



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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✠ Service of Light

The catechumens and their sponsors, and the chancel party gather around the new fire.

The Bishop 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:

Sub-deacon: 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:

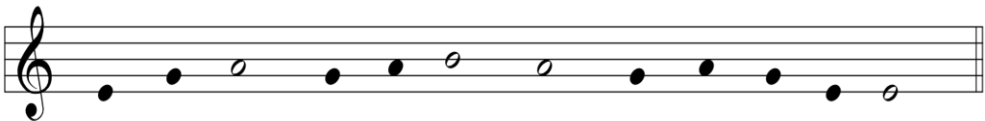
Phos Hilaron (George Black)

Sub-deacon: 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 ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Sub-deacon: 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!**

Sub-deacon: 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!**

Sub-deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Sub-deacon: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Sub-deacon: 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!

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

All: **Alleluia!**

Sub-deacon: 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!**

Sub-deacon: 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!**

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

All: **Alleluia!**

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

All: **Alleluia!**

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

All: **Alleluia!**

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

All: **Alleluia!**

Sub-deacon: 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!**

Sub-deacon: 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

Bishop: 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

Please be seated

First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

God spoke: "Light!" And light appeared.

God saw that light was good and separated light from dark.

God named the light Day, he named the dark Night.

It was evening, it was morning - Day One.

God spoke: "Separate!"

Water-beneath-Heaven, gather into one place; Land, appear!" And there it was.

God named the land Earth.

He named the pooled water Ocean. God saw that it was good.

God spoke: "Earth, green up! Grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants,
Every sort of fruit-bearing tree." And there it was.
Earth produced green seed-bearing plants, all varieties,
And fruit-bearing trees of all sorts. God saw that it was good.
It was evening, it was morning - Day Three.

God spoke: "Sky! In the middle of the waters; separate water from water!"
God made sky. He separated the water under sky from the water above sky.
And there it was: he named sky the Heavens;
It was evening, it was morning - Day Two.

God spoke: "Lights! Come out! Shine in Heaven's sky! Separate Day from Night.
Mark seasons and days and years, lights in Heaven's sky to give light to Earth."
And there it was. God made two big lights, the larger to take charge of Day,
The smaller to be in charge of Night; and he made the stars.
God placed them in the heavenly sky to light up Earth and oversee Day and Night,
to separate light and dark.
God saw that it was good.
It was evening, it was morning - Day Four.

God spoke: "Swarm, Ocean, with fish and all sea life! Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!"
God created the huge whales, all the swarm of life in the waters,
And every kind and species of flying birds.
God saw that it was good. God blessed them:
"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Ocean! Birds, reproduce on Earth!"
It was evening, it was morning - Day Five.

God spoke: "Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind:
cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all kinds."
And there it was: wild animals of every kind,
Cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug.
God saw that it was good.

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image,
make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,
the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself,
and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God's nature.
He created them male and female. God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce!
Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,
for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

Then God said, "I've given you every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth
And every kind of fruit-bearing tree, given them to you for food.
To all animals and all birds, everything that moves and breathes,
I give whatever grows out of the ground for food."
And there it was. God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good!
It was evening, it was morning - Day Six.

Heaven and Earth were finished, down to the last detail.

By the seventh day God had finished his work.

On the seventh day he rested from all his work.

God blessed the seventh day. He made it a Holy Day

Because on that day he rested from his work, all the creating God had done.

This is the story of how it all started, of Heaven and 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 grät 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

Bishop: 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

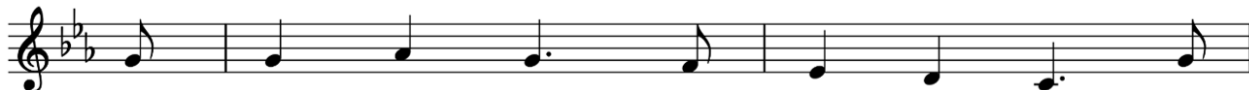
clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’

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: “Sing Now With Joy”



1. Sing now with joy un - to the Lord, for
2. God is our strength, God is our song, God
3. God on - ly is the migh - ty Lord. God



God has tri - umphed glo - rious - ly! The horse, the rid - er,
saved us from our en - e - my. All praise and thanks to
on - ly can des - troy the foe. God on - ly is to



and the sword God cast in - to the rag - ing sea.
God be - long who came to set all peo - ple free.
be a - dored for God a - lone can strength be - stow.

Text: Anon. (adapted from Exodus 15) / Music: Eliezer Gerovitch

A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Please rise as you are able

Bishop: 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

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 labour 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.

