

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER



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The Very Reverend Samuel G. Candler, *Celebrant and Preacher*

A Welcome from the Dean

“Alleluia! Christ is Risen!”
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

With those powerful words, the Cathedral of St. Philip, with Christians across the world, begins our Easter celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to our worship, especially if you are visiting, or if you have not been to church in a while. There is a place for you here, and we are glad you are with us!

Our Christian denomination, the Episcopal Church, is part of the world wide Anglican Communion of churches, seeking to serve God in the fullness of a reverent, ancient, and lively tradition. Our set form of common prayer is called a liturgy, and we believe that structure actually sets our hearts and minds free to worship God in glorious ways.

You will notice on this Easter Sunday that we are also baptizing new members into the Christian church. In the early centuries, baptisms were never held except on Easter Sunday. Indeed, the drama of passing from death to life is the ideal setting for Christian baptism. Do not interpret these baptisms, then, as interruptions in the service! For those of us already baptized, this day is the occasion for us to renew our baptismal vows. We will also use holy water from the baptismal font to sprinkle throughout the congregation during the hymn following the baptism. Be renewed and refreshed in your faith on this happy morning!

Again, we are glad you have joined us today; if you are visiting and would like to learn more about the Cathedral please sign a visitor card and leave it in the offering plate or with a priest. We urge you, too, to become a member of our congregation; we need your gifts!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Sam Candler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

The Very Reverend Samuel G. Candler
Dean of the Cathedral of St. Philip

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE

The Liturgy begins outside on the Peachtree Road horseshoe drive lawn. The Dean addresses the People.

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.

The Dean says the following prayer
Let us pray.

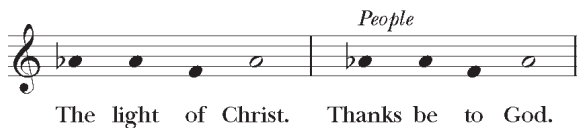
O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dean blesses the Paschal Candle
Christ yesterday and today,
The Beginning and the End.
Christ is the times and the ages.

To Christ be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity. **Amen.**

The Dean lights the Paschal Candle from the newly kindled fire.
May the Light of Christ gloriously dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Dean, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, singing



All remain standing. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.
The Deacon sings The Exsultet.

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

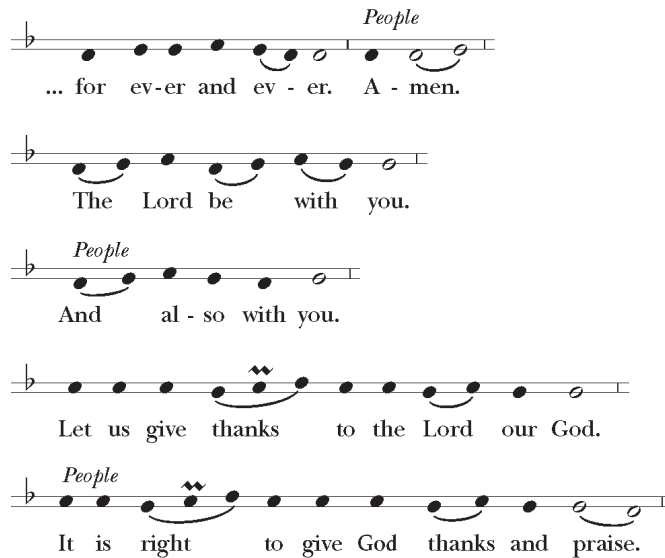
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The Great Vigil of Easter is the last of three liturgies that formed a single Paschal Vigil in the early church. This single Vigil was the primal celebration of the Paschal Mystery: the resurrected Christ emerges from the tomb, wounded yet risen. In this new life of Christ, our own suffering, pain and brokenness is caught up in the love of a God whose passion for our redemption survives the grave and turns the way of the cross, which we all walk, into the way of life.

The single Paschal Vigil developed into the Triduum, or "three days," by the 4th century.

