



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

*Saturday evening at 7 o'clock
March 30, 2024*

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Welcome to St. John's Church

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this evening. When you enter our church with its crenelated tower, projecting gargoyles, stout buttresses, and warmly recognized big red doors, we hope you will see what St. John's is all about: worship, community, and service. As we strive to live out the two great commandments of our Lord, to love the Lord our God and our neighbor, we hope you will find St. John's to become more and more your spiritual home where so many others have already found a home. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

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THE NEW FIRE

In the darkness at the narthex door, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the people

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

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

People Amen.

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing



Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, are lighted. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

The Deacon, standing near the Candle, sings

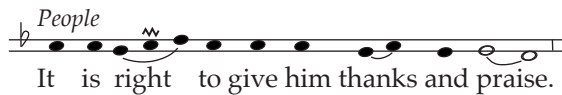
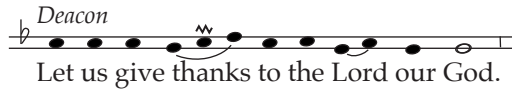
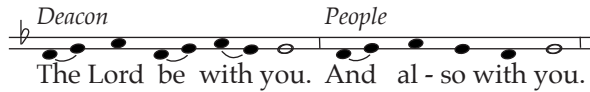
EXSULTET

Deacon Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Deacon

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE PROPHECIES

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

I. The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1 — 2:2
arr. Susan K. Bock

Reader In the beginning, there was nothing but water,
deep and cold, deep and cold
With a blanket of darkness stretched all across,
and a wind moaning over it all.
In the beginning, before God spoke,
there was only this dark, cold void.
Let there be light! God said, and there was,
and it was ... so good!

ALL So good!
Reader The light split the night,
and the first day was made.
And a dome, that God called "Sky,"
to hold above the waters, safe in their places,
above and below, so good!

ALL So good!
Reader By God's command, there appeared dry land,
to push the waters together.
The land was called Earth,
the waters were Seas,
and strolling the shores, God was pleased.
Then God told the Earth to put forth seeds,
and plants and fruits and trees.
And God did!

God turned the whole world green,
and juicy, and fragrant, and moist.
On the fourth day, God spoke to the Sky,
and called for a Sun to rule the day,
and a Moon to gently guard the night.
And stars were set shining,
and shooting and falling,
for guiding and gazing.
And it was all so good!

ALL
Reader

So good!
Let there be creatures! said God, that fly,
and swim and lumber and crawl,
And there were, and it was, so good!

ALL
Reader

So good!
So God blessed them, blessed them all,
Saying, Fill up the Earth,
and the Sky, and the Seas!
And they did. God was pleased.
Then God said, let us make people,
in the image of Us!
In our likeness, a woman and man.
They shall be stewards of all this creation,
and they shall make children,
whose children make children,
and good it shall be, so good!

ALL
Reader

So good!
So God spoke, and blew breath,
and people were made,
and given the care of the Earth
which God said would feed them.
And God blessed them; it pleased him.
God smiled at the goodness. So good!

ALL
Reader

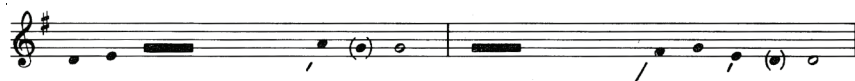
So good!
God saw all that had come to be,
and was pleased at the land and sky and sea,
And the life that they swarmed with,

and the noise it all made,
 and the color and rhythm and song.
 So God sat down for a well-deserved rest,
 and with a contented sigh,
 and a heart full of pleasure,
 said, This is so good!
 So good!
 This is so very, very good!
 This is so good!

ALL
 Reader

PSALM 136 *Confitemini*

Tone VIII



- Cantor Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
- ALL for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of *gods*,
 for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of *lords*, *
 for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.
- 4 Who only does great *wonders*, *
 for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.
- 5 Who only does great *wonders*, *
 for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.
- 6 Who spread out the earth upon the *waters*, *
 for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.
- 7 Who created great *lights*, *
 for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.
- 8 The sun to rule the *day*, *
 for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the *night*, *
 for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.
- 23 Who remembered us in our low *estate*, *
 for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.
- 24 And delivered us from our *enemies*, *
 for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.
- 25 Who gives food to all *creatures*, *
 for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.

