

THE GREAT VIGIL OF



E A S T E R

EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

APRIL 7, 2012

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

HAPPY EASTER AND WELCOME TO WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL!

We gather tonight to celebrate the deepest, most important truth we know—that in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has entered into our world to bring hope, healing, and new life. Jesus embodied God's unstoppable love so completely that he became a threat to nearly everyone around him, and he was hung on a cross for refusing to compromise or set limits on that love. Tonight the church proclaims that death was not the last word for him, that God raised him to new life, and in doing that has opened the possibility of healing and hope for everyone.

Easter promises that, as with the first disciples, we too can know this risen Lord and can find our lives being filled with his life. So our celebration tonight is not simply about an event long ago, but about how the miracle of resurrection can take place in us.

We are delighted you are here for this service as we make the journey from the darkness of Good Friday to the first in-breaking of Easter. If you are a visitor, we hope you will come back often as we explore what this Easter faith can do for us and for our world.

May you discover this Easter joy for yourself through this season and throughout the year.

The Reverend Dr. Francis H. Wade, *celebrant*
The Reverend Lyndon Shakespeare, *gospeller*
The Reverend Canon Sam Van Culin, *assistant*
The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope, *preacher*
Cathedral Voices
The Gentlemen of the Choir

ABOUT THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and rose victorious from the grave. Tonight we hear the ancient stories of God's redeeming work, moving from darkness to light, from solemn chant to joyful song, as we celebrate the glorious Resurrection. We rejoice tonight with members of the Cathedral community as they receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism and we renew our own baptismal vows. This is the holiest night of the Christian year as God in Christ invites us into new life.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

THE LIGHTING & BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE

At eight o'clock the ministers and choir assemble around the brazier at the west end of the nave. All stand and face the brazier. In the darkness, the Paschal fire is kindled. The Celebrant addresses the people and prays.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly-kindled Paschal fire. The cantor, bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession into the darkened Cathedral. In the course of the procession the people's candles are lit.

To pass the light, please hold lighted tapers upright and allow others to light their wicks from the flame. As always, we ask the congregation to be mindful of their own safety, and that of others, when holding lighted candles.

The procession pauses three times and at each pause the following is sung:

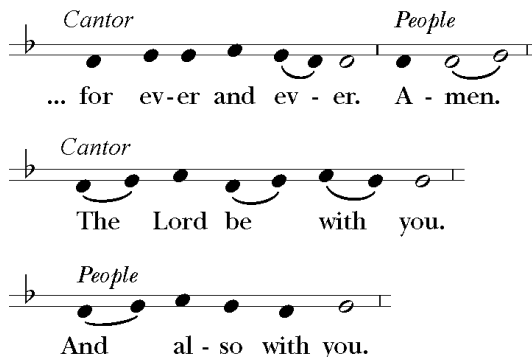


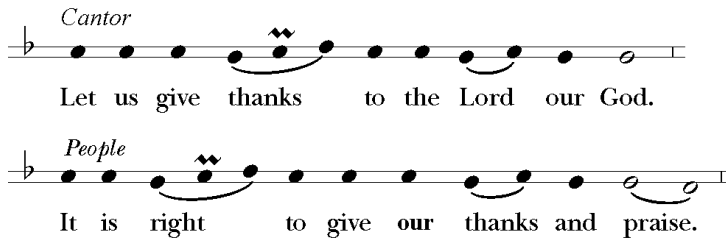
As the procession reaches the crossing, all remain standing.

THE EXSULTET

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

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





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 ancestors, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

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

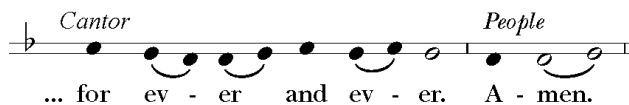
This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell and rose victorious from the grave.

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

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

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

Holy God, 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...



After the Exsultet is sung, the people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

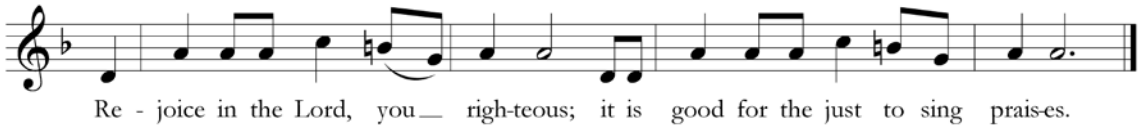
We hear again the stories of God's saving work in history. The people sit for the lessons and musical responses and stand for the collects.

