



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL



The Easter Vigil

The Light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

16 April 2022

6:30 p.m.

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral

Be Here, Be You, Be Loved

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Scattered into the world we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. We gather from intimate rural parishes and sprawling urban ones, long time church members and those new to the faith to celebrate a new verse in a song that has been ringing through eternity. As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

THE LIGHTING & BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE

A fire is kindled. The Presider blesses the newly lit fire.

Presider Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with all the Church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and word, through water, bread and wine we celebrate the new life that Christ shares with us.

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Thank you, God, for the gift of your light—shining on the first day of creation, guiding us through the wilderness, leading us to the land of promise. You sent Jesus, light of the world, to be our way of truth and life. Help us to follow him each day and rest in him each night until at last we come to live with you in endless light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and with the Holy Spirit we give you honor and glory, now and always. Amen.

As the Paschal Candle is lit, the Deacon says.

Deacon May the light of Christ, rising in glory, illumine our hearts and minds. **Amen.**

The Deacon repeats the versicle three times followed by the sung refrain.

Deacon The light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



The Dean of Christ Church Cathedral offers a prayer for the new light.

Dean Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
You who sing creation's story, Shine on ev'ry land and race.
Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.
In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.

THE EXSULTET



1. Sound sal - va - tion's might - y trum - pet! An - gels,
 2. Sing, ex - ult, O ho - ly peo - ple, on you
 3. On this night the He - brew peo - ple passed from
 4. On this night God's bound - less mer - cy t'ward the
 5. Lord, re - ceive this East - er can - dle, flame un -



in glad cho - rus sing! All that lives, pro -
 shines the Ris - en One! With full hearts and
 slav - 'ry through the sea; on this night the
 hu - man fam - i - ly shows the fault of
 dimmed by giv - ing light; when your Son re -



claim in joy now: Je - sus is our Ris - en King!
 minds and voic - es praise the ev - er - last - ing Sun.
 bap - tized faith - ful share in Je - sus' vic - to - ry.
 our first par - ents hap - py in its rem - e - dy.
 turns in glo - ry, may he find it burn - ing bright.



Earth, re - rejoice in shin - ing splen - dor, all cre - a - tion
 Ask we now for one an - oth - er grace to pray this
 Had he not come as re - deem - er, worth - less would our
 On this night the Star of Morn - ing, Christ, is ris - en
 May the fire that Je - sus kin - dled spread to earth's re -



bathed in light! Christ has con - quered, glo - ry
 East - er song, faith in Je - sus' res - ur -
 lives have been; but his blood has paid our
 from the dead; rec - on - ciled is all cre -
 mot - est part; may the Star of Morn - ing



fills you, ra - diance o - ver - comes the night.
 rec - tion, hope and love for - ev - er strong.
 ran - som, free - ing us from chains of sin.
 a - tion, and to heav - en earth is wed.
 find it still a - blaze in ev - 'ry heart.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

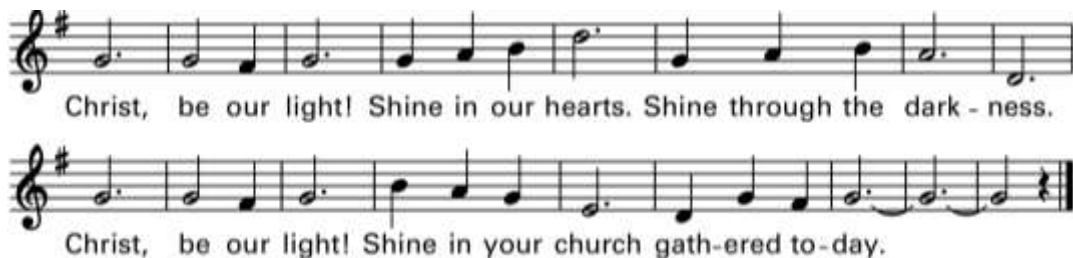
Presider People of God, we have begun our solemn vigil, let us now listen to the word of God, recalling the acts throughout history by which God set people free; and how, in the fullness of time, God sent Jesus Christ to be our redeemer.