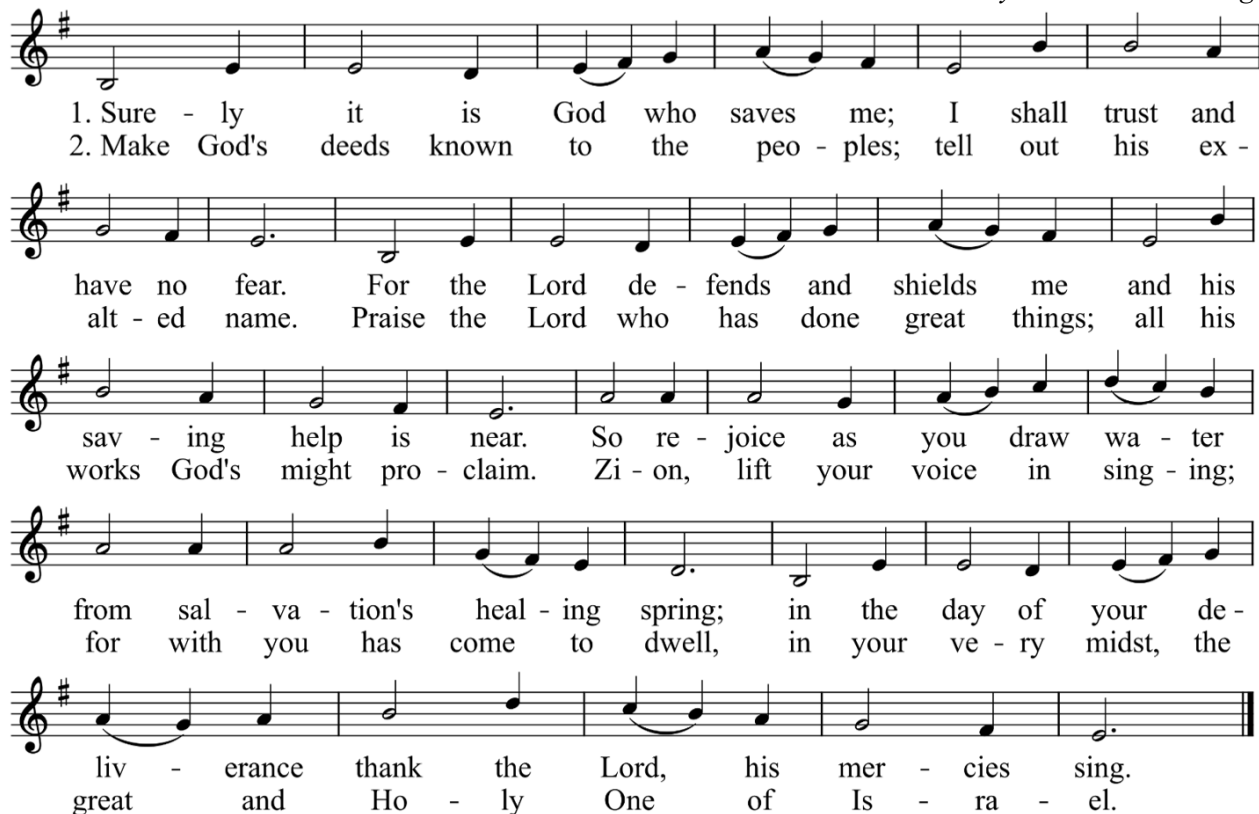
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy 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.

Isaiah 55:1-11

Hymn: #361 (Common Praise) "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

Please rise as you are able and sing



1. Sure - ly it is God who saves me; I shall trust and
2. Make God's deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex -
have no fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his
alt - ed name. Praise the Lord who has done great things; all his
sav - ing help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter
works God's might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing;
from sal - va - tion's heal - ing spring; in the day of your de -
for with you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Text: Song of Thanksgiving (Isaiah 12.2-6); par. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-). Para. © 1982 Hope Publishing Co. Music: ECCE, DEUS, Alfred V. Fedak (1953-). © 1990 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Please rise as you are able

Bishop: 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

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 round 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.’

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Song: “Dry Bones” (*Delta Rhythm Boys*)

A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Please rise as you are able

Bishop: 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.**

✘ Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Vows

Please be seated

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates come forward. The Bishop addresses the people, saying,

Bishop: As we celebrate the paschal mystery, we welcome, with joy, those who have come forward to reaffirm their commitment to Christ. The candidates for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation will now be presented.

Sponsors: I present *N* for Confirmation.

Sponsors: I present *N* to be received into this Communion.

Sponsors: I present *N* who desires to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop then asks the following questions of all the candidates:

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

The congregation rises. The Bishop addresses the people, saying,

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

People: **We will.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Prayers are offered for the candidates

Bishop: Let us pray for those who are renewing their commitment to Christ.

Leader: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

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

Leader: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

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

Leader: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

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

Leader: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love;
in your mercy,

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

Leader: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory;
in your mercy,

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

Bishop: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N* with your Holy Spirit;
empower *him/her* for your service;
and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life.

