

**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH  
EPISCOPAL**

8:30 PM

Easter Vigil

April 19, 2025



***WELCOME***

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# The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

## OPENING PRAYER

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

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

*The Celebrant then says the following prayer*

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## OPENING VERSICLE

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the columbarium, pausing three times and singing or saying*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

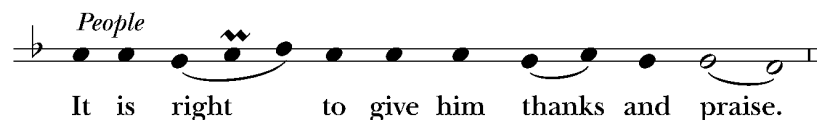
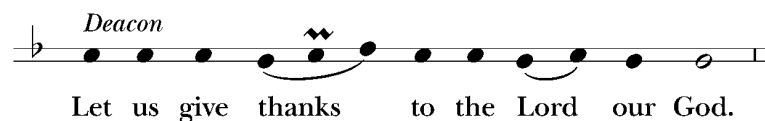
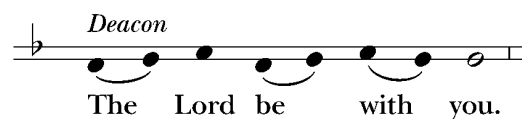
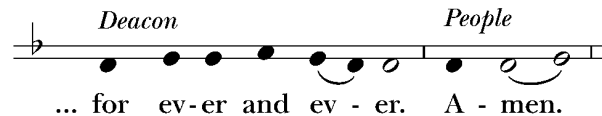
*If candles have been distributed to members of the congregation, they are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time.*

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

## EXSULTET

*Then the Deacon, standing near the columbarium and the Candle, sings or says the Exsultet, as follows*

Exsult now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,  
and let your trumpets shout Salvation  
for the victory of our mighty King.  
Exsult and sing now, all the round earth,  
bright with a glorious splendor,  
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.  
Exsult and be glad now, Mother Church,  
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,  
resound with the praises of your people.  
All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,  
pray with me to God the Almighty  
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;  
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God,



## *Deacon*

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

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

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

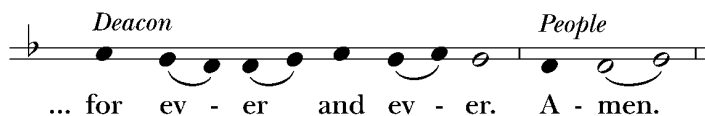
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How 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 man is reconciled to God.

Therefore, O Holy Father, accept the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle, which your holy church makes before you, and offers to you by the hands of your servants and the work of the bees your creatures. 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



*The people and ministers move out of the columbarium and take their seats for the Liturgy of the Word. It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## INVITATION

*Celebrant:* Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

## FIRST READING:

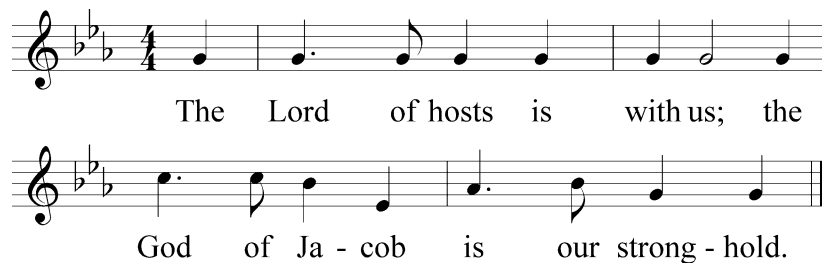
### The Flood

**Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13**

Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, 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." And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind — every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made 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 from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited

another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him 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. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh — birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth — so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 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." 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 bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

### FIRST RESPONSE: Psalm 46



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<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.

