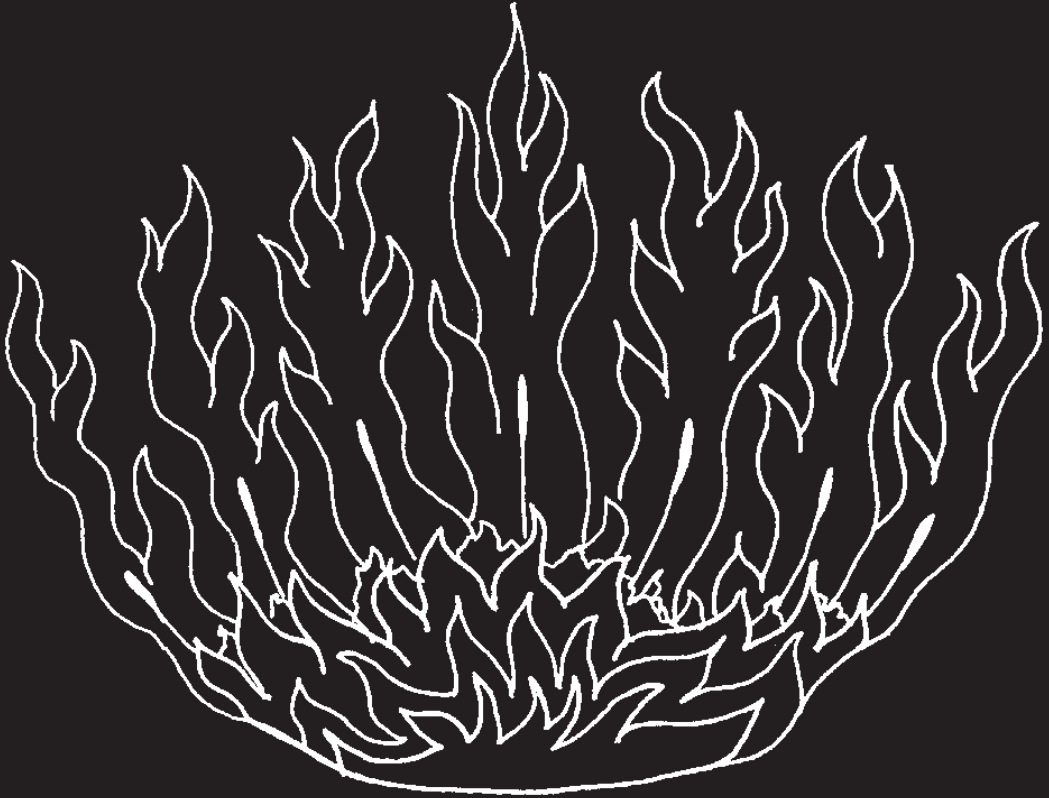


THE GREAT VIGIL OF



E A S T E R

EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

MARCH 30, 2013

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Very Reverend Gary Hall, *presider*  
The Reverend Lyndon Shakespeare, *gospeller*  
The Reverend Gina Gilland Campbell, *assistant*  
The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, *homilist*  
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 a member of the Cathedral community as he receives 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 SERVICE OF LIGHT

## 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 presider addresses the people and prays.*

## THE BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*Making the sign of the cross and inserting grains of incense, the presider blesses the Paschal Candle and the people respond Amen.*

## THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*The Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly-kindled Paschal fire. The verger, 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:*



The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The Cantor part is written on the first half of the staff, and the People part is written on the second half. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

<i>Cantor</i>	<i>People</i>
Christ our light.	Thanks be to God.

*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...

*Cantor* *People*

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

*Cantor*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And al - so with you.

*Cantor*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

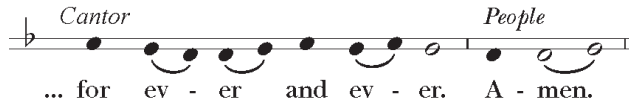
This is the night when you brought our ancestors, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

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 and extinguish their candles.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*We hear again the stories of God's saving work in history.*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

*Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea*

Exodus 14:10-31

**CANTICLE**

*The Song of Moses*

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

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.*

**THE SECOND LESSON**

*Salvation freely offered to all*

Isaiah 55:1–11

**ANTHEM**

*Sicut cervus*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum: ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.

