

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

## THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the people.*

## THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE

*The Celebrant then prays. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*Traditionally, a cross and the Alpha and Omega are inscribed on the face of the Paschal Candle. The year may also be inscribed. Nails are placed at each end of the cross and in its center. Grains of incense may be inserted into the nail holes before the nails are inserted.*

*Then, raising the unlit Paschal Candle, the Celebrant says,*

Christ yesterday and today  
the beginning and the end  
The Alpha and Omega  
All time and all ages belong to Christ  
to whom be glory and sovereignty  
through every age for ever and ever. Amen

*The Paschal Candle is lit from the fire and the following is offered:*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, enlighten our hearts and minds.  
Amen.

## THE PROCESSION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*The Paschal Candle, leads the procession to the chancel. During the procession, candles of those in the congregation are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted.*

*Half way down the aisle, the Cantor chants,*

**The light of Christ.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*Pausing a second time at the steps before the Altar, the Cantor chants,*

**The light of Christ.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*Pausing a third time as the ministers take their places, the Deacon chants or says,*

**The light of Christ.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EXULTET** *The Paschal Candle placed in its stand. Cantor, standing near the Candle, sings or says the Exsultet, which is an ancient hymn/chant that proclaims the Resurrection of which the Paschal Candle is the symbol. Christ, the new fire defying the tomb, is risen from the dead into a glorified body. At some point, the Cantor addresses the people*

The Lord be with you.  
And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts!  
We lift them to the Lord!  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Exultet concludes.*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*After the Lessons:* The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*After the Lessons, a bell is rung. Silence is observed.*



# THE STORY OF CREATION

GENESIS 1:1-2:2

## HYMN

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
  
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
  
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## THE COLLECT

Amen.

## THE SECOND LESSON: A NEW HEART AND NEW SPIRIT

EZEKIEL 36:24- 28

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# PSALM 42 METRICAL

*As longs the deer*

HYMN 658 - MARTYRDOM

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in  
 2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my  
 3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope  
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O  
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be who  
 still, and thou shalt sing the praise glo - ry, him as  
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, him as  
 God, for thee and thy Ma - jes - ty di - vine?  
 hold thy face, thou thy health's e - ter - nal spring.  
 is thy God, thy and shall be ev - er - more.

## THE COLLECT

Amen.

## THE THIRD LESSON: ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

EXODUS 14:10—15:1

# HYMN

*Unison*

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,  
 2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go,  
 3 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,

op-pressed so hard they could not stand,  
 to lead the He - brew chil - dren through, let my peo - ple go.  
 at God's com - mand it did di - vide,

*Refrain*

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

4 When they had reached the other shore,  
 let my people go,  
 they let the song of triumph soar,  
 let my people go. *Refrain*

5 Lord, help us all from bondage flee,  
 let my people go,  
 and let us all in Christ be free,  
 let my people go. *Refrain*

Words and Music (GO DOWN MOSES irregular): African American spiritual; harm. John W. Work (1871-1925), P.D.

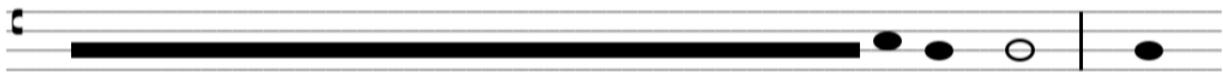
## THE COLLECT

Amen.

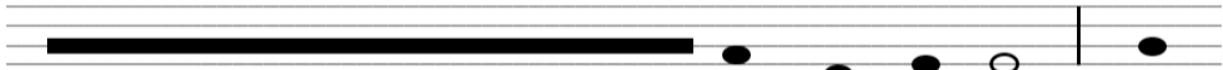
## THE FOURTH LESSON: THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

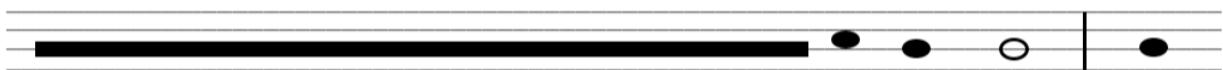
## PSALM 30 - METRICAL



I will ex - alt You, O my God, for you have lift --ed me out  
Sing to our God, all saint - ly ones and praise God's ho - ly Name; Whose  
You turned my mourn-ing in - to dance; my feet with dance em -ployed. My



of the depths and did not let my foes gloat ov - er me. O  
an - ger lasts a mo - ment, but com - pas - sion will re - main. For  
sack-cloth you re - moved and then you clothed me with great joy, That