The first element of this Vigil liturgy is the lighting of the New Fire. Lit from flint and kindling, the New Fire signifies the resurrected Christ whose love illumines the suffering world.

As the Fire is processed into the church, the people's candles are lit from it, and the Exsultet is sung. The Exsultet is a 6th century hymn of praise to the Fire and the risen Christ whom it signifies. In its structure and its range of images, the Exsultet is a metaphor for the whole of the Vigil liturgy.



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.

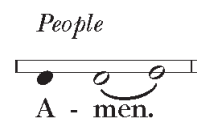
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

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. **Amen.**



The Vigil Readings

The Dean

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

The second element of The Great Vigil of Easter is a series of vigil readings. This element of the liturgy is what gives The Great Vigil of Easter its name. Vigils of this type date from Jewish worship prior to the time of Jesus. As many as nine readings are possible in our tradition. We use three on this day: the story of the creation of the world; the creation of the people of Israel, whose passover is the symbolic context for our eucharist; and Ezekiel's vision of God's power to restore the broken people of Israel to life and wholeness.

The Creation
All sit.

Genesis 1:1 — 2:4a

Hymn 8 *Sung by all, standing.*

music: Bunessan, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (1921-2007)
words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), alt.

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird._____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass._____
born of the one light E - den saw play!_____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!_____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass._____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!_____

A Collect *Remain standing.*

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

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea
All sit.

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

Hymn 648 *Sung by all, standing.*

*music & words: African-American Spiritual,
Go down, Moses" arr. Horace Boyer (1935-2009)*

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
3 They jour-neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;
4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
to lead the chil-dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
and came at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.
and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Refrain
Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;
tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

A Collect *Remain standing.*

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

The Valley of Dry Bones *All sit.*

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel cried: Dem dry bones,
Now hear the word of the Lord!
Ezekiel connecta dem dry bones,
Now hear the word of the Lord!

Uh when y' toe bone connecta to y' foot bone,
Y' foot bone connecta to y' heel bone,
Y' heel bone connecta to y' ankle bone,
Y' ankle bone connecta to y' leg bone,
Y' leg bone connecta to y' knee bone,
Y' knee bone connecta to y' thigh bone,
Y' thigh bone connecta to y' hip bone,
Y' hip bone connecta to y' back bone,
Y' back bone connecta to y' shoulder bone,
Y' shoulder bone connecta to y' neck bone,
Y' neck bone connecta to y' head bone,
Now hear the word of the Lord!

Dem bones, dem bones gonna walk aroun',
Now hear the word of the Lord!
Disconnect dem bones, dem dry bones,
Now hear the word of the Lord!

Uh when y' head bone connecta from y' neck bone,
Y' neck bone connecta from y' shoulder bone,
Y' shoulder bone connecta from y' back bone,
Y' back bone connecta from y' hip bone,
Y' hip bone connecta from y' thigh bone,
Y' thigh bone connecta from y' knee bone,
Y' knee bone connecta from y' leg bone,
Y' leg bone connecta from y' ankle bone,
Y' ankle bone connecta from y' heel bone,
Y' heel bone connecta from y' foot bone,
Y' foot bone connecta from y' toe bone,
Now hear the word the Lord!

A Collect *All stand.*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in 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. **Amen.**

The congregation sits and may extinguish candles.

THE HOLY BAPTISM

After the proclamation of the salvation story, we respond in baptism and the eucharistic feast.

Baptism, the third element of the Great Vigil of Easter, is the rite of initiation into the eucharistic community of Christ which shares, through hope and the practice of servant love, in the life of the crucified yet risen One. The catechumens, who have long prepared for this day, now come to the waters of baptism to share in the death of Christ so that they might share in his life as well.

Conversion to Christ is a lifelong process of growth, celebrated and begun in baptism. Therefore, those who have been baptized already renew their renunciation of evil and commitment to God, as they renew their baptismal vows.