THE STORY OF GOD'S CREATION

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

PSALM 33:1–6, 8

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)



Praise the LORD with the harp;
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
Sing for him a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
Refrain

For the word of the LORD is right,
and all his works are sure.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
Refrain

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
Refrain

The people stand for the collect.

COLLECT

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 people are seated for the lesson and the psalm.

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10–31

THE SONG OF MOSES

M. McCarthy

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted;
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge;
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him,
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might;
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed;
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord,
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever.

The people stand for the collect.

COLLECT

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

The people are seated for the lesson and the chant.

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

Ezekiel 36:24–28

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

M. McCarthy



For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

Refrain

And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Refrain

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Refrain

The people stand for the collect.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people are seated for the lesson and the chant.

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14

PSALM 30:1-4, 11-13

M. McCarthy

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.
You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper.”
You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The people stand for the collect.

COLLECT

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.**

The people are seated for the lesson and the chant.

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Zephaniah 3:14-20

PSALM 98

M. McCarthy



Sing to the Lord a new — song for he has done mar - vel-lous things.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice and sing.

With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.
The LORD has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
Refrain

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

Refrain

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Refrain

Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

Refrain

The people stand for the collect.

COLLECT

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.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.

THE HOMILY

Canon Cope

HOLY BAPTISM AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

THE PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The candidates for baptism are presented and the celebrant questions the candidates and sponsors about the desire and readiness to receive the sacrament of baptism.

The celebrant invites the people to stand.

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

People **We will.**

Dr. Wade As we celebrate the Paschal feast and renew our participation in Christ's death and resurrection, let us join with David Vincent and Layla Michelle who are committing themselves to Christ, and reaffirm our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Dr. Wade Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Dr. Wade 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.**

Dr. Wade Do you believe in God 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.**

Dr. Wade 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.**

Dr. Wade 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.**

Dr. Wade Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

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

Dr. Wade 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.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Intercessor Let us now pray for David and Layla who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All **Amen.**

The ministers, the candidates, and the sponsors move to the font in the mid-nave for the baptism.

VIDI AQUAM

M. McCarthy

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo a latere dextro et omnes ad quos pervenit aqua ista salvi facti sunt. Confitermini Domini, quoniam bonus.

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple. It brought God's life, and his salvation. Give praise to the Lord, for God is good.

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Dr. Wade The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Dr. Wade Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Dr. Wade prays over the water. The people affirm the prayer with Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Canon Cope N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Canon Cope N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

Canon Cope N., receive the light of Christ and carry it into the world.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

Canon Cope Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A fanfare sounds and the people join in the ringing of bells throughout the fanfare and the hymn.

The people stand for the asperges. During the singing, the people are sprinkled with holy water, reminding them that they too have passed through the waters of baptism.

HYMN

*Sung by all.**Jesus Christ is risen today**Easter Hymn*

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

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

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

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

THE EASTER COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

The Celebrant prays the collect and the people respond Amen.

The people are seated.

THE EPISTLE

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

THE GREAT ALLELUIA *The cantor introduces the Alleluia, then all join.*



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–10

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All sing the Alleluia.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor As we celebrate the story of God’s gracious presence with us through life and death, we lift our prayers on behalf of all creation, reconciled and redeemed by the resurrection of Jesus Christ saying: Alleluia! Our joy has no end.

People **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

Intercessor That the Church celebrating the resurrection with hope and joy may bring the light of Christ to the world. Alleluia! Our joy has no end.

People **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

Intercessor That this community renewed this night through word and sacrament may lead others from darkness into light and support the newly baptized in faith, hope, and love. Alleluia! Our joy has no end.

People **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

Intercessor That the leaders of nations in a world beset by war and civil strife may bring justice and peace to the world. Alleluia! Our joy has no end.

People **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

Intercessor That those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit may know the healing and comforting power of the risen Lord. Alleluia! Our joy has no end.

People **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

Intercessor That all who have died and all who mourn or weep this night may find light perpetual and blessed assurance in the triumph of Christ over death. Alleluia! Our joy has no end.

People **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

THE PEACE

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen, bringing to all the peace of God.
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The people are seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's work of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Antiphon, from Five Mystical Songs

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King. The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly: the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King. The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out: but above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.

