

The Great Vigil

The First Eucharist of Easter

Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 9 PM

Church of the Redeemer

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

Who We Are

We are followers of Jesus: children, young adults, families, and seniors who come from a variety of backgrounds. We are long-time members and newcomers; people of deep faith and those still searching; people shaped by many traditions—and sometimes seeking a deeper sense of faith and community. We are not limited by ability, age, economic status, ethnicity, gender identity, personal history or sexual orientation.

Where We Stand

Dwelling on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga of the Credit First Nation, Church of the Redeemer stands at the crossroads, physical and virtual—of neighbourhoods and nations, of government, education, arts, culture, and commerce—in the heart of Toronto.

From this place we seek to live into our identity as the body of Christ: living our faith, offering hope, and sharing love for God's world.

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Presider: The Rt. Rev'd Kevin Robertson

✠ Service of Light

The catechumens, sponsors, members of the community and the priests gather around the new fire.

The Presider blesses the fire and prepares the Paschal Candle to be lit from the fire.

The lit candle is carried 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 procession moves into the narthex and pauses 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 Candle is installed in its stand, while the choir sings:

Phos Hilaron (*George Black*)

The Exsultet (*Douglas 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!



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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.



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.**

✠ 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

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen
that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all
clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean,

the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.’ And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six-hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, ‘Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.’ So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

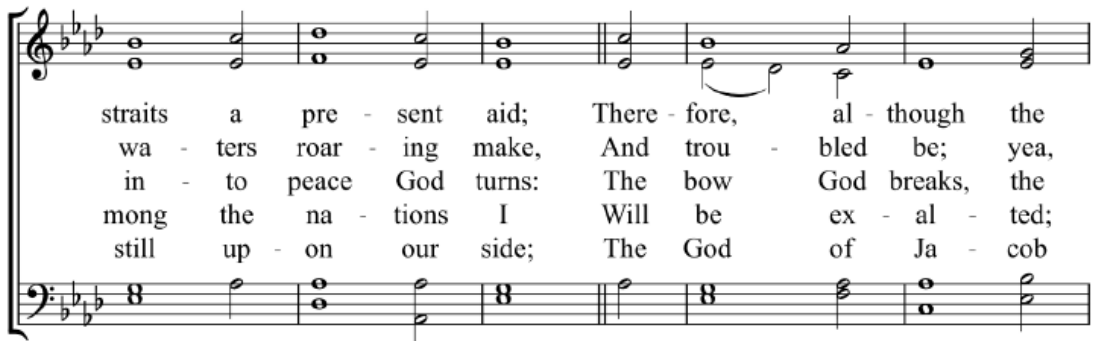
I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 7.1-5,11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Psalm 46 “God is our refuge and our strength”



1. God is our re - fuge and our strength, in
2. Though hills a - midst the seas be cast; Though
3. Un - to the ends of all the earth wars
4. Be still, and know that I am God; a -
5. Our God, who is the Lord of hosts, is



straits a pre - sent aid; There - fore, al - though the
wa - ters roar - ing make, And trou - bled be; yea,
in - to peace God turns: The bow God breaks, the
mong the na - tions I Will be ex - al - ted;
still up - on our side; The God of Ja - cob



earth re - move, we will not be a - afraid.
though the hills, by swell - ing seas do shake.
spear God cuts, in fire the char - iot burns.
I on earth will be ex - al - ted high.
our re - fuge for ev - er will a - bide.

Text: Psalm 46. Tune: STROUDWATER. *Without Psalmody, The Psalms in Meter.*

A brief silence is observed

Collect

Please rise as you are able

Bishop: Faithful God,
you have placed the rainbow in the skies
as the sign of your covenant with all living things.
May we who are saved through water and the Spirit,
worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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. 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.

Isaiah 55:1-11

Song: “Living Water” (*Miriam Therese Winter*)

Living Water, like a river, like a fountain, like the sea.

Living Water, like a river, ever rising, rise in me.

All who thirst for Living Water, turn to you, Unfailing Spring.

Wash our wounds and cleanse our spirits, Source of Life for everything

Collect

Please rise as you are able

Bishop: O God,
by the power of your Word
you have created all things,
and by your Spirit you renew the earth.
Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you,
that they may bring forth abundant fruit
in your glorious kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

A brief silence is observed.

✠ Confirmation 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 and Reaffirmation will now be presented.

Sponsors: I present *N* for Confirmation.

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.**

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

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

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 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.

Bishop: 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.