THE STORIES OF SALVATION

Dean Tonight we embark on a wonderful journey, a journey that will take us to places before time to discover God's love for us and for all of creation.

Tonight, as the Church throughout the world, we gather to hear once again the story of salvation. We listen with care and confidence to the stories of stories. Stories have shaped the Church and all of God's people from before time and stories continue to inspire and challenge us today. Our story of salvation begins in darkness.

Our story of stories begins at the beginning, the very beginning when all was darkness. God dwelled in the beauty and holiness of darkness. Love, like a flower, grew, budded, and bloomed in the deep darkness before everything that is had been. God's love permeated the darkness and filled it with essence of the Divine. When that love, the very being of God, had grown and expanded beyond measure God spoke: "Let there be..."



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THE CREATION: GENESIS 1:1-2:2

This is an interactive reading. At the invitation of the reader please join in as indicated:

Orans (applaud and cheer) | Praying hands (amen) | Right hand (oooooooooh) | Left hand (ahhhhhh)

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; **ORANS** 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. **PRAY**

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. **RIGHT** God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. **PRAY**

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. **RIGHT** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas.

LEFT And God saw that it was good. **ORANS** 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. **RIGHT** The earth brought forth vegetation. And God saw that it was good. **ORANS** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. **PRAY**

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. **RIGHT** God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. 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. **ORANS** And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. **PRAY**

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. **ORANS** 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. **PRAY**

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 God saw that it was good. **ORANS**

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; **RIGHT** male and female he created them. **LEFT**

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 that everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. **ORANS** And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. **PRAY**

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. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. **ORANS & PRAY**

At the end of the reading the reader says:

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: "ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL"

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All
crea - tures great and small, All things wise and
won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all.

Verses

1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, Each
2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, The
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And

lit - tle bird that sings, God made their glow - ing
riv - er run - ning by, The sun - set, and the
pleas - ant sum - mer sun, The ripe fruits in the
lips that we might tell How great is God Al -

col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky.
gar - den: God made them ev - 'ry one.
might - y, Who has made all things well.

D.C.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.
Tune: ROYAL OAK, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; English melody; adapt. by Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

Presider Let us pray.
Silence is kept for a time.

Presider 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.**

THE GREAT FLOOD: GENESIS 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 49:8-13

This is an interactive reading. At the invitation of the reader please join in as indicated:

Reader For this reading, the congregation will play the part of the rain. Before we begin, let's practice: A drizzle (*rub hands together*). Light rain (*lightly snap fingers*). Harder rain (*loudly snap fingers*). A pounding storm (*slap hands on lap*). When we put a hand up (*raise hand in the air*), that means stop.

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

Reader The LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your family, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you a pair of every animal, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground."

Reader And after seven days, all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. (*rub hands together*)
The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. (*lightly snaps fingers*)

Reader On the very same day Noah and his family went into the ark, with a pair of every animal of every kind. They went into the ark with Noah, two by two, male and female of every living creature as God had commanded; and the LORD shut them in. (*lightly snaps fingers*)

Reader The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, (*snaps loudly*) and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. (*slaps lap with hands*). The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. And the flood continued for forty days. (*slap hands on lap*)

Reader When the rain stopped, the waters swelled on the earth for 150 days. Then God made a wind to blow over the earth, and the waters slowly subsided. After 150 more days, the ark came to rest at Mount Ararat. And the waters gradually receded from the earth. (*snaps loudly*)

Reader And after many, many more days, Noah opened the window of the ark and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove, to see if the waters had subsided; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. (*lightly snaps fingers*)

Reader He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove; and the dove came back in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.

Reader Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return anymore. So Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying.

Reader Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your family. Bring out with you every living creature that is with you--so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his family.