Ho - ly God, I cried to you for help, and heal - ing came; You  
weep-ing may re - main all night, and hea - vy sor - row borne; But  
my heart may sing praise to you, and ne - ver si - lent be. O



brought me up from grave and pit, and spared me from great shame.  
with the dawn re - turns the light; re - joic - ing comes with morn.  
Ho - ly God, I'll give You thanks and praise e - ter na - lly!



A - men.

## THE COLLECT

Amen.

# THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*The Celebrant addresses the people.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and on earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead,  
on the third day he rose again, and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resur~~X~~rection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to Christ?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every living being?

I will, with God's help.

## LITANY FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for **N.** who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for ourselves, ordained through Baptism to minister to the world in the name of Christ.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,  
Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,  
Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

Holy Mary, Mother of God, **R**  
Blessed Clement and Blessed Absalom,  
Blessed Martin, patrons of this household,

All you holy patriarchs, patriarchs,  
prophets, and martyrs, **R**  
All you holy angels and saints, **R**  
All you faithful Departed, **R**

O Holy Rock, from which flows the waters of life,  
O Living Vine, of which your people are the branches; **R**  
O Christ the Head, of which your people are the members; **R**  
O Christ our Prophet, filling us with wisdom and truth; **R**  
For **N.** [*and N.*] who approach(es) the font of new birth, **R**  
Open his heart to your grace and truth. **R**  
Fill **him/her/them** with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **R**  
Keep **him/her/them** in the faith and communion  
of your holy Church. **R**

Teach **him/her/them** to love all as Christ loves all. **R**  
Send him/her into the world in witness to your love and compassion. **R**  
Bring **him/her/them** to the fullness of your peace and glory. **R**

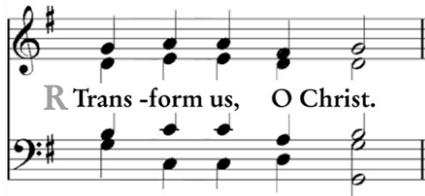
Musical notation for the phrase 'Have mercy on us.' It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple, with quarter notes and eighth notes. The word 'Have' is in red, followed by 'mer - cy' on the first beat of the second measure, 'on' on the second beat, and 'us.' on the third beat.

Musical notation for the phrase 'R Pray for us.' It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple, with quarter notes and eighth notes. The word 'R' is in red, followed by 'Pray' on the first beat of the second measure, 'for' on the second beat, and 'us.' on the third beat.

Musical notation for the phrase 'R Hear us, O Christ.' It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple, with quarter notes and eighth notes. The word 'R' is in red, followed by 'Hear' on the first beat of the second measure, 'us,' on the second beat, 'O' on the third beat, and 'Christ.' on the fourth beat.

Send your Spirit upon **him/her/them**,  
clothing **him/her/them** with power and love; **R**  
Sustain him/her that in **him/her/them** vocation and ministry  
that **she/he/they** may truly and devoutly serve you; **R**  
Heal our divisions that all maybe one; **R**  
That we may faithfully fulfill the vows of our baptism, **R**

From death to life, **R**  
From despair to hope, **R**  
From fear to trust; **R**  
From hatred to love, **R**  
From war to peace. **R**



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



## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER



*The Celebrant gives thanks for water and its place in salvation history. Then the Celebrant gives thanks for the water of Holy Baptism. The water is then blessed and prays that this water may continue us in the life of the Risen Christ.*

## THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant **prays** Loving God    joy and wonder in all your works.

People **Amen.**

## THE CRISMATION

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

The People, with enthusiasm, **Amen!!!!**

Sponsor **N.**, you are filled with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: with wisdom and understanding, with counsel and courage, with knowledge and faithfulness, and awe in the presence of God. Live in the power of that Spirit and through it be Christ for the world.