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors **I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

The Celebrant asks the candidates

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates **I do.**

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates

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

Answer **I renounce them.**

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

Answer **I renounce them.**

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

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

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

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

All stand.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

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

All **We will.**

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 join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and 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.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
All I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
All I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
All 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?
All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?
All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?
All I will, with God's help.

All the baptized,
gathered to welcome
the newest followers
of Christ into
communion with
them, reaffirm their
own baptismal
vows by reciting the
Apostles' Creed whose
core affirmations and
structure date to the
2nd century.

The five promises
attached to the
Apostles' Creed flesh
out biblical themes
of discipleship:
a continuing
commitment to the
eucharistic community
of the baptized, the
promise to share
the possibility of
new life with others,
servanthood, and the
seeking of justice in
human social relations.

The congregation now begins to make good on its promise to uphold the baptismal candidates in the new life in Christ by interceding for them. The prayers reflect movement, or *metanoia*: the candidates are made alive and brought into the church, given what they need for mission, and sent back out into the world in mission.

The Celebrant gives thanks to God over the water, recalling the mighty acts of God's creating and saving work.

The Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

All stand. The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

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

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in our Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Dean introduces the dogwood asperges.

All sing while the congregation is sprinkled with holy water from the baptismal font.

The congregation is sprinkled with water from the font, reminding us all of the continuing joy and challenge to "become who we are."

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

The first line of the refrain is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "In him there is no dark - ness at all. The".

night and the day are both a - like. The

The second line of the refrain continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "night and the day are both a - like. The".

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

rit.

The third line of the refrain concludes with a ritardando marking. The lyrics are: "Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.".

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The fourth line of the refrain begins with an *a tempo* marking. The lyrics are: "Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.".

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The fourth and final element of The Great Vigil of Easter – the first eucharist of Easter – begins with the shout of “Alleluia!” and the singing of the *Gloria*, unheard during Lent. These express our joy in our redemption through the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.

The people ring bells during the *Gloria* in jubilant praise of God.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Gloria in excelsis

setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



The Collect for Easter Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant 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.**

The Lesson

I Corinthians 15:19-26

All sit. The Reader says

A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

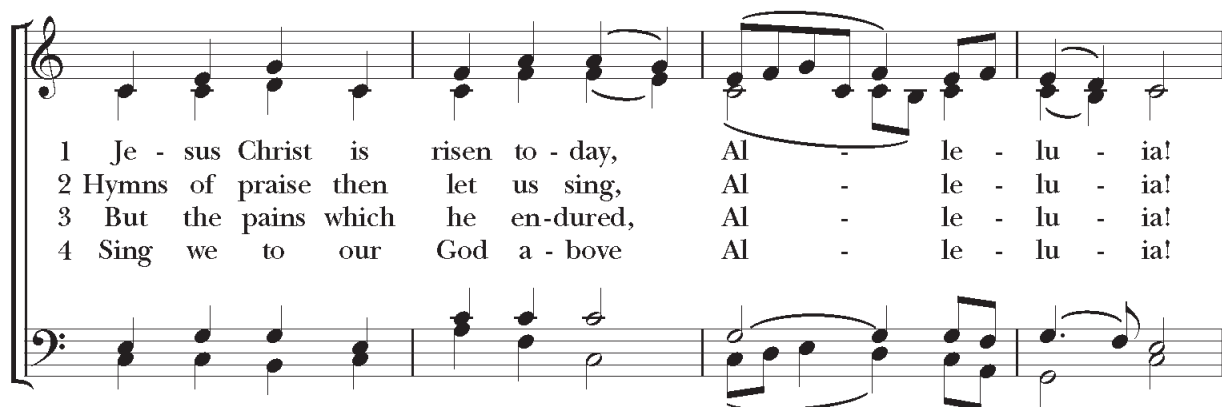
Although we now enjoy the early dawn light, the Collect referring to "this most holy night" underscores the unity of the crucifixion and resurrection in the single paschal vigil of the early church. It recalls the mystery of life *through* the cross and grave that had been celebrated throughout the night.

