

Orthodox Resurrection icon, 14th century

The Great Vigil and the First Mass of Easter

Saturday, April 16, 2022

The Church of the Ascension + Chicago, Illinois



Welcome to the Church of the Ascension as we celebrate the Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter

The early Church kept this vigil, in a significantly longer form, as its sole celebration of what later proliferated into our several liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. The Vigil is thus the most ancient and telling of the Church's liturgies.

In darkness, the new fire is kindled and the Paschal Candle is prepared and blessed. It is carried in Procession through the Church, as the people's candles are lit from it. In the coming year, when baptisms are celebrated, each new Christian will be given a candle lit from this candle and when a requiem is celebrated, this Candle will be lit as a witness to Christ's victory over death. Through the entire Fifty Days of Easter, the flame that we light in this liturgy will be kept burning and will be the source of light for the candles at the altar.

The Exsultet, an extensive hymn of thanksgiving and blessing over the candle is sung. The Liturgy of the Word begins with a series of readings from the Old Testament that illuminate the mystery of Christ's resurrection and the renewal of all things.

After the readings, we will baptize Miles Phillip Olsavsky Rieman into the household of God and renew our own baptismal promises. The Litany of Saints will be sung in procession. At the Altar, Christ's Resurrection is proclaimed. Light and music flood the Church, the bells which have been silent since the beginning of the Triduum ring out. We celebrate the Eucharist with great joy and thanksgiving.

We welcome all who have joined us this night. If you would like to know more about the Church of the Ascension, please feel free to talk to the clergy so we may welcome you individually.

*A reception follows tonight's liturgy in Wheeler Hall,
adjacent to the church. All are invited.*

Please silence all electronic devices that may distract you or others from worship.

Cameras in the church are for the purposes of live-streaming and/or recording our liturgies and music, but anyone in the church may be incidentally viewed.



THE LITURGY OF LIGHT

Stand The Blessing of the New Fire and of the Paschal Candle

The paschal fire is kindled in the garden near the columbarium, recalling even our beloved dead in this holy night, 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 its members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing the Word of God and celebrating God's Sacraments, we share in Christ's victory over death.

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

The Celebrant traces the Cross, saying

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End.

The Celebrant traces the Alpha and Omega, saying

Alpha and Omega

The Celebrant traces the year, saying

His are the times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity Amen.

The Celebrant inserts five grains of incense, one each into the four points and center of the traced cross on the Candle, saying

Through his holy and glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard and preserve us.

A taper is lighted from the New Fire and the Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle, saying

May the light of Christ gloriously rising dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Procession

The Paschal Candle, which symbolizes Christ the True Light of the world, is carried into the church and in procession to the sanctuary.



The acclamation is repeated three times, at successively higher pitches, as candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle. The Deacon places the Candle in its stand. The church is dimly lit.

The Exsultet

Then the Deacon stands near the Candle as the Cantor sings the Exsultet, the great proclamation of the Resurrection.

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, for ever and ever.



A - men.

Deacon

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Deacon

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Cantor continues

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.

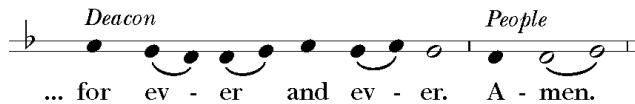
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

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.

Holy Father, 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...



The vigil candles are extinguished.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Stand *The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings in these words*

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.

Sit

THE FIRST LESSON
The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

And God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done.

1 TRACT “Jubilate Domino” (Ps. 100)

Mode VIII

Jubilate Deo omnis terra servite Domino in laetitia. V. Intrate in conspectu eius in exultatione. V. Scitote quod Dominus ipse est Deus. V. Ipse fecit nos et non ipsi nos: Nos autem populus eius et oves pascuae eius.

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth; serve ye the Lord with gladness: V. Come ye before His presence with exceeding great joy; V. for the Lord He is God. V. Know ye that the Lord he is God. V. He made us, and not we ourselves: We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Stand **Celebrant** Let us pray.
Deacon Let us kneel in silent prayer.

Kneel *All kneel in silent prayer.*

Stand **Deacon** Arise.

Celebrant O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit **THE SECOND LESSON**

The Flood

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

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, the 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."

2 TRACT "Qui confidunt" (Ps. 125)

Mode VII

Qui confidunt in Domino, sicut mons Sion: non commovebitur in aeternum, qui habitat in Ierusalem. V. Montes in circuitu eius: et Dominus in circuitu populi sui, ex hoc nunc et usque in saeculum.

They that trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion: which may never be removed, but standeth fast forever. Mountains are round about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth and forever more.