<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

<sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

<sup>12</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **FIRST COLLECT**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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.**

**SECOND READING:****Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea****Exodus 14:10-15:1**

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters

returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

## SECOND RESPONSE:

## *Go Down, Moses*

**LEVAS 228**

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

1. op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo - ple go.  
 2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.  
 3. and come at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.  
 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 Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

## SECOND COLLECT

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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.**

## THIRD READING:

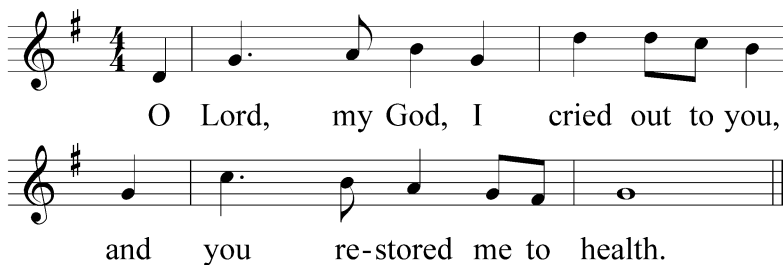
**The valley of dry bones**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a

rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

### THIRD RESPONSE - PSALM 30



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<sup>1</sup>I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.

<sup>3</sup>O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

<sup>4</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup>For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
"I shall never be moved."

<sup>7</sup>By your favor, O LORD,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup>To you, O LORD, I cried,  
and to the LORD I made supplication:

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!"

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup>so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

### **THIRD COLLECT**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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.**

**FOURTH READING:****The gathering of God's people****Zephaniah 3:12-20**

For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD—the remnant of Israel; they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths. Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid. Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

# FOURTH RESPONSE - *Precious Lord, take my hand* WLP 800

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me  
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; \_\_\_\_\_  
 near, when my life is al - most gone; \_\_\_\_\_  
 near, and the day is past and gone; \_\_\_\_\_

— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
 — hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I  
 — at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. \_\_\_\_\_  
 fall, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. \_\_\_\_\_  
 hand, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. \_\_\_\_\_

## FOURTH COLLECT

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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.**

**ANTHEM**

*Joy Comes in the Morning*

**Martha Borg**

## At the Eucharist

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

*The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The people celebrate with loud cheering and ringing of bells.*

# ALLELUIA!

## CANTICLE FOR EASTER VIGIL

**Glory to God**

**MHSO 11**

*Cantor*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

*Congregation*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

*Cantor* *Congregation*

To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*Group 1*

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*Group 2* *Group 3*

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! \_\_\_\_\_

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! \_\_\_\_\_

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## COLLECT FOR EASTER VIGIL

*The Celebrant then says*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed**

**both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

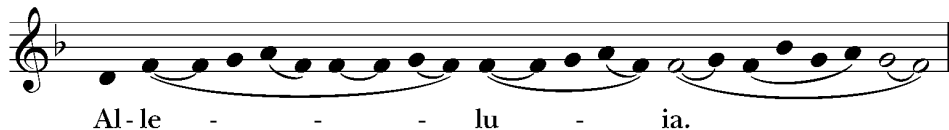
### **EPISTLE:**

**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.

### **THE GREAT ALLELUIA      *Great Alleluia*      1982 Hymnal S 70**

*After the Epistle, this Alleluia is traditionally sung three times by the Celebrant or by a Cantor, at successively higher pitches (one whole tone each time), the Congregation repeating it each time.*



### **GOSPEL:**

**Luke 24:1-12**

*All stand.*

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they 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.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

**The Rev. Deacon Natalie Thomas**

### **BAPTISMAL RENEWAL INVITATION**

*All stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant:* 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.

### **THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

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

*People:*     **I do.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

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

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

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

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

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

*Celebrant:* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God and protect the beauty and integrity of all Creation?

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

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows with a prayer:*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Deacon:* Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia! Let us pray, saying, “Risen Christ, hear our prayer.”

*Leader:* Heavenly Savior, we give thanks that through your life, death, and resurrection, you have offered the gift of redemption to us and to all people. Empower us and all members of your Church to sing your eternal praises with our voices and our lives.

*Silence*

Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Redeemer, inspire the leaders of our towns, state, country, and world to serve their communities with open minds and hearts, and to promote restorative justice, peace, dignity, and flourishing for all people.