Reader Then God said to Noah and his family, "I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." (*rub hands together*).

Reader God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

At the end of the reading the reader says:

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is prayed in unison

Deus noster refugium

1. ² Gód is for ús a réfuge and stréngth,
an éver-present hélp in tíme of distréss:
³ so wé shall not féar though the éarth should róck,
though the móuntains quake to the héart of the séa;
⁴ éven though its waters rage and fóam,
éven though the móuntains be shaken by its túmult.
2. ⁵ The waters of a ríver give jóy to God's cíty,
the hóly place, the dwélling of the Móst Hígh.
⁶ Gód is withín, it cannot be shaken;
Gód will hélp it at the dawning of the day.
⁷ Nations are in túmult, kíngdoms are shaken:
he lífts his vóice, the éarth melts away.
3. ⁹ Cóme and behóld the wórks of the LORD,
the awesome déeds he has dóne on the éarth.
¹⁰ He puts an énd to wars over all the éarth;
the bow he bréaks, the spear he snaps, the shíelds he burns with fire:
¹¹ "Be stíll and knów that I am Gód,
exalted over nations, exalted over éarth!"

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA: EXODUS 14:10~15:1

Dean God's people grew and multiplied and filled the earth. Hundreds of years later God's people, the Israelites, found themselves captives in the land of Egypt. Anew Pharaoh had forgotten Joseph son of Jacob and his blessing in times of famine. The Israelites multiplied and pharaoh enslaved them. Afraid of an uprising, he ordered that all Hebrew sons should be cast into the Nile at birth. But one baby boy escapes this fate: the Hebrew Moses grew up in Pharaoh's household. When adult Moses took the life an

abusive Egyptian slave driver, he flees the land of Midian. Forty years later, God appears to Moses as a burning bush and sends him to deliver Israel from the hand of Pharaoh.

Deacon "Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.'"

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

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

People **"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."**

Reader But Moses said to the people,

Moses *"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."*

Reader Then the Lord said to Moses,

God *"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."*

Reader 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.

Reader 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,

People **"Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."**

Reader Then the Lord said to Moses,

God "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers."

Reader 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:

Women "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

At the end of the reading the reader says:

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "GO DOWN MOSES"



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



- 1. Op - pressed so hard — they could not stand,
 - 2. To lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through,
 - 3. And came at length — to Ca - naan's land,
 - 4. And let us all — in Christ be free,
- } Let my peo - ple go.



Go down, Mo - ses, Way down in E - gypt's land;



Tell old Phar - aoh: Let my peo - ple go.

Text: 85 85 with refrain. Text and music: Spiritual, ca. 1831.

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider 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.

Dean God has been. God is. God will be. That is the message we have heard from before the beginning of time. God has always dwelt with humanity to guide and comfort in times of trial and to motivate and equip in times of comfort. We see the hand of the Eternal One at work throughout the story of stories. And now that love, a love that was before time, became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ.

Presider In Jesus we see God's unfenced love come to earth to show us how much God has been in love with us. Through Jesus' teaching and preaching, healing and comforting we see that nothing can separate us from God's infinite love in Jesus Christ. Not even death could hold on to God's immense love. Tonight, we are reminded once again... God has been. God is. God will be.

A prolonged silence is kept.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

THE GLORIA: WELCOME TABLE -MASS OF SPIRITUALS

The Gloria is sung first by the cantor acapella, then by the choir, and finally by the whole congregation concluding with the "Amen."

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
To Verses
peace to peo - ple of good will.
A - men, a - men, a men, a - men,
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

Eternal Giver of light and life, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ; renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as your light in

the world; through Jesus Christ, your First-born, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS [6:3-11]

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.

At the end of the reading the reader says:

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA: WELCOME TABLE – MASS OF SPIRITUALS

Refrain $\text{♩} = 146$
Cantor, then all (first time only):

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

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

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

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

unis. div.

