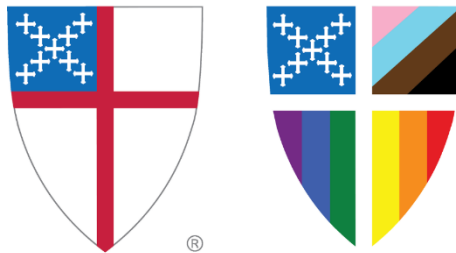


Episcopal Church of Reconciliation



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All are welcome



**Easter Vigil
April 19th, 2025**

7:00 pm

Easter Paraments

Almost all the liturgical paraments at Episcopal Church of Reconciliation have been handmade by artists in the parish. Each piece has been lovingly made with scripture and theological significance. Former parishioner Tinka Tarver created our Easter paraments.

Tinka writes, “What image came to my mind when I meditated on Easter morning? A new dawning, a subtle but powerful glow, a golden radiance overpowering my consciousness, filling my being until my body was vibrant with Love. How could I put this into a visible form? The Easter frontals were my feeble human effort.

I felt they should be as generous as possible arching from corner to corner of the altar. The quilting was my attempt to capture the light that seemed to radiate out from under the fair linen. Then the subtle colors of dawn were airbrushed onto the cotton cloth with fabric dye.” –Tinka Tarver

Our Mission

We seek and experience God through worship and discovery as we welcome, embrace, and serve one another and our neighbors, respecting all of Creation and living on Earth in the assurance that by God’s love all things have their being.

Our Vision

Living out the Radical and Reconciling Love of Christ, we are catalysts and connectors unleashing God’s abundance to bless and transform ourselves, our neighborhood and our world.

This year’s Easter Flowers are given by:

Robert Buchanan: In honor of John Matthews, Sara D. Matthews and Sally Buchanan.

Sidney Burnette: In Memory of Dilan James Burnette.

Janet and Bruce Flohr: In thanks for our growing family, especially Kaia, our new great-granddaughter.

The Rev. Reagan Gonzalez: In thanksgiving for the Staff, Vestry, and Lay Leaders of Episcopal Church of Reconciliation.

Reagan and Bryan Gonzalez: In thanksgiving for our children James Allen and Corinne Ruth.

Sheila Korte: Only love!

Gaye Leia King

Mark and Kay Mangus: In thanksgiving for our family and all God's blessings.

Ed and Sally Reischling: We wish all our Reconciler friends a joyous Easter celebration!

Aileen Valle Ruelas: In loving memory of John Ruelas.

Erica Valle: In deep gratitude and love for our Office Angels: Brenda Moneer, Katheryn Cox, Judith Anthony, Gaye Leia King, and Christie Smith.

Carol Westerkom: In gratitude for the many blessings of Easter.

Julie Woody: In loving memory of Robert Woody.



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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, latte-sippers, vegetarians, hunters, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too. If you blew all your offering money at the dirt track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or came because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you! Assisted listening devices and large-print bulletins are available in the church narthexes (Latin for 'entrance').

WELCOME CARDS

If you are visiting today, please fill out one of the Welcome Cards in your pew or use this QR code, and put it in the offering plate or hand it to an Usher or the priest. Rev. Reagan would like to phone you and offer a personal greeting. If you provide your email address, we will add you to our weekly newsletter distribution. We're glad you are here!



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

To parents and guardians of children....May we suggest...RELAX!
God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Feel free to sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others! Children learn about worship by being in worship. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..." Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and one another.
To members of our parish: *The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

GOT QUESTIONS?

We LOVE questions! Rev. Reagan would be more than happy to talk to you about your questions. You can call the office, email her, or put yourself on her calendar through Calendly. Use this QR code to make an appointment. And, once again, Welcome!



The service begins on the Labyrinth.

The People gather for the kindling of the new fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle

I. Lightering of the Paschal Candle

Kindling of the New Fire

Celebrant:

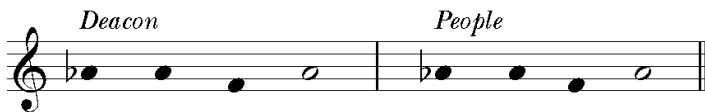
Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we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

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 Paschal Candle is lit from the newly kindled fire.

The Celebrant, bearing the Candle, leads the procession into the Church, pausing three times and chanting:



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. The congregation picks up candles as they enter, and then they light their candles using the Paschal Candle.