Stand *Celebrant* Let us pray.
Deacon Let us kneel in silent prayer.

Kneel All kneel in silent prayer.

Stand *Deacon* Arise.

Celebrant 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.**

Sit **THE THIRD LESSON**

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10–15:1

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and they were in great fear. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord; and they said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, in bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we said to 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.” And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work 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 be still.”

The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go on dry ground through the sea. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.” Then the angel of God who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness; and the night passed without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down upon the host of the Egyptians, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel; for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." So Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its wonted flow when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled into it, and the Lord routed the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not so much as one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did against the Egyptians, and the people feared the Lord; and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."

3 TRACT "Cantemus Domino" (Ex. 15)

Mode VIII

Cantemus Domino: gloriose enim honorificatus est: equum et ascensorem proiecit in mare: adiutor et protector factus est mihi in salutem. V. Hic Deus meus, et honorabo eum: Deus patris mei, et exaltabo eum. V. Dominus conterens bella: Dominus nomen est illi.

I will sing to the Lord: for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and its rider He hath cast into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God and I will extol him. The Lord is a warrior: the Lord is his Name!

Stand *Celebrant* Let us pray.
Deacon Let us kneel in silent prayer.

Kneel All kneel in silent prayer.

Stand *Deacon* Arise.

Celebrant 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.**

Sit **THE FOURTH LESSON**
The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me round among them; and behold, there were very many upon the valley; and lo, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, thou knowest." Again he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon 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 was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And as I looked, 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, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, 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." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great host. Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of

Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done it, says the Lord.”

4 TRACT “Sicut cervus” (Ps. 42) Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)
Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.
Sitivit anima mea ad Deum fontem vivum: quando veniam et apparebo ante faciem
Dei? Fuerunt mihi lacrimae meae panes die ac nocte, dum dicitur mihi quotidie:
Ubi est Deus tuus?

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God, when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Stand *Celebrant* Let us pray.

Deacon Let us kneel in silent prayer.

Kneel All kneel in silent prayer.

Stand *Deacon* Arise.

Celebrant 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 FIFTH LESSON

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.

5 TRACT “Laudate Dominum” (Ps. 116)

Mode VIII

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes et collaudate eum, omnes populi. Quoniam confirmata est super nos Misericordia eius: et veritas Domini manet in aeternum. *Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise Him, all people. For He has bestowed His mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.*

Stand *Celebrant Let us pray.*

Deacon Let us kneel in silent prayer.

Kneel *All kneel in silent prayer.*

Stand *Deacon Arise.*

Celebrant 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.

Sit **Homily**

Mtr. Meghan Murphy-Gill

The Vigil candles are lighted



ASPERGES ME, Domine, hyssopo et mundabor, Lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor. Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be cleansed, Thou wilt wash me, and I shall be washed whiter than snow. Pity me, O God, according to Thy great mercy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Stand Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Miles Phillip Olsavsky Rieman to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

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

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with Miles who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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 the 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.**

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

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

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill his with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

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 forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant

People

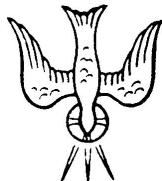
Celebrant

People

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**



The Baptism

Miles Phillip Olsavsky Rieman, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, 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. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the Cross and saying

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

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

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.

Stand **The Litany of the Saints**

After the Baptism, the Litany of the Saints is sung as the procession forms and moves to the Altar.



Litanist Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son



People Ky-ri - e e - le - i-son



Litanist Chris - te e - le- i-son



People Chris - te e - le- i-son



Litanist Ky-ri - e e - le - i-son



People Ky-ri - e e - le - i-son



Litanist O Christ, hear us.



People O Christ, hear us.

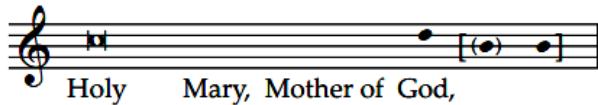


Litanist O Christ, gra- cious-ly hear us.

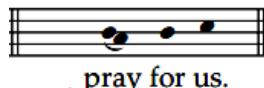


People O Christ, gra- cious-ly hear us.