All: **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 Asperges

Please rise as you are able and sing

The Bishop sprinkles the congregation with water

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.

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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)

All Sing



1. Glo - ry in the high - est glo - ry,
2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er,



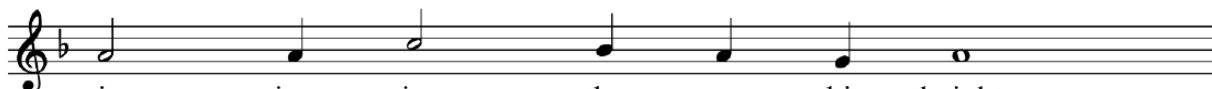
peace to all, in all their days.
Lamb of God, for sin - ners given.



Wor - ship, thanks, and praise un - ceas - ing
Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma - ry,



to the Source of all we raise:
Word made flesh, the face of heaven:



reign - ing in the sap - phire height,
ho - ly one, to you we pray,



hid - den from our mor - tal sight,
hear us in the realms of day,



now re - ceive our a - dor - a - tion,
with the Spir - it there u - nit - ed,



as we make our sup - pli - ca - tion.
and the God - head high ex - alt - ed.

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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.

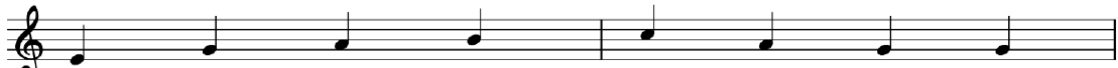
Reader: The word of the Lord.

Romans 6.3-11

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

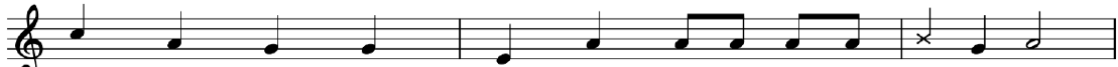
Gradual Hymn: #227 (Common Praise) "Israel Went Out" *Please rise as you are able & sing*



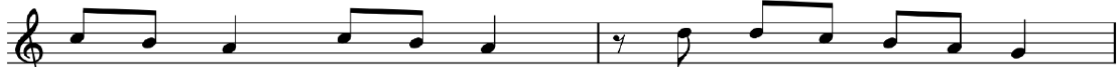
1. Is - ra - el went out from E - gypt,
2. Moun - tains skipped just like scared rams, so
3. Trem - ble, O you earth and sky, yes,



trem - ble at the pres-ence of God; sanc - tu - ar - y
trem - ble at the pres-ence of God. Hills were bound - ing
trem - ble at the pres-ence of God. God is strong, how



found in Ju - dah, trem - ble at the pres-ence of God.
like young lambs, yes, trem - ble at the pres-ence of God.
great and high, so trem - ble at the pres-ence of God,



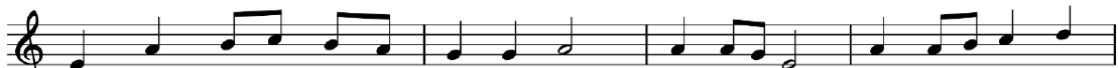
Great seas saw them come and ran a - way in fright,
Tell us, great roar - ing sea, why do you run a - way?
who has brought cool - ing rains when days grew hot - ter,



trem - ble at the pres - ence of God.
Trem - ble at the pres - ence of God.
trem - ble at the pres - ence of God.



Ho - ly Jor - dan turned her wa - ters back at the sight,
Ho - ly moun-tains strong and bold, why must you shake that way?
Sto - ny hills are burst - ing forth with cool - ing wa - ter,



trem - ble at the com-ing of the Lord. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia! Sing
Trem - ble at the com-ing of the Lord.
trem - ble at the com-ing of the Lord.



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: The Rt. Rev’d Kevin Robertson

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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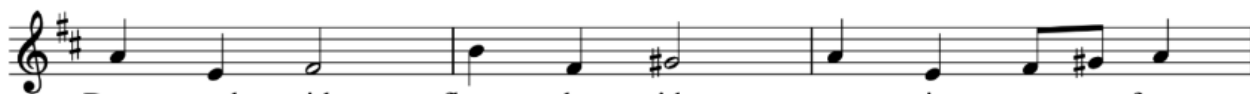
Offertory Hymn: #226 (Common Praise) “Through the Red Sea Brought at Last” *All sing*



1. Through the Red Sea brought at last,
2. Like the cloud that o - ver - head, al - le - lu - ia!
3. In that cloud and in that sea,



E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast,
through the bil - lows Is - rael led, al - le - lu - ia!
bur - ied and bap - tized were we,



Deep and wide flows the tide sev - ering us from
by his tomb Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing
Earth - ly night brought us light which is ours e -



bon - dage past,
from the dead, al - le - lu - ia!
ter - nal - ly,

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

✠ 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: #726 (Common Praise)

All sing

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

All
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.