The Exultet

The Deacon, or other person appointed, standing near the Candle, sings the Exultet, as follows

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...

Deacon People
 ... for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

Deacon
 The Lord be with you.

People
 And al - so with you.

Deacon
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Deacon People
 ... for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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 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...

Deacon People
 ... for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

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.

II. The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading, The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Read by Sidney Burnette


In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

131 Psalm 136: Love Is Never Ending

Cantor:




1. We give thanks un - to you, O God of might:
2. In your wis - dom and love you shaped the skies:
3. You have filled all the skies with glo - ry and light:
4. From of old you have led your peo - ple in faith:
5. You de - liv - ered the ones who called un - to you:
6. You have o - pened the sea and brought your peo - ple through:
7. You re - mem - ber your prom - ise age to age:
8. You give food and life to all liv - ing things:

All:



for your love is nev - er end - ing,

Cantor:



We give thanks un - to you, the God of gods:
You spread out the earth up - on the sea:
The sun for the day and moon for night:
You have shown your com - pas - sion, strength and love:
From bond - age to free - dom, you brought them forth:
Brought them in - to a land that flows with life:
You show mer - cy on those of low de - gree:
We give thanks un - to you, the God of all:

All:



for your love is nev - er end - ing.

Text: Psalm 136; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
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The Collect

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. *Amen.*

Second Reading, Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22:1-18
Read by Brandon Beck

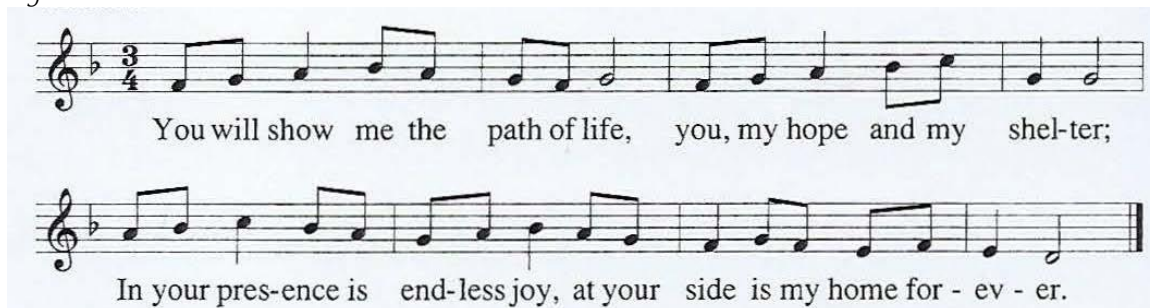
After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, 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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Refrain



You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel-ter;
In your pres-ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev - er.

Faithful God, I look to you, you alone my life and fortune, never shall I look to other gods,
You shall be my one hope. *Refrain.*

From of old you are my heritage, you my wisdom and my safety, through the night you speak within my heart,
silently you teach me. *Refrain.*

So my heart shall sing for joy, in your arms I rest securely, you will not abandon me to death, you shall not desert me. *Refrain.*

The Collect

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. *Amen.*

Third Reading, Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

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

Read by Brad Teahl

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Song at the Sea/Exodus 15

Gather 143

Refrain



Let us sing to the Lord who is covered in wondrous glory.

I will sing to the Lord, in glory triumphant; horse and rider are thrown to the sea. God of strength, of song, of salvation, God of mine, hear these praises. *Refrain.*

My God is a warrior whose name is "The Lord." Pharaoh's army is thrown to the sea. Your right hand is magnificent in power, your right hand has crushed the enemy. *Refrain.*

In your mercy you led the people you redeemed. You brought them to your sacred home. There you will plant them on the mountain that is yours. The Lord shall reign forever. *Refrain.*

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 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.*

Fourth Reading, The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Read by Ken Sullivan