The eucharistic readings complete the salvation story begun in the earlier vigil of readings: the promise of God is fulfilled through the gift of God's own Son.

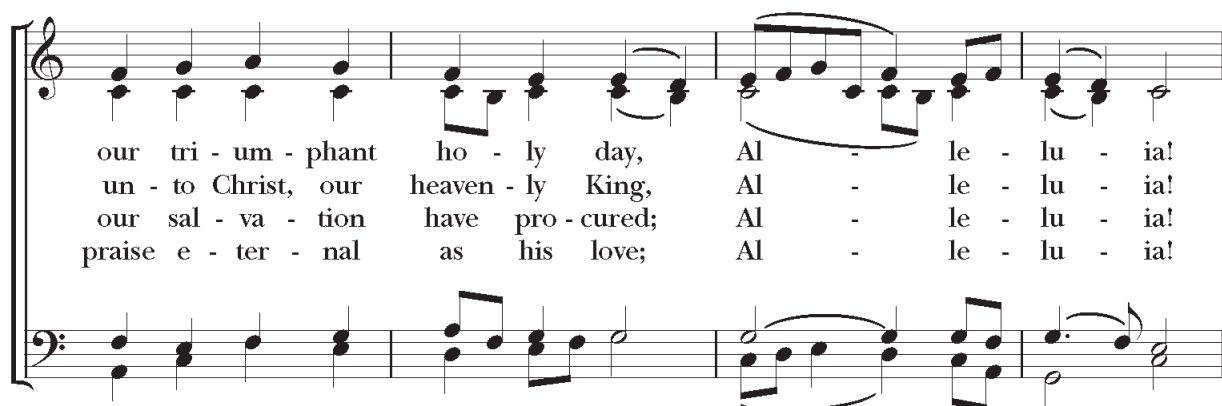
All stand to sing.

The Sequence: Hymn 207

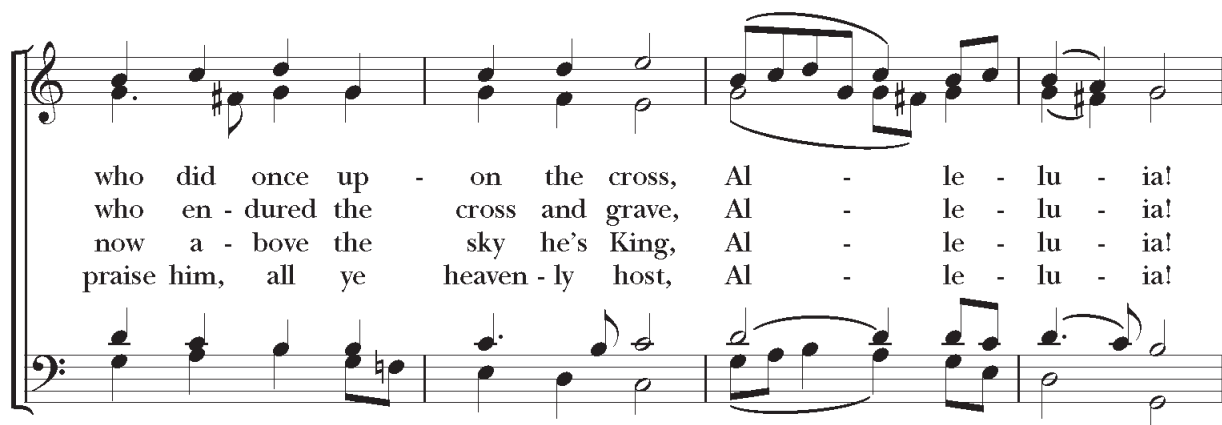
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words: 14th-century Latin, transl. *Lyra Davidica* (1708) alt.; st. 4 Charles Wesley (1707-1788)



