



The Great Vigil of Easter

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Saint Luke's Parish
Darien, Connecticut

Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are so glad you have joined us for worship today. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this leaflet. Ushers are available to answer any questions or direct you as needed. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete and return a welcome card so we can be in touch. May God bless you now and always.

About Tonight's Service

This most ancient Easter service moves from darkness to light, from solemn chant to joyful song, as we celebrate the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and rose victorious from the grave. For Christians, this is the holiest night of the year. Our celebrations begin with the kindling of the New First of Easter and lighting the Paschal Candle that will burn for the 50 days of Eastertide. We process into the darkened church to recount, by candlelight, stories of God's plan for salvation in the Hebrew scriptures. Then we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, the church is filled with light, bells are rung, and we continue with our first, festive celebration of Holy Communion in thanksgiving for Christ's resurrection. A festive reception follows.

The Great Vigil of Easter

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant says

Celebrant

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.

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 Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire. A minister bearing the Candle leads the Procession into the Church, pausing three times to sing.

The people remain standing while the Cantor sings

The Exsultet

Paul Keene, Seminarian Intern

Cantor

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 our Lord,
who lives and reigns with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Cantor

The Lord be with you.

People

Cantor

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Cantor

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 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Celebrant says,

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.

The Story of Creation | Genesis 1:1–2:4

Psalm 36:5–10

Sung by the Choir.

Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

How priceless is your love, O God!
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance of your house,
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Setting: Plainsong

Collect

Standing.

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.**

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea | Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Song of Moses

Sung by the Choir

Book of Common Prayer, p. 85

Collect

Standing.

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.**

Salvation Offered Freely to All | Isaiah 55:1-11

Psalm 42: 1-7

Sung by the Choir.

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

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my food day and night,
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

I pour out my soul when I think on these things;
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
among those who keep holy-day.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?
and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God;
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Setting: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Collect

Standing.

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

The Valley of Dry Bones | Ezekiel 37:1-14

Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Collect

Standing.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Homily

The Reverend Derek J. Stefanovsky

Hymn 490

Sung by all, standing.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, 4/4 time, and B-flat key signature. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, each starting with a different number (1, 2, or 3). The first part (1) includes the first three lines of the hymn. The second part (2) includes the next three lines. The third part (3) includes the final three lines. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some sustained notes and rests. The lyrics are as follows:

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the brightness of God.
3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Je sus.
I want to look at Je sus.
I want to be with Je sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, The
When we have run with pa-tience the race, and we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
 night and the day are both a - like. The
 Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson (b.1934)
Music: *Houston*, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Sean Oliver Bender

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the candidate.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?
Candidate I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate.

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.

The people stand. The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:

People Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?
We will.

Celebrant Let us join with this person 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 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

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions.

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 him 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 concludes the prayers by saying,

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

Thanksgiving over the Water

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

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

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.

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.

People **Amen.**

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who says,

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

N., receive this candle and be as the light of Christ in the world. **Amen.**

The people remain standing to be sprinkled with the Baptismal Water as a symbol of having renewed the promises of Holy Baptism for themselves.

Anthem During the Asperges

Sung by the Choir.

Remember your servants, Lord, when you come in to your kingly power.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdome of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when the world reviles you and persecutes you;
and utters all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake:

Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven.

Remember your servants, Lord, when you come in to your kingly power.

Text: Matthew 5:3-12

Music: Beatitudes, Russian Orthodox Hymn; arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

A Prayer for the Newly Baptized

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

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.

Celebrant

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.

Breaking Forth of the Easter Light

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Great Easter Noise is offered in celebration of the Resurrection.

Hymn 207

Sung by all, standing and ringing bells.

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

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

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

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

Text: 14th Century, tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708. St. 4. Charles Wesley (1707-1788)Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmody*, 1749, alt.; desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950

The Collect of the Day

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 Gospel Acclamation

Sung by all, standing.

Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
People



*Cantor
People* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. -1 Cor. 5:7
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Gospel | Luke 24:1-12

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, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee 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.