To repeat refrain | To verse

lu - ia, al - le - lu.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EASTER GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke [24:1-12].

People **Glorify to you, O 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.

At the end of the Gospel the Deacon says

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

THE SERMON

THE RT. REV. DEON JOHNSON

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

We gather at the font to be reminded of our Baptism into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We thank you God for your love in all creation, especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. We thank you that through the waters of baptism you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life. In the new covenant we are made members of your Church and share in your eternal kingdom. We pray that all who have passed through the waters of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Christ. Through Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all praise and thanks be yours, Redeemer God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

BAPTISM RENEWAL

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

Presider As we gather at the waters of life, do you renew your commitment to following Jesus as your Savior and promise to love God with all your being and your neighbor as yourself?

People **I do. God being my helper.**

Deacon Do you believe and trust in God?

People **I believe in God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Deacon Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who 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 God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Deacon Do you believe and trust 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.**

Presider How will you connect to Christ in community?

People **With God's help I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

Presider How will you resist evil and turn to Christ?

People **With God's help I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**

Presider How will you show Christ in your life?

People **With God's help I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God found in Jesus Christ.**

Presider How will you seek and serve Christ in your life?

People **With God's help I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.**

Presider How will you work for the reign of Christ?

People **With God's help I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

The Presider adds a concluding prayer and invites the community to touch the waters of baptism.

Presider God our creator, the rock of our salvation, we thank you for our new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name; keep us faithful to the calling of our baptism, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lead by a member of the Cathedral.

Leader We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity. Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations. Jesus, Lord of life,

People **In your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word. Jesus, Lord of life,

People **In your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Jesus, Lord of life,

People **In your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, Good Shepherd, who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, especially those we name (*please name silently or aloud*) and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. Jesus, Lord of life,

People **In your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus, Lord of life,

People **In your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

The Presider adds a concluding prayer.

Presider Be present, O Risen Christ, in this your Church's Easter praise. May we, like Mary Magdalene, the other Mary, and all witnesses to the resurrection see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life. Grant that our anthems of joy may give honor to the mystery of your redeeming love and that our proclamations of your victory over death may reflect the majesty of your eternal glory. In your most holy Name we pray. People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

WILLIAM H. HARRIS

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make Thy triumph over death and sin and having harrowed hell,
Didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and for whom Thou didst die,
Being with Thy dear blood cleaned washed from sin, may live for ever in felicity.

Ant that Thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love Thee for the same again; and for Thy sake, that all like dear didst
buy, with love may one another entertain. So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought.

Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Text by Edmund Spenser (1522-1599)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Thanks and praise fill our hearts, Almighty God, for you are the Lord of creation and new creation, of covenant and new covenant. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is



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Presider Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be blessed with power and grace, and that this bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

Presider Who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Presider After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Presider Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Presider Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God, for you have rolled away the stone of despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief, the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear. Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life, that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger, and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread and be lifted up by your touch.

Presider Shape your church to be your risen body; make our scars beautiful like your scars, make our lives life-giving like your life, and make our communion holy with your saints, until you come again in glory and we eat with you in your kingdom. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Alleluia! Amen!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider The risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ we pray.

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept. The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread saying:

Presider Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Mass of Spirituals Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Gracious and Loving God, on this day we are not able to gather around your table to celebrate your presence in the sacrament of bread and wine. We are not able to share your peace with one another. Nevertheless, we lift up our hearts, we join with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we proclaim you holy and receive you into our hearts by faith. Strengthen our love for you. Help us offer our sacrifice with all your faithful people, that we may restore health and wholeness to one another and to all your creation. Give us patience and hope as we long for the day when we can gather and break bread together again. Through Christ our Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN 316

Canticum refectioinis

1 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
 2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;
 3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
 yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,
 here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the
 the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou
 giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the
 brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
 still art here with us - our Shield and Sun.
 Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Alleluia! Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

RETIRING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 180

UNSER HERRSCHER

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 - diant 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.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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