*Silence*

Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Incarnate Love, bring your transformative and healing presence to all who are grieving, suffering, or in danger, especially those on our prayer list, and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

*Silence. The congregation may offer their own intercessions.*

Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Author of Life, remind us that we are inter-connected with you, with one another and with all living things. Compel us to care for your Creation.

*Silence*

Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, we give thanks that you have opened heaven’s gate and freed us from the power of sin and death. We pray for the dying and for those who have died. May they forever be united with you in Resurrection joy.

We remember especially those we name now, either silently or aloud.

*Silence. The congregation may offer their own intercessions.*

Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant prays a concluding collect:*

Living Christ, you are risen from the dead, and love reigns! You are life stronger than death. Raise our hearts to you as the new day dawns, for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE WITH HOLY WATER**

**SONG**

***I Will Rise***

**Chris Tomlin**

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# **The Holy Communion**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

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Thank you!*



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## ¡Resucitó, Resucitó!

Words and Music by  
Kiko Argüello

## REFRAIN

Capo 3, Play Em

Gm(Em) F(D) Eb(C)  
 ¡Re-su-ci-tó, re-su-ci-tó, re-su-ci-tó, a-le-lu-  
 D(B) Gm(Em) F(D) Eb(C)  
 ya! a-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya,  
 Eb(C) 1-3 D(B) 4 D(B) Gm(Em)  
 re-su-ci-tó. *to verse* *to verse* re-su-ci-tó.

## VERSES

Gm(Em) F(D)  
 1. La muer-te, ¿dón-de es-tá la muer-te? ¿Dón-de es-tá mi  
 Eb(C) D(B)  
 muer-te? ¿Dón-de su vic-to-ria? *to refrain*  
 Gm(Em) F(D)  
 2. A-le-gri-a, a-le-gri-a her-man-os; que si hoy nos quer-  
 Eb(C) D(B)  
 e-mos, es por-que re-su-ci-tó. *to refrain*  
 Gm(Em) F(D)  
 3. Si con Él mo-ri-mos, con Él vi-vi-mos,  
 F(D) Eb(C) D(B)  
 con Él can-ta-mos; ¡A-le-lu-ya! *to refrain*

## HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

1. Death, where is death? Where is my death? Where is its victory?
2. Rejoice, brothers, for if today we love each other, it is because He is risen.
3. If we die with Him, we live with Him. We sing with Him, Alleluia!

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS**

*Holy, holy, holy*

**1982 Hymnal S 128**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in

your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

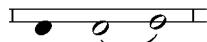
*The Celebrant continues*

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. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; 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.

*People*

  
A-men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM

Leader:



5 Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

People:



9 Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

Leader:



12 Christ our pass-ov-er is sac-ri-ficed for us. There - fore\_ let us keep\_ the\_ feast.\_

People:



Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

## INVITATION

*The Presider invites the people to Communion with these or similar words:*

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*To receive the Sacrament, come forward and hold out your hands. The minister will place the bread in your palm. You may then receive the wine by drinking from the larger cup or intincting (dipping) the bread in the smaller cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms as you pass by the cup bearers to return to your seat.*

*If you would prefer a blessing, come forward, cross your arms across your chest, and the minister will bless you.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

***Because He Lives***

**LEVAS 43**

The musical score for 'Because He Lives' is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the next three verses. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with some words split across lines. The piano accompaniment features chords and melodic lines that support the vocal melody.

1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —  
2. How sweet to hold — a new - born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —  
3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy my  
2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as -  
3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to

1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —  
 2. sur-ance, — This child can face un-cer-tain days be-cause He lives. —  
 3. vic-t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives. —

Be-cause He lives — I can face to - mor-row; — Be-cause He lives —

— all fear is gone; — Be - cause I know — He holds the

fu - ture, — And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives. —

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

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

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. **Amen.**

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

And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this night, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

***Jesus Christ is risen today***

**1982 Hymnal 207**

## **DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people.*

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

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