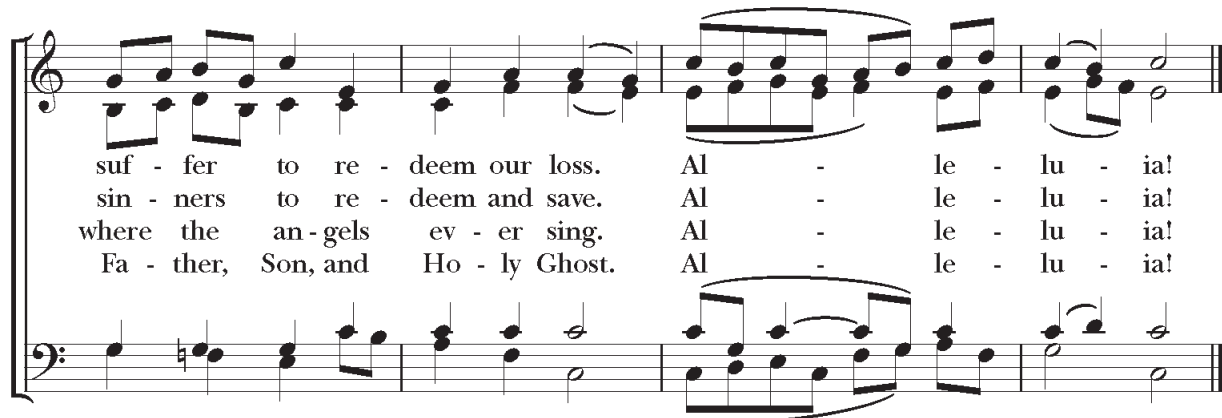
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Please remain standing. The Deacon says

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Dean Candler

The Prayers of the People

All may stand or kneel to pray.

Celebrant Let us stand or kneel to pray.

We pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor Grant, Almighty God, that those who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Risen Lord

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Risen Lord

All **Hear our prayer.**

There is no Confession
or other penitential note
in the liturgy of this
day, nor throughout
the Great Fifty Days of
Easter. This is the time
of rejoicing: "Alleluia!
Christ is risen!"

Intercessor Give us a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we
may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your
honor and glory.

All Risen Lord
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bless those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant
that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he
loves us.

All Risen Lord
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Comfort and heal those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them
the joy of your salvation.

All Risen Lord
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy those who have died, that your will
for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with
your saints in your eternal kingdom.

All Risen Lord
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe
the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting
joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Offertory Anthem

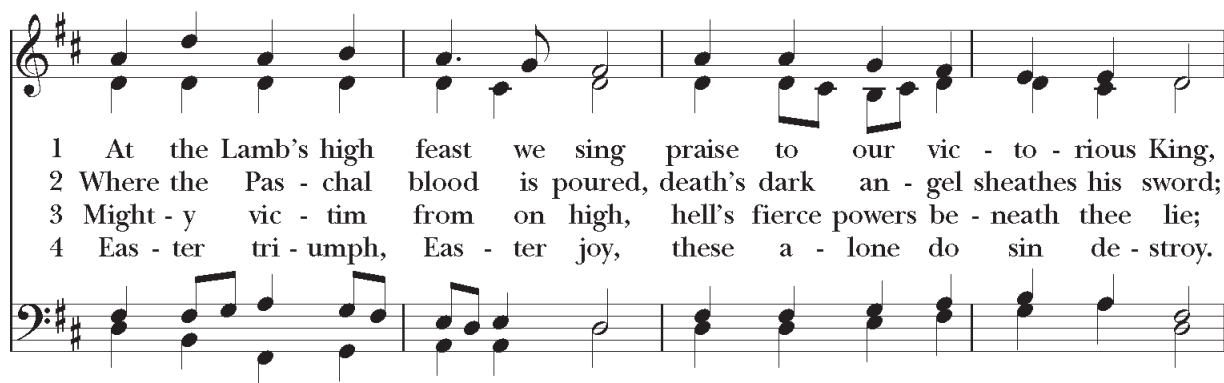
music: Roland E. Martin (b. 1955), Easter
words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.
Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or, since all music is but three parts vied
And multiplied,
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