Litanist



People



Holy Michael the Archangel: *Pray for us.*

All ye holy Angels and Archangels: *Pray for us.*

Holy Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: *Pray for us.*

Holy Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah & Rachel: *Pray for us.*

Holy Moses, Miriam, and Aaron: *Pray for us.*

Holy David, Samuel and Elijah: *Pray for us.*

Holy John Baptist: *Pray for us.*

Holy Joachim and Anne: *Pray for us.*

Holy Joseph: *Pray for us.*

All ye Holy Patriarchs and Prophets: *Pray for us.*

Holy Peter and Paul: *Pray for us.*

Holy Andrew, James and John: *Pray for us.*

Holy Matthew, Mark, and Luke: *Pray for us.*

Holy Mary Magdalene: *Pray for us.*

All ye Apostles, Disciples and Evangelists: *Pray for us.*

Holy Stephen: *Pray for us.*

Holy Ignatius: *Pray for us.*

Holy Polycarp: *Pray for us.*

Holy Perpetua and Felicity: *Pray for us.*

Holy Alban: *Pray for us.*

All ye holy martyrs: *Pray for us.*

Holy Gregory and Chrysostom: *Pray for us.*

Holy Augustine: *Pray for us.*

Holy Basil: *Pray for us.*

Holy Martin: *Pray for us.*

Holy Columba, Aidan, and Patrick: *Pray for us.*

All ye Holy Bishops, Martyrs, Confessors, and Doctors: *Pray for us.*
Holy Anthony: *Pray for us.*
Holy Benedict: *Pray for us.*
Holy Aelred: *Pray for us.*
Holy Augustine and Theodore: *Pray for us.*
Holy Anselm and Thomas Becket: *Pray for us.*
Holy Francis, Clare, and Dominic: *Pray for us.*
Holy Julian of Norwich: *Pray for us.*
All ye Holy Men and Women, Saints of God: *Pray for us.*

The Celebrant concludes the Litany

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

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant makes the great Easter Proclamation, the church is fully lighted, the altar candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle, the bells are rung, and the "Gloria in excelsis Deo" is sung.

Gloria in excelsis Deo



1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,



good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,

we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give

thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly

King, God the Fa-ther Al - might y.——

4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that

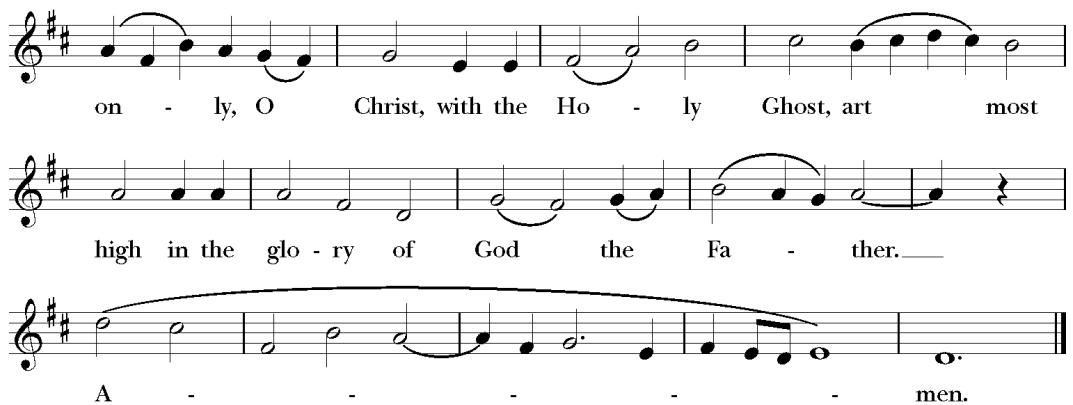
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou



The Salutation and Collect of the Day

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.**

Sit

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.

Sub-deacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Stand **The Great Alleluia**

After the Epistle, the Great Alleluia is sung three times by the Cantor, at successively higher pitches, the Congregation repeating it each time.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon and People pray responsively

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and you restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Empower and bless your people throughout the world: to follow Christ, to share in his communion, and to continue his ministry of healing and reconciliation in the world wherever they may be.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Reveal yourself in and through us, that wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of your name.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Give wisdom to those who serve and lead our community, state and nation, that the common good of all may be pursued and enjoyed.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Shed your eternal light on all who have died, especially those who inspired and encouraged us by their witness and example of faith.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

The Celebrant adds a final prayer.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory “Dextera Domini” (Ps. 118)

Mode II

Dextera Domini fecit virtutem, dextera Domini exaltavit me: non moriar, sed vivam, et narrabo opera Domini. Alleluia

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. Alleluia.

Offertory Anthem

Setting: Paweł Łukaszewski (b. 1968) *Alleluia*, from *Musica Sacra* (2016)

Offertory Hymn 208

VICTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

Stand **Orate Fratres**

Celebrant Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Celebrant Amen.