**Amen.**

## THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

A Candle is then lit from the Paschal Candle – a symbol of the Resurrection Life he is called to live - and presented to Duncan by the Sponsors

Another Sponsor **N.**, newest Christians for but a moment:

may the Peace and Compassion of Christ shine forth within you  
that your life in Christ may be a light to the world.

**Amen.**

Celebrant

Christ be your light to guide you.  
Christ be your light to protect you,  
Christ be your light to strengthen you.  
Christ be your light to uplift you.  
Christ be your light to support you.  
Christ be your light so you may shine for him.

## THE WELCOME

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**N.**, We receive you into the household of God.

Confess the faith of Christ incarnate and crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in Christ's eternal priesthood.

*Bells are rung and joy erupts. The Procession moves to the Altar all being sprinkled with the newly blessed water. Then the Celebrant prays and the people respond Amen.*

Take your glasses off!!!



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# THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER

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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION FOR EASTER



Celebrant Al-le- lu - ia! Christ is ri - sen!



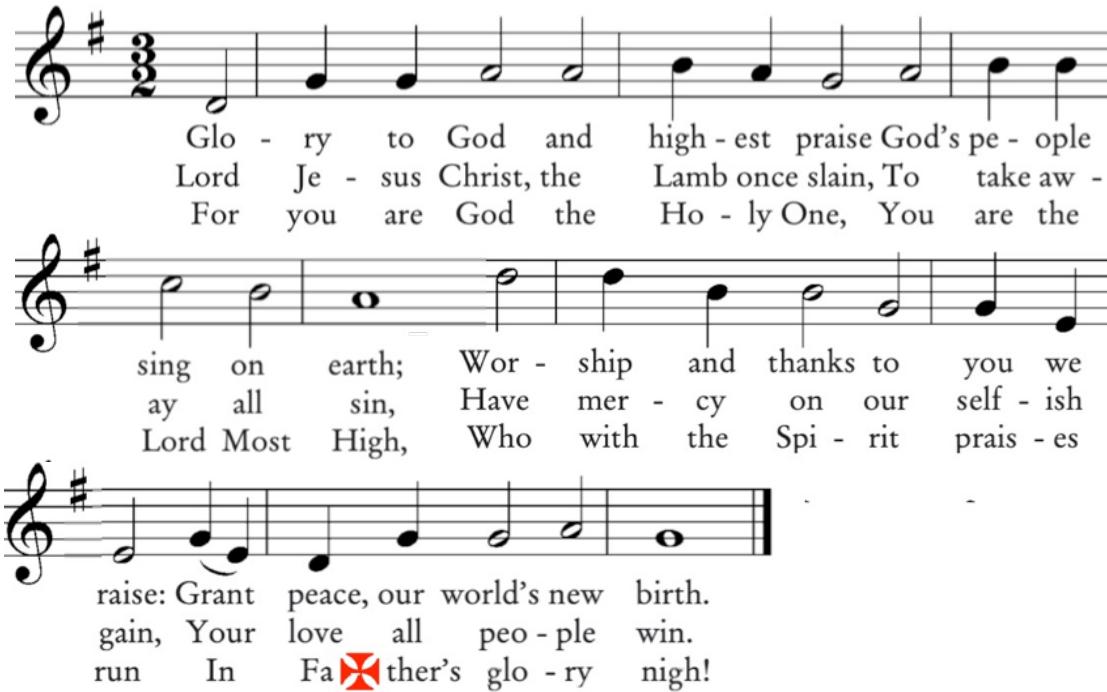
People Christ is ris - en in - deed! Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY IN EASTERTIDE

## THE GLORIA

METRICAL

AZMON



Glo - ry to God and high - est praise God's pe - ople  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Lamb once slain, To take aw -  
For you are God the Ho - ly One, You are the  
  
sing on earth; Wor - ship and thanks to you we  
ay all sin, Have mer - cy on our self - ish  
Lord Most High, Who with the Spi - rit prais - es  
  
raise: Grant peace, our world's new birth.  
gain, Your love all peo - ple win.  
run In Fa-X ther's glo - ry nigh!

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Amen.