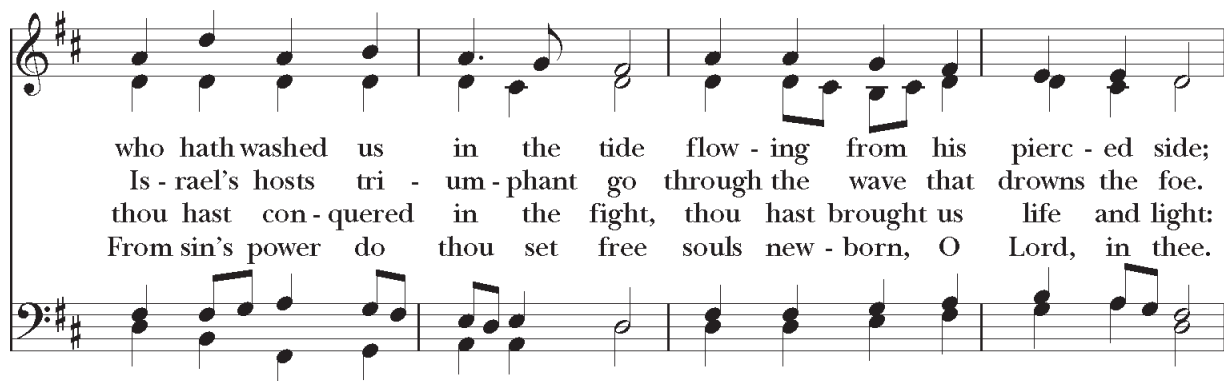
All stand to sing

The Presentation: Hymn 174

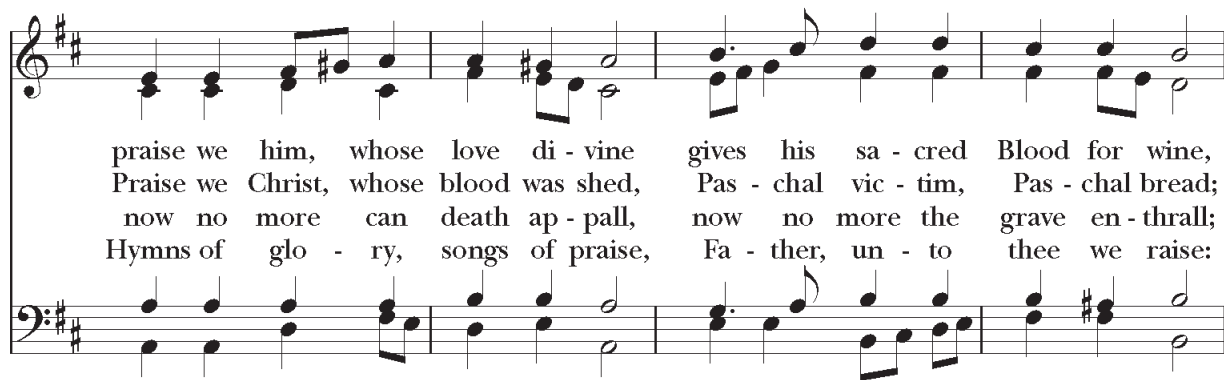
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harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), descant by Kenneth Miller
words: Latin, 1632, transl. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt



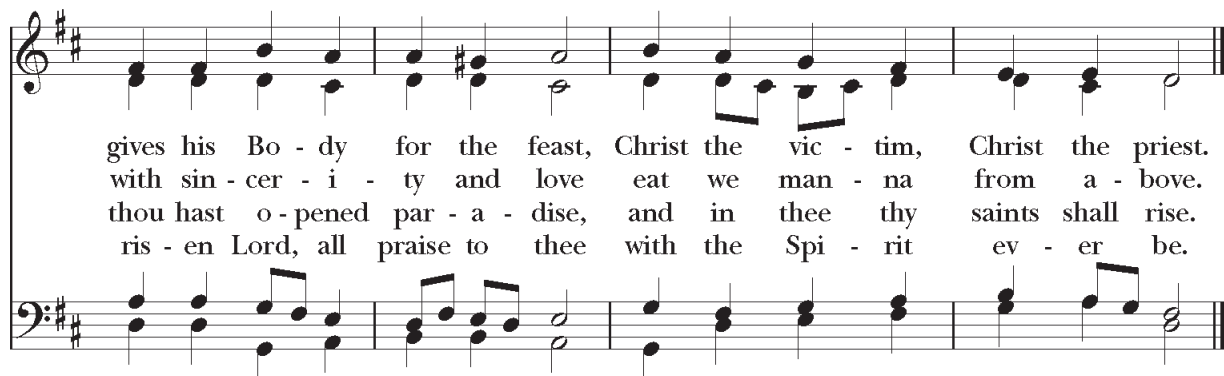
1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

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

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

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus and Benedictus

setting: S-128, William Mathias (1934-1992)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Blessed is the One who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

After the Sanctus, all may stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread *setting: from Missa orbis factor; plainsong, Tonus Peregrinus;
arr. David Hurd (b. 1950)*

Choir then all repeat the Alleluias.



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

All repeat the Alleluias.

The Communion

All may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. You may receive at the altar or at floor-level stations. Stand or kneel and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available at all communion stations upon request. Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine. If you desire to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest.

Communion Anthem *music: Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946), Sing ye to the Lord
words: Exodus 15:4, 21; and Robert Campbell (1814-1868)*

Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea.

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light;
Now no more can death appal,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
Thou hast opened Paradise,
And in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.
Alleluia! Amen.

As the consecrated
bread and wine are
broken and poured
out for us, so our own
lives are broken and
poured out for the life
of the world as we
continue the loving
work of Christ.

Communion Hymns

All sing.

Hymn 178

music: Alleluia No. 1, Donald Fishel (b.1950), arr. Betty Pulkingham (b. 1928),
Charles Mallory (b. 1950) and George Mims (b. 1938)
words: Donald Fishel (b.1950)

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

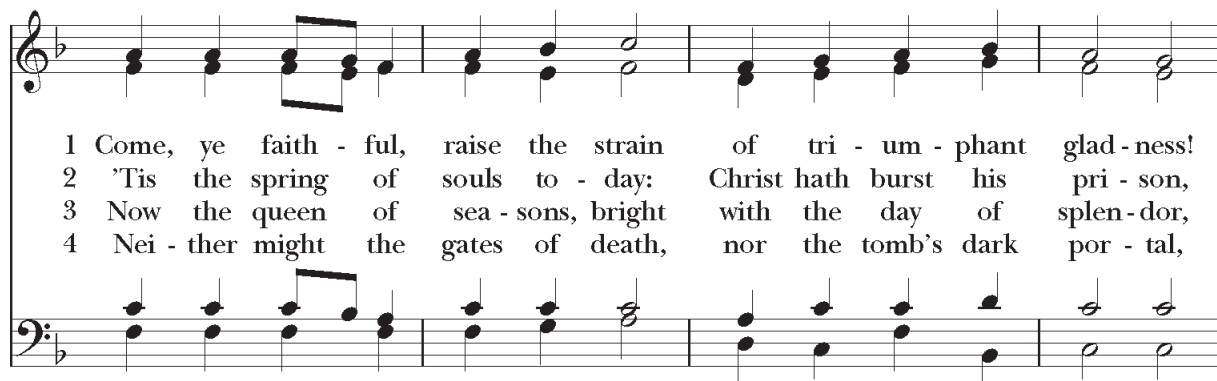
Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