Sursum Corda

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Sanctus and Benedictus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) *Missa Cellensis*, Hob. XXII: 5

The people kneel and the Celebrant continues

Kneel We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all

your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

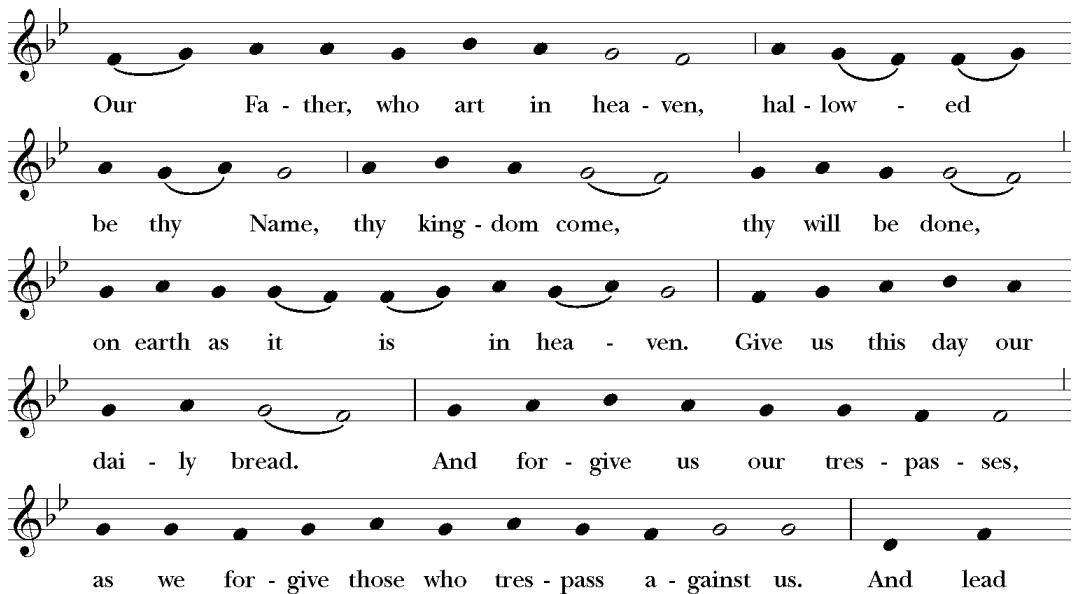
Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say,



The musical notation consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the notes. The music is in G clef, 4/4 time, and features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and a fermata over the word 'done'.

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 hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead

us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover

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

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof.

People But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

+ Following the guidance of the usher, the People receive the Sacrament at the Communion Rail two to three at a time, maintaining social distancing.

+ Regrettably, the People may receive only the consecrated Communion host (and not the chalice) at this time.

+ After others have received, the Celebrant will bring the Sacrament to those in the pews unable to ascend the steps to the Communion rail.

† All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion, and all may come forward. Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to take Communion may indicate a desire for a blessing by crossing arms on the chest upon approaching the priest.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Setting: Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) *Missa Cellensis*, Hob. XXII: 5

Communion

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, Alleluia. Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Setting: Everett Titcomb (1884-1968) *Christ Our Passover*

Kneel **Communion Hymn 189**

RESURREXIT

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his 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 lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **AMEN.**

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

Stand **The Easter Dismissal**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

People

al - le - lu - ia.

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Closing Hymn 174

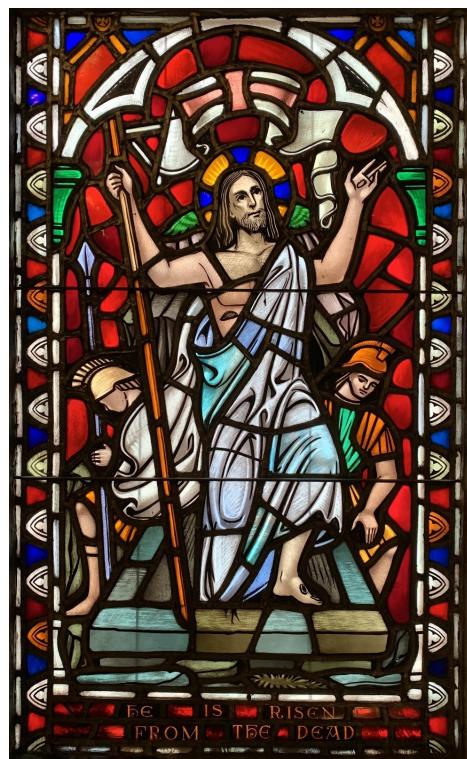
SALZBURG

ORGAN Chorale-Variations on *Salzburg*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

A FESTIVE EASTER CELEBRATION FOLLOWS THE MASS

*Please join us in Wheeler Hall (turn left as you exit the narthex).
Wish your friends and your neighbors in the pew a "Happy Easter."*