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*After the Lessons:* The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*After the Lessons, a bell is rung. Silence is observed.*

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## THE LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN 42

*He Lives!*

LEVAS II

# THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 16.1-8



Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*The Gospel is proclaimed.*

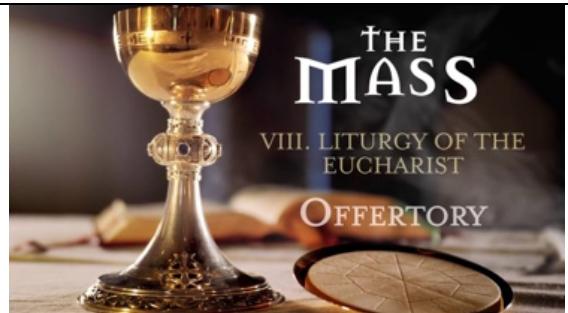
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

THE RECTOR

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant. The people stand as Celebrant censes the Gifts. The Thurifer then censes the ministers and then the People symbolizing their role as concelebrants of the Eucharist.*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM *I Will Extol Thee, O Lord* (Psalm 30)

- Darin Lewis

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, sisters and brothers,  
that this our Easter sacrifice,  
may be acceptable unto God the Almighty.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice of our hands  
to the praise and glory of God's holy Name,  
for our good, and the good of the whole world.

*The Celebrant continues the prayer offering our Gifts to God.*

Amen.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: THE CANON OF THE MASS

The Lord be with you.  
And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts!  
We lift them to the Lord!  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.....to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

SCHUBERT

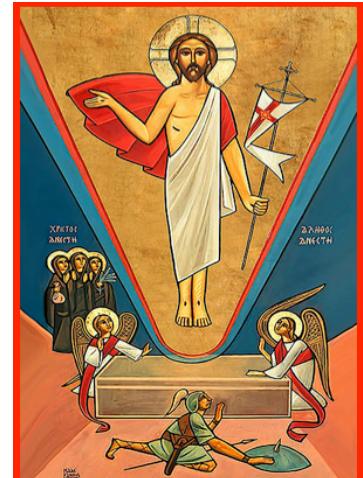
Ho- ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might; Ho- ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord  
God of power and might. hea-ven and earth are full, full— of your glo - ry.  
Ho san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles~~X~~sed is he who comes  
in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high- est.

*The Celebrant continues giving thanks to God for the whole of Creation, the coming of Jesus and then consecrates the Bread and Wine to be the Body and Blood of Christ. Then:*

Therefore, according to Christ's  
gracious command,  
**We remember his death;**  
**We proclaim his Resurrection;**  
**We await his coming in glory.**

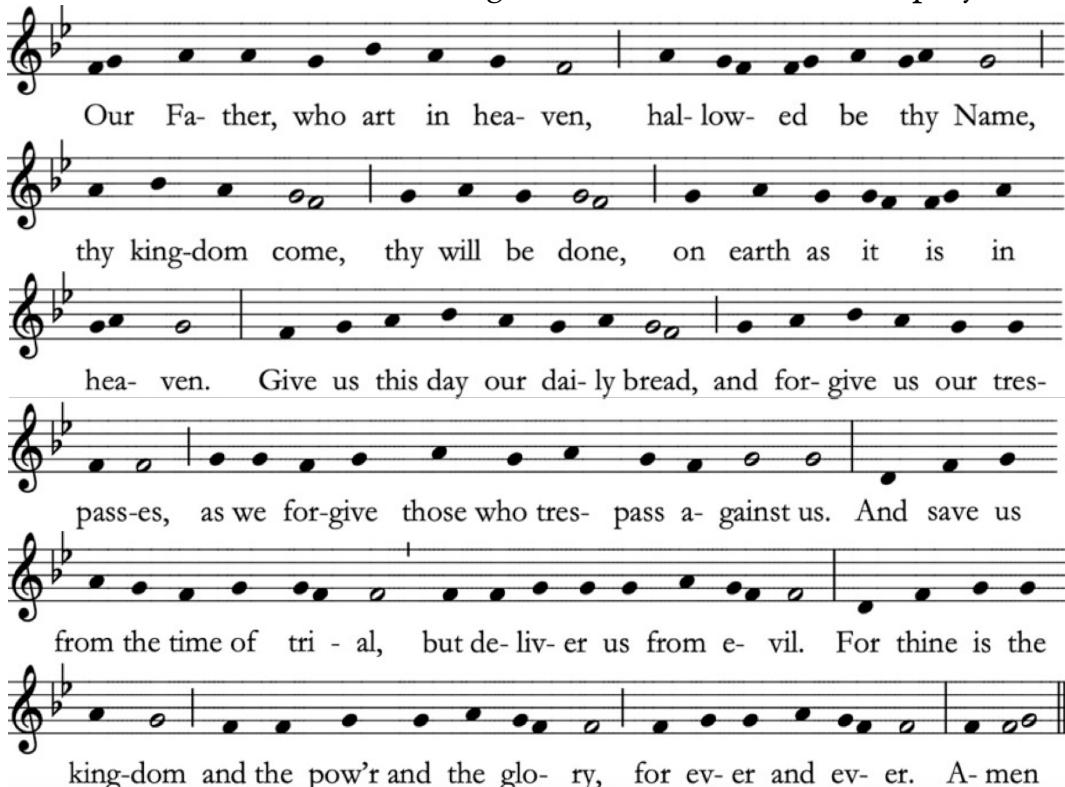
*The Celebrant continues, asking the Holy Spirit to make this bread and wine the Body and Blood for us and then prays that we may join with all the Saints in God's eternal kingdom. At the conclusion, the People affirm their consent:*