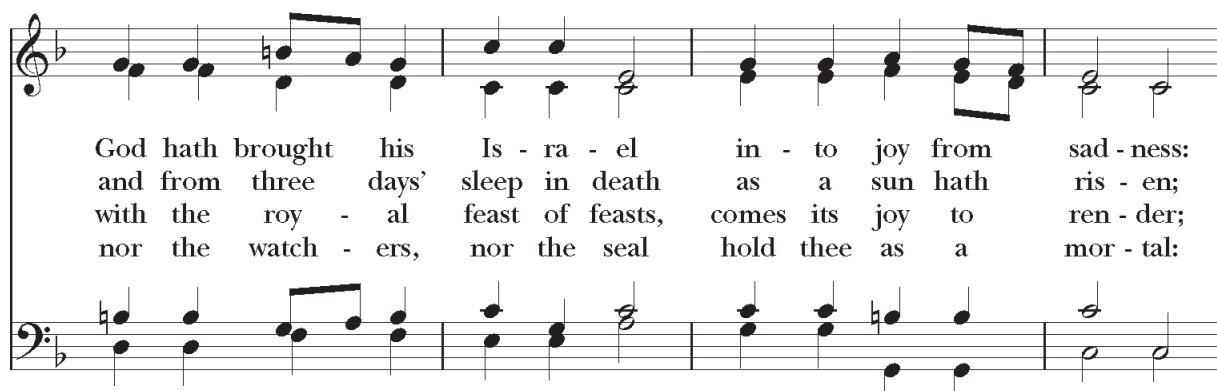
1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

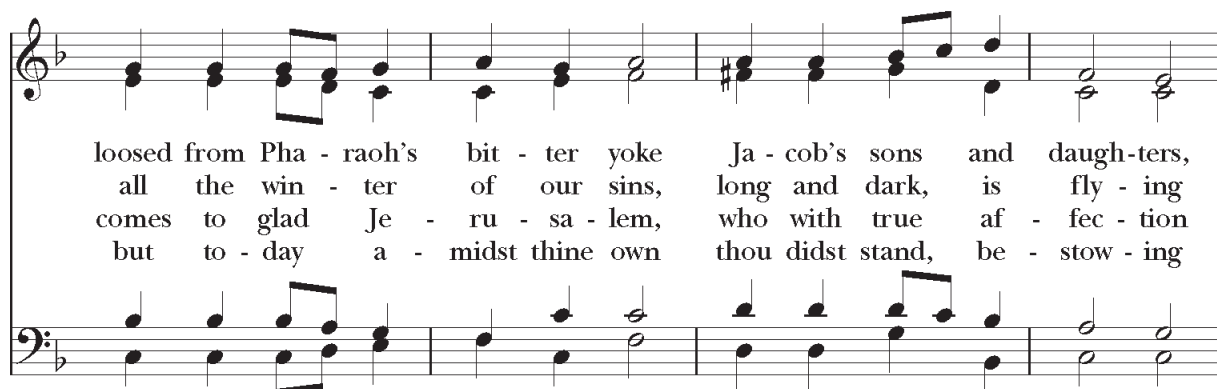
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All stand and pray

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Processional: Hymn 179 *music: Fortunatus, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900), arr. Craig Phillips (b.1961)*
words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (c. 540-600) transl. John Ellerton (1826-1893) alt.

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say:
*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,
*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length-en-ing light,
4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!
2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:
3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.
4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

Refrain

"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

Refrain

The Dismissal

A Deacon dismisses the congregation, saying

Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary

Finale, from Symphonie VI, Opus 42

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

We thank the Cathedral Scout Troop 74 for building and tending the New Fire.

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Herbert Buffington, *Organist & Artist-in-Residence*

Dale Adelman, *Canon for Music*

Jeff Kershner, *percussion*

*Percussion for this service is given by Peggy Clayton to the glory of God
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Prayers of thanksgiving for those who are baptized today, including:

6:00 a.m.

Cristifer Gaige Flint, Eliza Virginia Hunter

8:45 a.m.

Margot Claire Beesley, Brooks Morgan Sheldon, Nikolai Maks Tertichny, Henry Munro Thompson,
Tallulah Munro Thompson, Celine James Tribble, India Marie Tribble, Paige Celeste Walters

11:15 a.m.

James Rolf Dalton Brauer, Marshall Malone Magaro, Jr., Sophia Blair Magaro, Elliott William Trub

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