Easter Fanfare

The Peace

The Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. To make an electronic gift today, please either visit www.saintlukesdarien.org/give or scan the QR code below with your smart phone's camera. Thank you for your generosity.



Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
-Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem *Sung by the Choir.*

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain.
He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Text: French traditional carol: *Noël Nouvelet*
Music: arr. Simon Lindley (b. 1948)

Presentation Hymn 174

Sung by all, standing.

Text: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814–1868), alt.

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622–1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant

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 we are 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 and Benedictus

Sung by all.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. * Ho - san - na in the
Ho - san - na en el
high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the
cie - lo.
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Ho - san - na en el cie - - lo.

Setting: Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

The people remain standing as 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,

All

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

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

All

AMEN.

Celebrant

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread



The Choir sings the verse "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" after which all repeat the refrain.

Setting: Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

At the direction of the ushers, please come forward to receive Christ's Real Presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind (only the consecrated Bread) due to COVID precautions. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn 200

Sung by all.



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

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

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

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

Text: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.

Music: *Gaudeteamus pariter*, melody from *Medieval [German or] Bohemian Carol Melody*, 1544; harm. *Songs of Syon*, 1904

The Postcommunion Prayer

Remain standing.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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.

Hymn 335

Sung by all, standing.

(The) I am the bread of life; they who give is my
 Bread that I will rec - tion, _____
 (Yes,) I am the re - sur - be - lieve that _____
 Lord, _____ we be - lieve that _____

come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
 Flesh for the life of the world, _____ and they who
 I am the life. _____ They who be -
 you are the Christ, _____ the _____

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 lieve in me, even if they
 Son of God who has

me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
 ev - er. _____ they shall live for ev - er.
 die, _____ they shall live for ev - er.
 come in to the world. _____

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them
 up, and I will raise them up on the
 last day. _____ The
 Yes,

Text: Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927), adapt. of John 6

Music: *I Am the Bread of Life*, Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); arr. Betty Pulkingham (1928-2019)

The Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant 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.**

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

Celebrant 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.**

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

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

Closing Voluntary

Please join us in the Anderson Youth and Community Center for a festive reception.

Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor
Preacher	The Rev. Derek J. Stefanovsky
Deacon	The Rev. Susan C. Wyper
Lectors	Fred Elliott, Michael Moore
Intercessor	Michael Grogan
Musicians	The Saint Luke's Parish Choir
	David Pulliam, Will Roslak
Acolytes	Joey Bell, Abby Neumann
Ushers	Greg Smith, Walter Dodge, Michael West
Altar Guild	Kelley Wheeler, Kristen Nelson Kim Westcott
Flower Guild	The Saint Luke's Flower Guild
Flower Delivery	Elizabeth Hearle

DID YOU KNOW?

What is the Paschal Candle? A large candle that symbolizes the risen Christ. It is often decorated with a cross, symbols of the resurrection, the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, and the year. The term "Paschal" concerns Easter or Passover. At the Easter Vigil, the Paschal candle is lit from the new fire. It is carried into the church, pausing three times as the cantor sings, "The light of Christ," and the people respond, "Thanks be to God." After it is carried to the chancel, its flame may be used to light candles held by members of the congregation. This symbolizes the spreading of the light of Christ into the congregation and the world. The Exsultet is sung or said after the Paschal candle is placed in its stand. It is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services during the Great Fifty Days of Eastertide from Easter Day through Pentecost.

After the Easter season, the Paschal candle is typically placed near the font. It should burn at baptisms, representing the new life in Christ that we share in baptism. The newly baptized person may be given a small baptismal candle that is lit from the Paschal candle. It may also be used at burials and placed near the coffin as a symbol of resurrection life.

