.
Alleluia!

*We praise you, we give praise!
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
Alleluia!
The Lord is Saviour of the world:
who takes away the sin of the world.
Alleluia!*

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen.

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,

All: whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Concluding Hymn: #226 (Common Praise) “Through the Red Sea Brought At Last”

All Sing



1. Through the Red Sea brought at last, al - le - lu-ia! E - gypt's chains be-
2. Like the cloud that o - ver-head, al - le - lu-ia! through the bil - lows
3. In that cloud and in that sea, al - le - lu-ia! bur - ied and bap-



hind we cast, al - le - lu-ia! Deep and wide flows the tide
Is - rael led, al - le - lu-ia! by his tomb Christ makes room,
tized were we, al - le - lu-ia! Earth - ly night brought us light



sev-ering us from bon-dage past, al - le - lu-ia!
souls re - stor - ing from the dead, al - le - lu-ia!
which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, al - le - lu-ia!

TEXT: Ronald A. Knox (1888-1957). *Burns & Oates, Ltd.*
MUSIC: Melody *Hundert Arien*, appendix to *Haus-Buch*,
Dresden, 1694; adapt. And harm. William Henry Monk
(1823-1889).

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*After the service you are invited to remain in the space, in the church or online,
and stay for conversation and celebration.*

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The flowers in the church are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Garth's sister, Maggi Goddard, by Susan and Garth Goddard, and of Barbara Sinclair and her rubber duckie, by Pamela Thomson.