*Psalm 42:1*

*The people stand for the collect.*

**COLLECT**

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

*The people are seated.*

**THE THIRD LESSON**

*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.*

## 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.*

## HOLY BAPTISM AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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### THE PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*The candidate for baptism is presented and the presider questions the candidate and sponsors about the desire and readiness to receive the sacrament of baptism.*

*The presider invites the people to stand.*

*Dean* 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 with this person about to be baptized the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all evil works, and promise to serve God faithfully in the holy Catholic Church.

### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

*Bishop* 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.**

*Tapers are lighted from the Paschal Candle. Acolytes, bearing the Paschal light, relight the people's candles. To pass the light, please hold lighted tapers upright and allow others to light their wicks from the flame.*

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

#### THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

*Intersessor* Let us now pray for Luke who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.



Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intersessor* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

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

*Intersessor* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

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

*Intersessor* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

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

*Intersessor* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

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

*Intersessor* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

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



*Intercessor* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

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

*Intercessor* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

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

*Intercessor* 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 THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Bishop prays over the water. The people affirm the prayer with Amen.*

#### THE BAPTISM

*Bishop* Luke, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

*Bishop* Luke, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Bishop* Luke, receive the light of Christ and carry it into the world.

*People* **Amen.**

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

*Bishop* 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.**

## ANTHEM AT THE ASPERGES

*Vidi aquam*

M. McCarthy

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

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, and all those to whom this water came were saved. O give praise to the Lord our God who is gracious. Alleluia.

## LITANY OF REDEMPTION



*Cantor* We give thanks, O gracious God.  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who loved us from all eternity:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who does great wonders:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Whose excellent wisdom made the heavens:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who laid out the earth above the waters:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who has made great lights  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* The sun to rule the day:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* The moon and the stars to govern the night:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who gives food to all flesh:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who called Abraham and Sarah from Haran:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who brought out Israel from Egypt:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who divided the Red Sea in two parts:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* And made Israel to go through the midst of it:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who led the people through the wilderness:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who remembered us when we were in trouble:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who by his cross and passion has redeemed the world:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* And has washed us from our sins in his own blood:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who on the third day rose from the dead:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* And has given us the victory  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who ascended upon high  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* And opened wide for us the everlasting doors  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* Who sits on the right hand of God:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* And lives to make intercession for us:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* For our God is a merciful God:  
*People* **For your mercy endures for ever.**

*Cantor* We offer all glory, honor, and worship: the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit now and forever world without end.  
*People* **Amen.**





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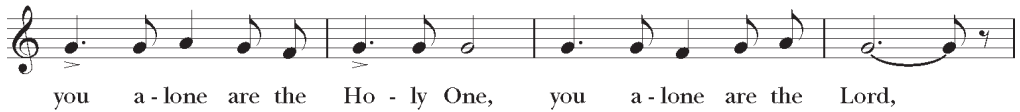
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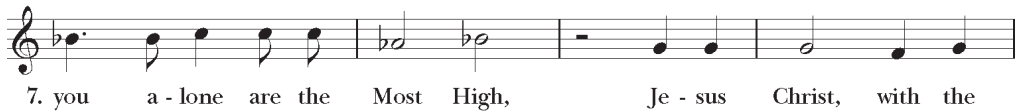
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## THE EASTER COLLECT

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*The presider 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.*

## HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

*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  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

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  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of a series of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. A 'Ped.' (pedal) marking is present at the beginning of the bass staff.