26 Give thanks to the God of *heaven*, *
for his mercy en / dures for *ev*-er.

After a period of silence, all stand

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more
wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we
may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our
humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Please be seated

II. Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac

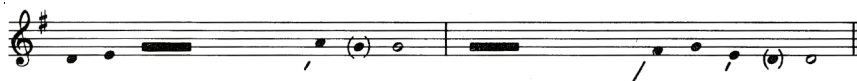
Genesis 22:1-18

Reader After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." The angel of

the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

PSALM 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

Tone VIII



- Cantor* O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
- ALL* it is you / who **uphold** my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant **land**; *
- indeed, I have a / goodly **heritage**.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me **counsel**; *
- my heart teaches me, / night **after** night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always **before** me; *
- because he is at my right / hand I **shall** not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit **rejoices**; *
- my body al / so shall **rest** in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the **grave**, *
- nor let your holy / one **see** the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of **life**; *
- in your presence there is fullness of joy,
- and in your right hand are plea / sures for **evermore**.

After a period of silence, all stand

Celebrant Let us pray. God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Please be seated

III. Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10—15:1

Reader As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to

the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for

them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

HYMN

GO DOWN, MOSES
African American Spiritual

When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down to Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.
The Lord told Moses what to do,
let my people go;
to lead the children of Israel through,
let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down to Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

After a period of silence, all stand

Celebrant

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

People

Amen.

Please be seated

IV. Salvation offered freely to all

Isaiah 55:1-11

Reader

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me,

and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

CANTICLE *Ecce Deus*

HOLY MANNA

Text: Carl Daw, para. of Isaiah 12:2-6

Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835

Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not fear.
Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed Name.

For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing help is near.
Praise the Lord who has done great things; all his works his might pro claim.

So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring;
Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell,

in the day of your de - liv - 'rance thank the Lord his mer cies sing.
in your ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

After a period of silence, all stand

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

People Amen.

Please be seated

V. The valley of the dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.



Re-vive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake.

Cantor LORD, hear my prayer,
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.
Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be justified. *Refrain*

Cantor My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate.
I remember the time past;
I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands. *Refrain*

Cantor I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.
O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
do not hide your face from me
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit. *Refrain*

Cantor Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for I put my trust in you; *
show me the road that I must walk,
for I lift up my soul to you.
Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground. *Refrain*

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with
Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness
of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance
is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy
Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and
promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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

People I do.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in God the Father?
<i>People</i>	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
<i>People</i>	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.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
<i>People</i>	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
<i>People</i>	Amen.

The congregation may now extinguish their candles.

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

Celebrant
People

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORIA

Hymnal 1982, S 280

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

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

People

Please be seated

EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

Reader

A reading from 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. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel procession

GOSPEL READING

Mark 16:1-8

Deacon
People
Deacon

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

Glory to you, Lord 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. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

Deacon
People

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rector

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader

Let us pray to the Lord for all people throughout the world, saying "Hear our prayer."

People

We pray for the church throughout the world, especially our Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sally, our Bishop; and all the clergy and people. Lord, in your mercy,
 Hear our prayer.

Leader

We pray for peace and goodwill among all nations, and all leaders. We pray for ____, and all who serve in the military or harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Leader

We pray for the earth which God has provided, that we may use it carefully and wisely. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.
Leader We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, and the suffering, especially _____. Lord, in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.
Leader We thank you for all blessings, especially for this joyful celebration of Easter; and for _____, and for all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Lord, in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.
Leader We pray for all who have died, especially _____. Lord, in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.
Leader We pray you to move the hearts of your people to be faithful stewards giving willingly and regularly for the ministry of the church, that the progress of the Gospel may not be hindered. Lord, in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.
Celebrant O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People Amen.
Celebrant THE PEACE
People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM

arr. Charles Wood

*Thus on Easter morrow spake an angel bright and clear:
 'Tis no time for sorrow; Maries, be you of good cheer.
 Christ arisen from his prison, is not here.*

*Why, as He were mortal, lifeless in the sepulchre,
 Bring ye, to the portal of the empty chamber, myrrh?
 What befell ye here go tell ye, nor defer!*

*Eya! Resurrexit Jesus Christus hodie;
 Mala nostra texit: Ideo concinite,
 Alleluia, alleluia, Domine.*

[‘Eya!’ Jesus Christ has risen today;
He covered our iniquities: therefore sing aloud,
Alleluia, alleluia, Lord.]

*Resurrexit vere pro peccante homine:
Ideo sincere, Christiani psalite,
Te cantamus, te laudamus Domine!*

[He has risen indeed for sinful man:
Therefore faithfully, Christians, sing the Psalms,
We chant to you, we praise you, Lord!]

—Traditional English Carol

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, page 367

Sanctus

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LORD’S PRAYER

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BREAKING THE BREAD

Tone VI



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain

Cantor

*One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Refrain***

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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

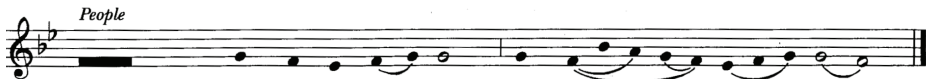
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EASTER HYMN

BLESSING

DISMISSAL



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



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