  
**A - men.**

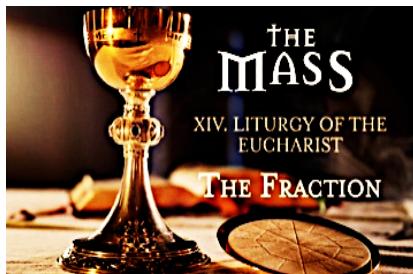


### THE LORD'S PRAYER *Note the text modification which is closer to the Greek.*

**Celebrant** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:



Our Fa- ther, who art in hea- ven, hal- low- ed be thy Name,  
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heav- en. Give us this day our dai- ly bread, and for- give us our tres-  
pass-es, as we for-give those who tres- pass a- gainst us. And save us  
from the time of tri - al, but de- liv- er us from e- vil. For thine is the  
king-dom and the pow'r and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men



## THE FRACTION: THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Consecrated Bread, the Body of Christ, is broken. Silence is observed. As the Bread is broken, be aware of the paradox that as we are broken for the sake of the world, so are we united together in the Eucharist and share that peace with one another.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!  
Therefore, let us keep the Feast! Alleluia!  
The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.  
And also with you.

*Then, is sung* **THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

**ANTIPHON**

Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Not with the old leaven of malice and evil, but with the new leaven of sincerity and truth.

**REPEAT ANTIPHON**

As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, was in this broken bread made one, so from all lands your Church be gathered into the kingdom by your Son.

**REPEAT ANTIPHON**

## THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*At the Eucharist, we welcome everyone to the Lord's Table, regardless of religious affiliation, if any. Receive the Body of Christ in the open palm of the hand. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you wish, receive the Blood of Christ by drinking from the Chalice. Intinction: dipping your Bread into the Chalice is forbidden in this Diocese for health reasons. Holy Communion in one kind is receiving a full Communion*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** *Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One*

- Healy Willan

# THE RESERVATION OF THE NEWLY CONSECRATED EUCHARIST

*After Communion, the Celebrant places the Blessed Sacrament, which has been absent from the Church since Good Friday into the Tabernacle, the presence of the Risen Christ again in our midst. It is reserved for Communion of the Sick and other devotions.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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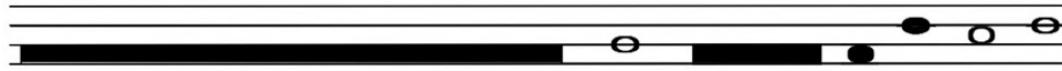
## THE EASTER BLESSING

### HYMN 207

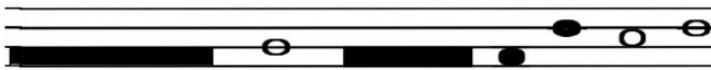
*JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY, A-A-A-A-LOOOOO-YA!*

EASTER HYMN

## THE DISMISSAL



Let us forth in the name of the Risen Christ! Alleluia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Al - le - lu - ia!

May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

And may light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.