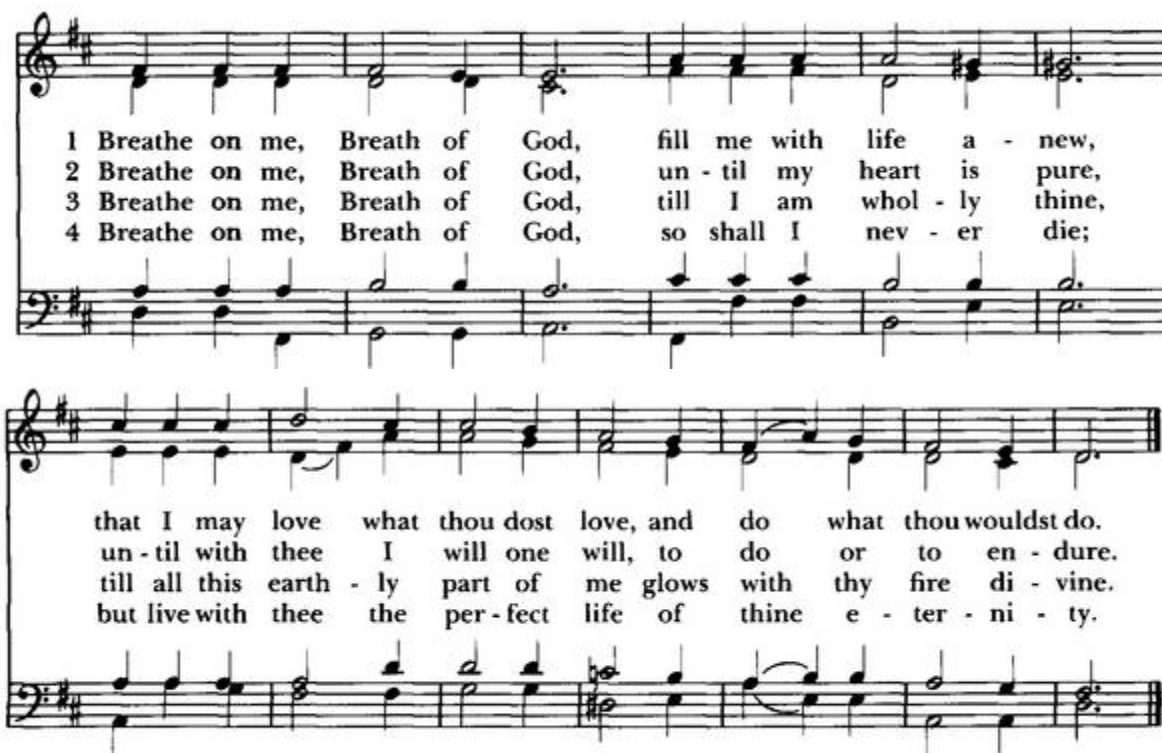
The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn, #508 Breathe On Me Breath Of God



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.
 Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

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The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Fifth Reading, The Gathering of God's People

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Read by Patrice Melancon

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

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

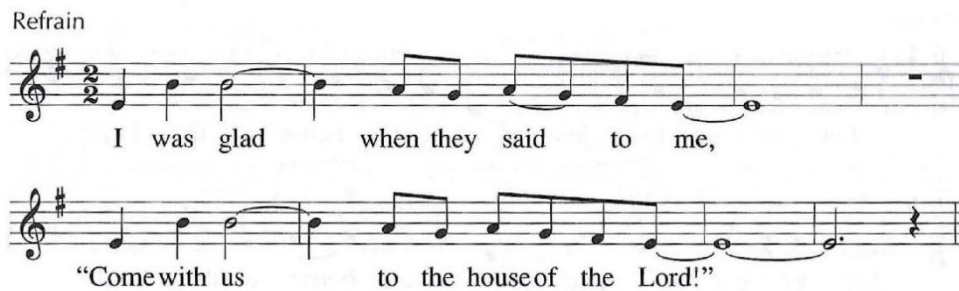
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.
 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
 Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.
 The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;
 he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;
 he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.
 I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.
 I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.
 And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
 and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.
 At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;
 for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,
 when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122, Gather 121



I was glad when they said to me: "Come with us to the house of the Lord."
 Now our feet are standing firm within your gates, O Jerusalem! *Refrain.*

Jerusalem-strongly built, walled around with unity.
 It is there that the tribes of God are lifted high to the mountain of God. *Refrain.*

Israel, this is your law: to praise the name of the Lord.
 Here are placed the judgement seats for the just, here the house of David! *Refrain.*

For the love of my family and friends, "May the peace of God be with you!"
 For the love of the house of God I will pray, I will pray for your good! *Refrain.*

The Collect

Let us pray.

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 tranquility 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.*

III. Baptism

Presentation And Examination of the Candidate

Today's candidate is Ruby Elizabeth Ribb, daughter of Eliza and Nick Ribb.

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

Parents: We present Ruby Elizabeth Ribb to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that she is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will with God's help.