THE EASTER FLOWERS

All of the Easter flowers are offered to the glory of God, and with these dedications

Anonymous gifts

Avril & Lynette Hector

*In memory of Margaret Williams,
Doris Williams, Vincent Hector, Agatha,
Timothy & Christine Isaac, Joseph Andrew,
Daphne Tittle, Ephraim Isaacs,
Geranium Mack, Olga Jonasson, Mary Novak,
Richard Belkengren, William Gross, priest,
Gary Fertig, priest, Kurt Olson, priest*

Edward Minieka

In thanksgiving for everyone who helps out

Elizabeth Weber

In memory of Everett & Lena Weber

Gary MacDougal

In memory of Charlene MacDougal

Fr. Robert Petite

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Timothy and Mary Jane Kowalski

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Elfie Christiansen Smith;
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Mtr. Meghan Murphy-Gill

In memory of Agnes and Albert Meehan

THE STEVENSON BAROQUE ENSEMBLE led by Enrique Vilaseco and Morgan Little, will be performing works by Bach, Telemann, and Vivaldi on **Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 4:00 pm** at **Church of the Ascension**. All of the performers are high school students at Adlai E. Stevenson High and play on period instruments tuned at A = 415. The ensemble is currently the only high school ensemble east of California that performs on period instruments at the secondary school level. The ensemble is humbly asking for your support in their fundraising efforts for their future trip to Spain in the summer of 2023. This tour will take these young performers on a musical and spiritual pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. Please join us or support us with your kind donations to help these young students make their way to this once in a lifetime experience!



Yes, please do remember your financial offerings to the church.

At this time, they may be placed in either of the two offering boxes at the back of the side aisles. You may also write a check and mail it to the church or make a gift at our website by scanning this QR Code.



Current pandemic guidance, subject to change

For the sake of your health and the health of others, please return home if you are unwell, whether with COVID-like symptoms or otherwise, or if you are unvaccinated. Please ask for help if you are unwell and need assistance.

Masks and registration are both currently optional. If you wish to remain masked and don't have a mask of your own, KN94s are available in the narthex. An usher can direct you where to find them.

If you are unvaccinated, we strongly recommend that you wear a mask for your own safety as well as make an appointment to get vaccinated.

If you are experiencing any symptoms associated with Covid, even if you have tested negative, please wear a mask until you no longer have symptoms.

Please continue to practice good hygiene to prevent the spread of all communicable diseases including Covid-19, the flu, and cold viruses.

Hand sanitizer remains available throughout the church.

Ascension's leadership team will continue to consult the guidelines issued by the CDC and will return to mandating masks should the need arise.

Regrettably, the chalice may not be shared at this time.

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Welcome to worship at the
Church of the Ascension
An Anglican-Episcopal parish in the
city and Diocese of Chicago

SOME WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE TODAY may have traveled from afar and visited before. Church of the Ascension has long been a destination for those who feel blessed by the Anglo-Catholic worship here. Others may have made a shorter trip, and those here for the first time may ask, "What's Anglo-Catholic?" The term refers to two aspects of our history and ongoing faith and worship.

Anglican churches are those in the tradition of, and with ongoing ties to, the Church of England. (In the United States we are mainly called Episcopalians.)

The 'Catholic' part of our identity is evident all around us here, in the church interior and in our worship.

- + We value and relish liturgy and music that engage and nourish the heart the mind and all the senses.
- + Our reverence for the sacrament of the Eucharist, the Mass, Christ's Body and Blood, is emphasized by the architecture of the space and many elements of our worship.
- + We have a strong sense of taking part, as Christ's people, in the Communion of Saints, including Blessed Mary and our patron saint, Michael the Archangel. Our faith is inspired and sustained by remembering the lives and witness of those who are now eternally with God.

We hope and pray that our sense of grateful, divine fellowship translates to our welcome of all and to faithfulness in the ministries that we share beyond our life of worship.

Your questions about our parish community, our worship and other ministries may be found by inquiring with our clergy or parishioners, or on our website – www.ascensionchicago.org.

Thank you and bless you for joining us.



The mosaic on the door of the altar tabernacle, Church of the Ascension

- + All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Communion. Others are welcomed to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing.
- + Please join us for fellowship and coffee after most services in Wheeler Hall, adjacent to the church proper.
- + Spiritual Formation opportunities are taking place via Zoom at this time. The Ascension Zoom link is always available at our website homepage or our weekly newsletter.
- + Please ask an usher about a parking permit if your car will be in our parking lot after 1:30 pm today.

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