Easter Flowers

In Loving Memory of:

Gladys and Norman Lyman
May and Thomas McCarty
James and May Gordon Allen
Loved Ones
Harry Emmons, Elise Callaghan, and Arne Thorén
Eleanor and Barry Rewcastle
James Harvey, Knud Hewalo, and Tony Dunn
Mary Beirne Nutt
Angela Bothwell
Donald Linton
Our Parents: Margaret and Coleman F. Hogan &
Clara and John J. Sullivan, Jr.
Betsy and Joan
Dick Berry
C.A. "Joe" Kalman
Our Parents
Rosemary V. McGrath and Brian Patrick Wilderman
Peter Edward Nightingale
Dale Edward Miller
Ross Arnold Miller
William T. I. & E. Mildred Hall
Louis Topar and Veronica Topar
George and Jane Ann Knebel
Ellie Southworth
Michael Heitz
Pam Elliott
Mark V. Rosenker
Glenn L. Phillips
Evelyn McKinley
Pam Elliott
Don Armiger
Garry Westervelt Lozier and All of the Innocent Victims of Sept. 11
Cathleen Licero
Harry W. Berkowitz
Ruth and Bob Dorfmeyer
Dot and Jim Montgomery
Jackie McMaster
Gina Carrone
Jeffrey C. Miller
Our Parents, Beverly Southwick and Matthew O'Neill
Teresa and Peter W. Sherwood

The Rev. Dr. Laurence Larson
Odette and Eckart Doering
Stuart Upson and Virginia Jussen
Lisbeth Gibson Brooks
Helen Jepson Shaw
Trish Spurgeon
Giannina Pradella
Alexander Suczek
John Francis Price
Dorothy and Elmer Sundberg
Monique and Bob Sundberg
Margaret Butler
Nancy Lee Bowen
Robert T. Bierbaum, III
Dear Parents
Jim Vaillancourt
Joe Tickle, Jr.
Joe Tickle, Sr.
Dear Friends and Family
William and Virginia Noble
John and Thelma Robinson
Herman and Jane Pinkerton

Given By:

Patricia Lyman
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Susan Tremaine
Roz Emmons and The Thorén Family
Sara Eleanor, Mary Beirne and David Rewcastle
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Jerry Bothwell
His Family
Deidre and Ed Hogan

Susan and John Doelp
His Family
Diana J. Kalman
Cate and Bill Leach
Tom and Laurie McGrath
His Family
The Miller Family
The Miller Family
Marilyn and Tom Topar
Marilyn and Tom Topar
Jennifer and Craig Knebel
Annie Slaughter
His Loving Family
Jane and Joe Cingari
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Jane and Joe Cingari
Jane Crandall
The Elliott Family
His Family
The Lozier Family
The Licero Family
Donna J. Dean
The Rhein Family
Lisa and Peter Wells
Barry, Carrie, Peter, and Brendan
Phillip Carrone
Susanne Miller
Kathy and Peter Kenyon
Douglas Sherwood
Laura Fitzpatrick
Julie and John Potter
The Doering Family
Barbara Upson
Mary Shaw
Mary Shaw
Her Family
Hedi and Kevin O'Connor
Hedi and Kevin O'Connor
Elizabeth Price
Ann Purcell and Family
Ann Purcell and Family
Sally and Patrick Houlihan
Barclay and Scott Bowen
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Kim and Jeff Westcott
Katherine Vaillancourt and Derek Stefanovsky
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Susan and George Wyper
Ryan Fleenor and Dan Noble
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Easter Flowers

In Thanksgiving For:

Our Sons, Nicolas and Christian
Our Families
The Hunt and Newcastle Families
Our Family
My Children
John Raskopf
Ned and Margaret
Peter Shelby Nightingale
Our Granddaughters, Bea and Flora
The Lyons and Cingari Families
The Clergy
Our Children and Grandchildren
Anna Gray Aser
Howard, Suzy, Anna, Merritt, and Ella Seymour
Our Family
Everything!
Our Family
Our Children— Chase, Palmer, and Ellie
Our Parents— We love you all!
Our New Son-In-Law
The Members of the Altar and Flower Guilds

Given By:

David and Tina Madon
Sally and John Schlachtenhaufen
Sara Eleanor, Mary Beirne and David Newcastle
Richard and Kim Alexander
Peggy Peoples
Amy and Mark Raskopf
Paige and Tyler Kyle
His Family
Karen and Al Briganti
Jane and Joe Cingari
Guusje Wernink
Faith Gray
Jenny and Pappy
Bob and Judy Bruguiere
Jean and Bob Baker
The Doering Family
Nancy and Skip Hooper
Barclay and Scott Bowen
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Susan and George Wyper
Ryan Fleenor and Dan Noble