Priest: Will you by your prayer and witness help her grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will with God's help.

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.

When everyone has been presented, the priest asks the congregation:

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Ruby in her life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Let us join with this person who is committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Priest: 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.**

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

People: **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?

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

Prayers for the Candidate

The Priest then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Ruby who is about to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

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

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

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

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

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

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

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

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

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

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

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

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

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

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

Thanksgiving Over The Water

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest:

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.

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 forever 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 forever. Amen.

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying
I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then, the Priest places a hand on the person's head and makes the sign of the cross on their forehead and says:
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

The Priest prays over the newly baptized, saying:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.**

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Priest and People:

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

IV. At the Eucharist

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Bells and other noise makers are used to celebrate Easter.

Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Hymnal 1982 #207 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **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 Epistle

Romans 6:3-11
Read by Margaret Lewis

Lector: A reading from Paul's letter 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

Tom Lee

Trem - ble, O earth, at the pre - sence of the Lord.

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob
from a people of strange speech, Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion. *Refrain*

The sea beheld it and fled, Jordan turned and went back.
The mountains skipped like rams and the little hills like young sheep. *Refrain*

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?
You mountains, that you skipped like rams, you little hills like young sheep? *Refrain*

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turned the hard rock into a poll of water and flintstone into a flowing spring. *Refrain*

The Gospel Acclamation

Bells.

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Bells.

Congregation: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Rev. Reagan Gonzalez, *Rector*

The Prayers of the People Form VI BCP p. 387

Read by Sylvia Maddox

Intercessor:

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God:
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The people exchange greetings

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Offertory Anthem

Sing We With Gladness by Robert Wetzler

Doxology

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
to place upon your table.

We do not worship as we ought
but only as we're able.

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
we lift in prayer before you.

Lord, by your grace now come to us,
as humbly we adore you.

Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The musical notation is arranged in four lines. The first line is split between 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The second line is also split. The third line is for 'Celebrant' and the fourth line is for 'People'. The notes are in a simple, melodic style on a single-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). Lyrics are written below the notes.

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

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

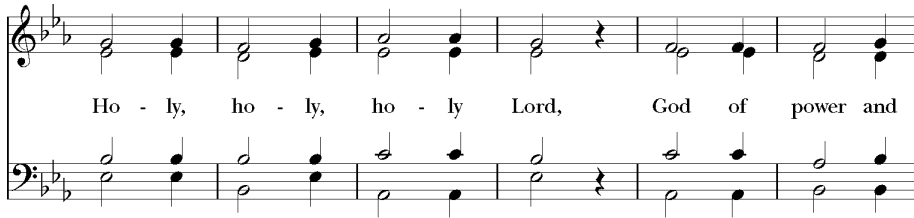
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

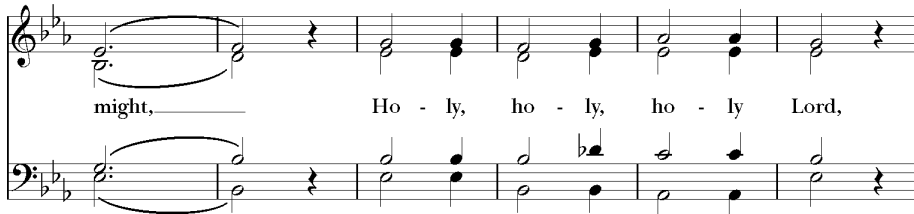
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