People: **Amen.**

For Reception

Bishop: *N*, we recognize you as a member
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion.
God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.

People: **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

Bishop: *N*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you,
direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

People: **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Water is poured into the font.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

Bishop: 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 Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop: 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.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The congregation is seated. The candidates kneel before the Bishop, individually.

The Asperges

Please rise as you are able

The Bishop sprinkles the congregation with water

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God,
let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants;
let your Holy Spirit ever be with them;
and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word,
that they may serve you in this life,
and dwell with you in the life to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All remain standing for the Proclamation of Easter.

✠ The Easter Proclamation

Bishop: 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.*

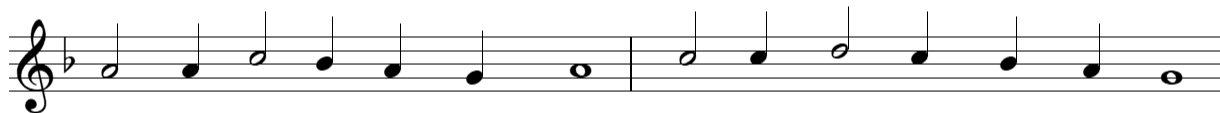
The Gloria: #366 (Common Praise)



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.

Text: Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis, Greek hymn, 200?); para. Paul Gibson (1932-) ©. Music: Melody Geneva, 1551; harm. based on Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); rev. Alain Mabit (1953-).
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The Collect of the Day

Bishop: 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,

X=stomp and clap

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.
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The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 16.1-8

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

Homily: The Rt. Rev'd Kevin Robertson

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed.

The Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

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Thank you for joining us today.

Offertory Hymn: #204 (Common Praise) "Truly, He Comes to Us"

All sing



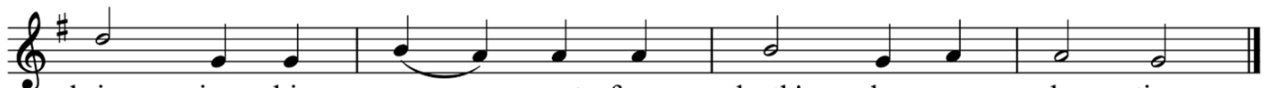
1. Truly, he comes to us: darkness is ended;
 2. Night has made way for the great proclamation;
 3. Stripped of the grave-clothes, the body now glorious
 4. Weeping is over, and death is defeated;
 5. Highest, most holy, once lost and forsaken:
 6. Give God the glory and glad adoration,



now night is over, his light is ascended:
 morning has broken, with songs of exaltation.
 risen immortal, forever victorious;
 life is received and joy is completed.
 now, from the sleep of the dead you awaken;
 from whom and through whom and in whom, creation



ultimate sunrise, that floods all creation,
 Christ comes in light from the depths of his prison,
 comes to fulfill all the prophets have spoken;
 Guards, at the sepulchre scatter before him;
 angels appear at the tomb with the story:
 looks for the joy which, in Christ, we inherit:



bringing his secret from death's delation.
 death is abandoned, and Jesus is risen.
 promise of life that will never be broken.
 Jesus is risen, and angels adore him.
 "He is not here, but is risen in glory."
 praising the Father, the Son, and the Spirit!

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop: 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.**



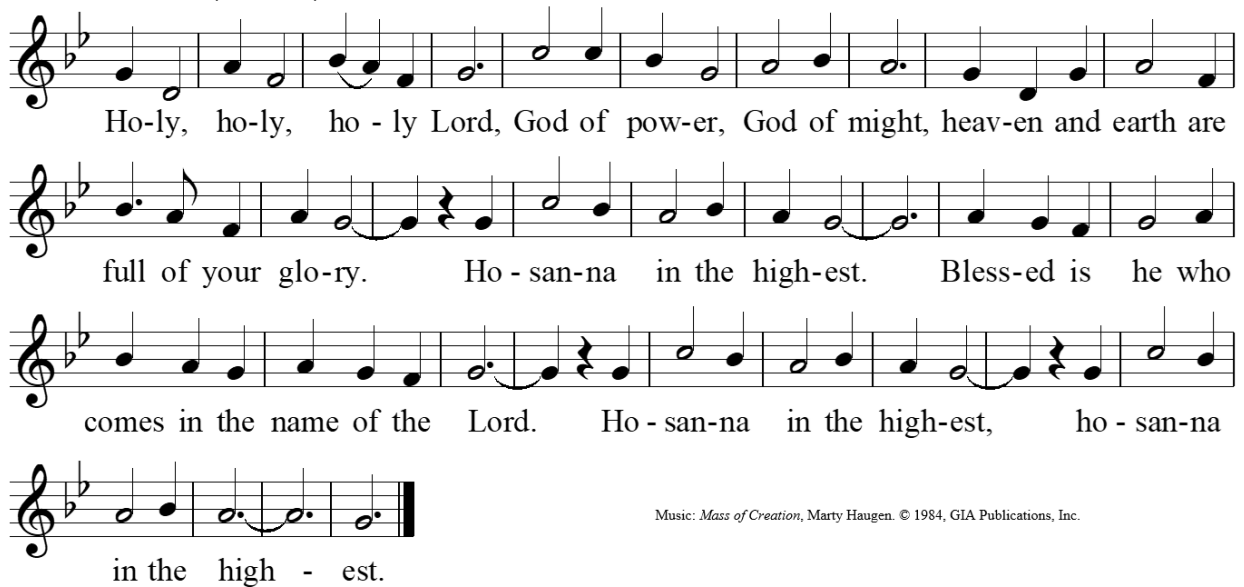
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