**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.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.*

**THE HOMILY**

Bishop Mariann

**THE PEACE**

*Presider* Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen. The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God’s peace and are seated.*



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*

Charles V. Stanford (1852–1924)

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ, the Paschal victory to hymn, in strains of holy joy. For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head; and cries aloud, through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead. Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore; his ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before. Triumphant in his Glory now to him all power is given; to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven. While we, his soldiers, praise our King, his mercy we implore, within his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore. All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run. Alleluia. Amen.

## HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION *Sung by all, standing.*

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*

*Gelobt sei Gott*

Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that

tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we  
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed

bring:  
high: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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

*Presider* Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

*All* **Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.**

*Presider* In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, Peter, Paul, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*All* **AMEN.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Said by all.*

*Presider* 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 Père..., 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

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

## 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

*My beloved spake*

Patrick Hadley (1899–1973)

My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig-tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

*Song of Solomon 2:10–13*

*The people stand to sing.*

## 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

*Presider* God the Father, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, continually show us loving kindness.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* God the Son, victor over sin and death, grant us a share in the joy of his resurrection.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* God the Spirit, giver of light and peace, renew our hearts in love.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* May almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, continue to bless us, now and for evermore.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

## HYMN AT THE CLOSING

*Sung by all.*

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

*St. Kevin*

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

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

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

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Toccata, from Symphonie V, Op. 42*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

## FLOWERS THROUGHOUT THE CATHEDRAL ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

Flowers at the **high altar** are given in memory of Hibbard G. James, Paul H. Kea, FAIA, Grace Gibson, NCS Class of 1918, Mary Ashley Scarborough, and Sita Finkenstaedt Gibson; flowers on the **candelabra at the high altar** are given in loving memory of Mary Russell and Charles Bounds; flowers at the **organ console** are given in honor of Michael T. Hosang, Esq. and in memory of Ruth D. and Paul Lieber; flowers at the **Paschal Candle** and at the **mid-nave font** are given in loving memory of Catherine Elizabeth Fowler; flowers at the **altar in St. Mary's Chapel** are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, Robert Marsden Goodchild, and the Reverend and Mrs. Norman Egerton; flowers at the **Anderson tomb** are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson; flowers at the **altar in Holy Spirit Chapel** are given in memory of Frederick James, Bertha Elise Wildman, and in honor of Jean Schnell Auchincloss; flowers at the **St. John's Chapel gates** are given in honor of Rosalie and Eugene Simmons; flowers at the **altar in Children's Chapel** are given in memory of Jennie May Mathis Malloy, Virginia McVey Morris, Elizabeth Arcier, and Elizabeth McCutchins Blood Miles; flowers at the **font in Children's Chapel** are given in honor of Michael Gaines Semler and Alexander Horatio Semler; flowers at the **Christ Child statue** are given in loving memory of Adriana Lusk Van der Steenhoven; flowers at the **altar in War Memorial Chapel** are given in loving memory of Bertha R. "Bert" Pence those who served in World War II from the Norristown High School, Norristown, Pennsylvania, class of 1941; flowers at the **altar in Bethlehem Chapel** are given in memory of Marion G. Lemon, Stella E. Emerson, Margaret Sisson, and Bertha M. Gordon, and in honor of the anniversary of Sarah Farmer Wall and John Edgar Wall, Jr.; flowers at the **altar in Resurrection Chapel** are given in memory of Rhoda Paxton Boggs, and Mary K. Randolph; flowers at the **altar in St. Joseph's Chapel** are given in memory of Joseph Wilson; flowers at the **columbarium gates** in St. Joseph's Chapel are given in memory of Constantine and Marion Seferlis and in thanksgiving for Lee and Charlie Tidball; flowers at the **Abigail Norman Prince Tomb** are given on the anniversary of her death; flowers in **Dulin Bay** and in **Folger Bay** are given in memory of J. Clifford Folger, and in memory of and thanksgiving for Blanche Scott Dulin, Edward Milton Dulin Sr., and Dr. William C. Dulin; flowers in **Good Shepherd Chapel** are given in honor of the Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre; and the **ushers' carnations** are given in memory of Charles Sidney Forbes and Lt. James Norbert Matthews.

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