George Herbert (1593–1633)

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION *Sung by all.*

The strife is o'er, the battle done

Victory

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

Antiphon (at the end)

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

Ped.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presier Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Sung by all.*

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly,' is written across the first two staves. The second staff continues the melody for 'ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,'. The third staff continues the melody for 'heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the'. The fourth staff continues the melody for 'high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fifth staff concludes the melody for 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.' with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O God,

People **We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

People **Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we may be acceptable through him,
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Said by all.

Celebrant As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus Christ has taught us,

People **Notre Pere..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

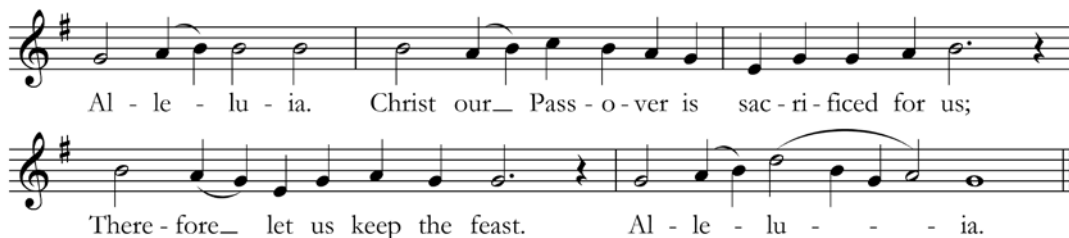
Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,**

**for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. To receive communion, come to a communion station at the direction of the ushers. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or, if you wish, you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please join in the movement to the communion station and cross your arms over your chest. This will alert the priest of your desire to be blessed.

The people are seated.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is risen again!

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken ev'ry chain! Hark, the angels shout for joy, Singing evermore on high, Alleluia, alleluia! He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy and say, Alleluia, alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss, comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry, Alleluia, alleluia! Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored, how the penitent forgiv'n, how we too may enter heav'n. Alleluia, alleluia! Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today thy people feed; take our sins and guilt away, that we all may sing for ay, Alleluia, alleluia!

Michael Weisse (1488–1534); trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1888)

COMMUNION HYMN

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

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

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

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

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

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, standing.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF EASTER

Celebrant May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us blessed children through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who has brought us out of the bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are invited to ring bells throughout the final hymn.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

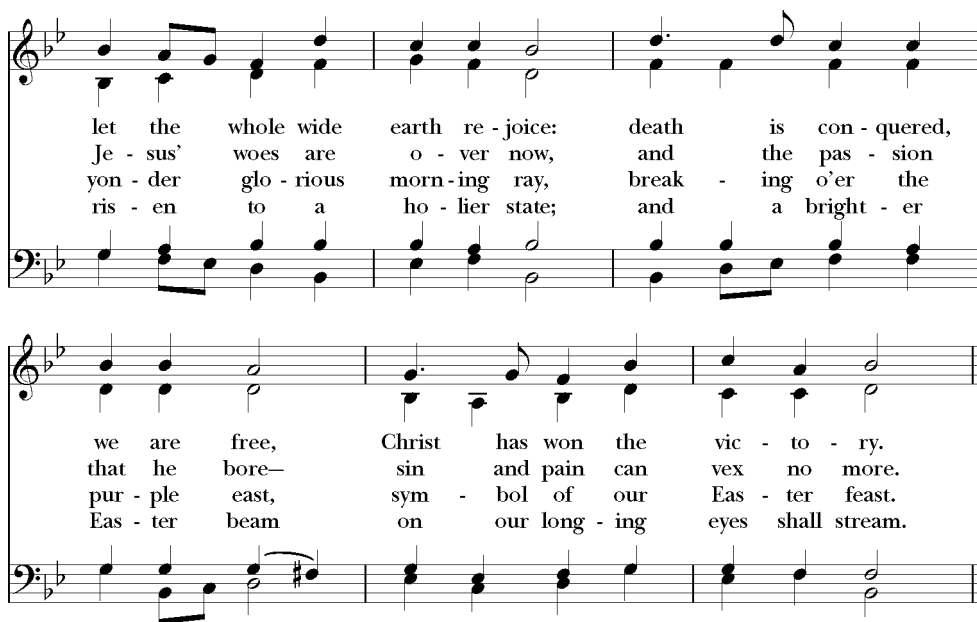
Sung by all.

He is risen, he is risen!

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

Gospeller Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ORGAN POSTLUDE

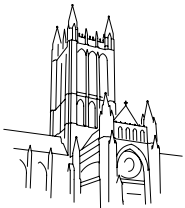
Toccata, from Symphonie V, Op. 42

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

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