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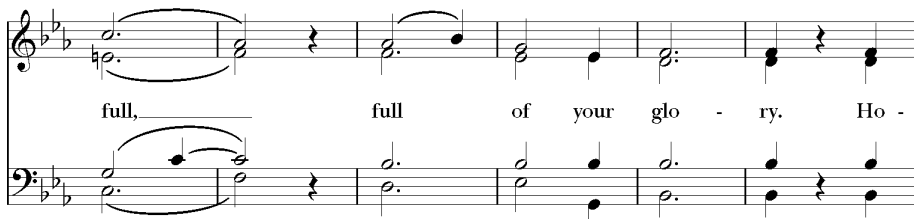
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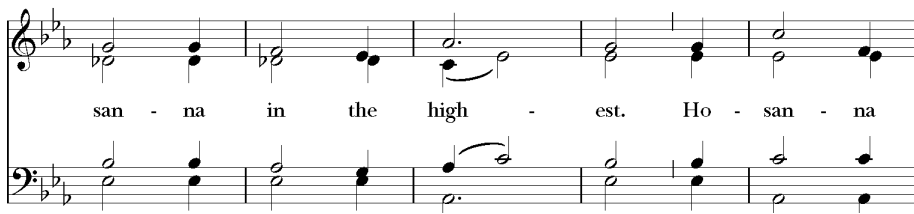
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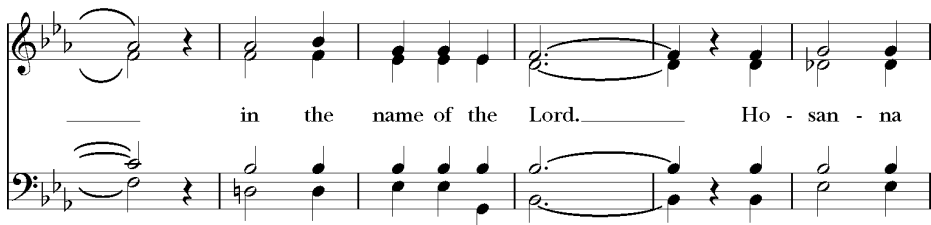
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember David Read, Angela Cortinas, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

Deacon: ... for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

People: A - men.

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be Your
Name. Your king - dom come, Your will be done, on
earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly
bread, and for - give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a -
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from
e - vil, for the king - dom the po - wer and the glo - ry are
Yours, now and for - e - ver. A - men. A - men

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept

Then may be sung or said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God...

All are invited to the table of our Lord—not just Episcopalians. Age, confirmation, and communion instruction are not a factor.

Hold out your hands, and you will be fed. Help the cupbearer by guiding the chalice to your lips by the base. It is completely permissible to kneel or to stand at the altar rail. Do not take physical risks to assume a particular posture.

Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, just let the ministers know at the rail. You may drink from the common cup (chalice) or intinct (dip) your bread in the intinction cup.

Not to worry—you have fully received Communion if you have received only the bread or wafer.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, just cross your arms across your chest, and the priest will ask God's blessing upon you.

If you are differently abled and need to be served communion in your pew let an usher know and the priest will come to you.

The Greeting at the Rail

At the rail, pass the following greeting to your neighbor.

Greeting: The Lord is Risen.

Response: The Lord is indeed.

Communion Hymn

1982 Hymnal #178 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live for ever.

Refrain

God has proclaimed his gracious gift:

Life eternal for all who believe.

Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

Refrain

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn, #180 He Is Risen

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.
 Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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The Dismissal

A minister dismisses the people.

The people respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Ministers of the Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Reagan Gonzalez

Assisting Clergy: The Rev. Mary Earle, The Rev. Doug Earle

Vergers: Lou Navarro

Livestream: Nathan Roller and Erica Valle

Acolytes: Thea Downey, Colin Downey

Lectors:

- First Lesson: Sidney Burnette
- Second Lesson: Brandon Beck
- Third Lesson: Brad Teahl
- Fourth Lesson: Ken Sullivan
- Fifth Lesson: Patrice Melancon
- Epistle: Margaret Lewis

Intercessors:

- Prayers for the Candidate: The Rev. Doug Earle
- Prayers of the People: Sylvia Maddox

Altar Guild: All Teams

Usher: Mike Moneer

Vestry Counter: April Toman

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE

CHURCH OF RECONCILIATION

APRIL 13TH-APRIL 27TH

April 12th

9am-12pm Palm Cross Workshop

Palm Sunday

8am Palm Procession and Service

8:45am Breakfast Together

9:15am Holy Week Boxes and Gallery Walk

9am to 10am Pictures with the donkey

10:15am Palm Procession with the donkey

11:45am Youth After Church

Holy Wednesday

5:30pm Family Art Night

The Tie Dye Triduum Tradition

Maundy Thursday

5:30pm Agape Dinner

7pm Maundy Thursday Service with Foot

Washing and Stripping of the Altar

8pm to 8am Prayer Vigil in the Sanctuary

Good Friday

12pm Good Friday Service

2pm The Artist's Way of the Cross:

A Stations of the Cross Experience

Holy Saturday

10:30am Youth Sidewalk Art

7pm Candle Light Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

7am Sunrise Service on The Labyrinth

8:45am Breakfast Together

10am Easter Egg Hunt

10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday after Easter

Children and Youth Sunday

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