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

Bishop: 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: #284 (Gather)



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of 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, ho - san-na
in the high - est.

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Bishop: 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;**

Bishop: 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 children; 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

Bishop:

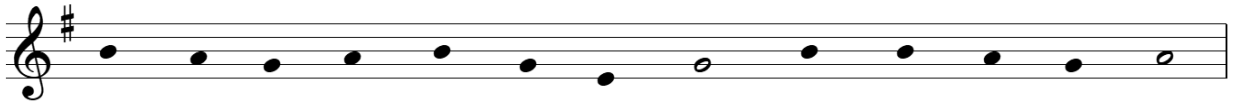
People:



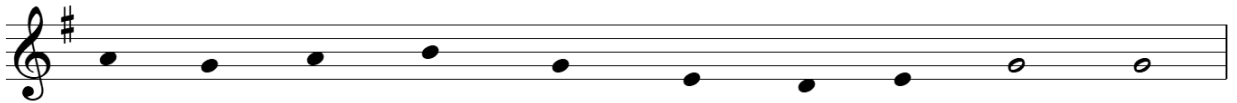
As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,



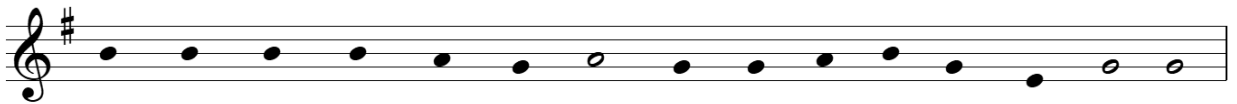
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.



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



as we for-give those who sin a-against 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Bishop: We were buried in your tomb.

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

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

People: **that we may live in you.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Hymn: “Alleluia” (*Stephanie Martin*)

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Bishop: 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: “Alleluia, Risen Christ” *(Michel Guilmont)*

Al - le - lu - ia, ris - en Christ, we re-ceive you, al - le - lu - ia,
seed of ev - er - last - ing life!

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Motet: Hallelujah *(Charles Wesley / William Walker / arr. Shawn Kirchner)*

Hallelujah!

And let this feeble body fail, and let it faint or die;
My soul shall quit this mournful vale, and soar to worlds on high;
And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah,
and we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

O what are all my sufferings here, if Lord, Thou count me meet,
With that enraptured host to appear, and worship at Thy feet!
And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah,
and we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

Give joy or grief, give ease or pain, take life or friends away,
but let me find them all again in that eternal day.
And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah,
and we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Bishop: 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

Bishop: 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: #206 (Common Praise) "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

All Sing



1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, al - le - lu - ia!
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, al - le - lu - ia!
5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, al - le - lu - ia!



earth and heaven in cho - rus say, al - le - lu - ia! Raise your joys and
fought the fight, the bat - tle won, al - le - lu - ia! Death in vain for -
Where, O death, is now thy sting? al - le - lu - ia! Once he died our
fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed head, al - le - lu - ia! Made like him, like
Praise to thee by both be given, al - le - lu - ia! Thee we greet tri -



tri - umphs high; al - le - lu - ia! sing, ye heavens, and
bids him rise, al - le - lu - ia! Christ has o - pened
souls to save, al - le - lu - ia! Where's thy vic - tory,
him we rise, al - le - lu - ia! Ours the cross, the
um - phant now, al - le - lu - ia! Hail the Res - ur -



earth re - ply: al - le - lu - ia!
par - a - dise, al - le - lu - ia!
boast - ing grave? al - le - lu - ia!
grave the skies, al - le - lu - ia!
rec - tion, thou, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Easter Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in grateful and loving memory of Mary Tanner Milford by her family, Judy and Jim Burnham and Katie Tanner; of my beloved Gordon and all the close friends who have died by Pamela Thomson; of Terry Finlay and Devon Faulkner by AJ Finlay; and of Joan Slamen by Louise Fast.