Music: Byzantine; arr. George Black (1931-2003) ©.

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

Priest:

People:



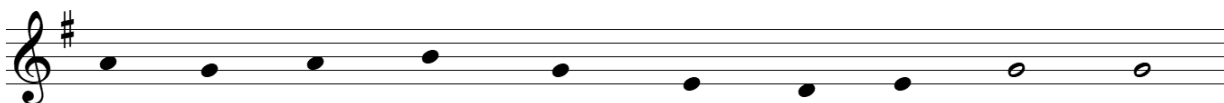
As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,



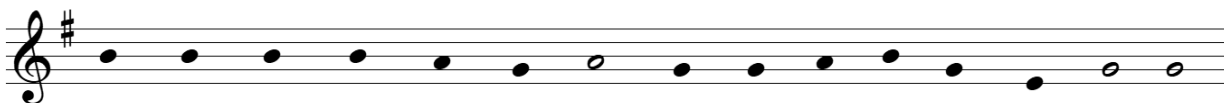
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



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

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.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Anthem: “Christ Our Passover”

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

The Communion



*All in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion.
If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the communion minister.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross
your arms as shown in the picture and the clergy will be pleased to offer you a blessing.*

*Intinction is the practice of dipping the bread or wafer into the wine when receiving communion.
This practice is not allowed in churches in the Diocese of Toronto,
including the Church of the Redeemer, for health and safety reasons.*

Communion Hymn: #436 (Gather) “Surrexit Christus”

All sing

The image shows a musical score for a communion hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The first system has the lyrics: (hum) Sur - re - xit Chri - stus, al - le - lu - ia! The second system has the lyrics: (hum) Can - ta - te Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia! The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Text: *Christ is risen, sing to the Lord*; Daniel 3; Taizé Community, 1984. Tune: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994). © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.

Motet: “Achieved is the Glorious Work!” (*Joseph Haydn*)

Achieved is the glorious work;
Our song let be the praise of God.
Glory to his name for ever.
He sole on high exalted reigns.
Hallelujah!

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.

Departing Hymn: #210 (Common Praise) “Yours be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son”

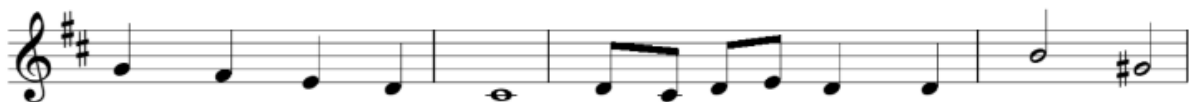
All sing



1. Yours be the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son: end - less is the
2. See! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
3. No more we doubt you, glo - rious Prince of life: what is life with-



vic - tory o - ver death you won. An - gels robed in splen - dour
greet us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
out you? Aid us in our strife; make us more than con- querors



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord is liv - ing;
through your death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where your bo - dy lay.
death has lost its sting!
to your home a - bove.

Text: Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932); Eng. Tr. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939), rev. Hymns for Today's Church. Rev. © Hope Publishing Co. French text © World Student Christian Federation from Cantate Domino. Music: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), alt.; Harmonia Sacra, 1753.

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The flowers in the chancel and throughout the church are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Bodger and Phillip Stanbury by Gloria Jean Bubba; of Terry Finlay and Devon Faulkner by AJ Finlay; of Barb Sinclair by Pamela Thomson; Mary Milford, daughter and sister by Jim and Judy Burnham and Katie Tanner; of Paul and Elizabeth Gibson; remembering Donald Batty and Leah Batty, with love the Batty and Drummond family; and to the Glory of God and with gratitude by other unnamed donors.

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday April 5 (Easter Day)

9:00 AM – Worship on Zoom

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist

Sunday April 12 (Second Sunday of Easter)

9:00 AM – Worship on Zoom

9:00 AM – Coffee Church (in the Church)

10:30 AM – Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist

8:00 PM – Compline on Zoom

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INTRODUCING



Starting **April 12**, this service at **9AM**
is a meditative time of song and prayer rejoicing in the risen Christ.

Come in to pray, join us in song,
pick up a cup of coffee and enjoy conversation before and after the service. Come and see.