Easter Music

In Loving Memory of:

Jeff Schlachtenhaufen
Edwin McCord Mulock
Bill Miller
Dick Berry
C.A. "Joe" Kalman
Gillian Gillers
Peter Minton Ward
Richard Sabol
Sarah Prudence Bachmann
Salisbury and Jean Adams
Beloved Sister Florence
Judy Holding
Bill Gray
David, Betty, and Steven Valleur White
Cathleen Licero
David H. Crandall
Dustin Smith, Joe Dorsey, Homer Wagoner, and Mabel Wagoner
Donald H. Jones
Marian L. Jones
Kirk Rhein
Bill Nightingale
Jeffrey C. Miller
Darunee Ruth Wilson

Dr. Peter and Ann Goodhue
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin L. Lawrence
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Anne and Eric Ferguson
Julie and Stanley Lewis
Passed Members of the Frey and Wall Family
S. Bradford Tingley
Kathryn H. Tingley
Stacy Orphanos
Stuart Upson and Virginia Jussen
Noel Yaney

Given By:

John and Sally Schlachtenhaufen
His Family
Jean Miller and Family
His Family
Diana J. Kalman
Gayley Woolston and Bion Piepmeier
His Family
The Van Elslander Family
The Miller Family
Jennifer and Craig Knebel
Karen and Al Briganti
Guusje Wernink
Faith Gray
The White Family
With Love from Book Groupies
Jane Crandall
Sharon, Alexis, and Eric Wagoner
Donna J. Dean
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The Rhein Family
His Family
Susanne Miller
William, Miranda, and Charlotte Wilson
Laura Fitzpatrick
Lisa, Chris, Ali, and Peter Hughes
The Wilcock Family
The Wilcock Family
Betty Ferguson
The Doering Family
Douglas Frey and John Wall
Annie and Sam Tingley and their Children
Annie and Sam Tingley and their Children
The Orphanos Family
Barbara Upson
His Family

Easter Music

In Loving Memory of:

William H. Miller, Jr.
Lucille Dressler
Robert McIntyre
Our Parents
Arthur Collins, Sr.
Delphine T. Collins
Hunt T. Collins
Teddy Gray
Donald F. Fleenor
Michelle McKean
Frieda Oakland

Given By:

His Family
The Dressler Family
The McIntyre Family
Nancy and Skip Hooper
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Peterkin
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Peterkin
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Peterkin
The Steuert Family
Ryan Fleenor and Dan Noble
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Easter Music

In Thanksgiving For:

Our Sons, Nicolas and Christian
Friends and Family
50 Wonderful Years of Marriage
Our Family and Friends, and the Community of Saint Luke's
Our Daughters, Adrienne and Claire
John and Arthur
My Grandchildren
John Raskopf
Ned and Margaret
Our Children and Grandchildren
Our Families
Saint Luke's Choir
Chris Gates
Our Saint Luke's Clergy and Staff
Walker and Spencer
The Life of Garry Westervelt Lozier
Our Family
The Music Programs at Saint Luke's
Molly, Lucia, and Our Parents
Our Family
Matthew, Graham, and Jake Walton
Our Family
The Gift of Life Made Possible by Organ Donation
The Clergy, Staff, and Music Program of Saint Luke's
Our Family
Our Family
The Clergy of Saint Luke's Parish
David Pulliam, Will Roslak, and the Choirs and
Musicians of Saint Luke's

Given By:

David and Tina Madon
Susan Tremaine
John and Jane Wolcott
The Bolton Family
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Quay McKeough
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Next Sunday | Apr. 17

Easter Day

7:45 AM	Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:15 AM	Festival Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
9:15 AM	<i>Come As You Are</i> Eucharist (led by the CAYA band)
11:15 AM	Festival Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Upcoming Events

April 24	Youth Sunday
May 4	Newcomers Dinner
May 6	The Garden Gala
May 14	Evensong
June 5	The Day of Pentecost

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