

## **THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**



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## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Let us pray.

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

*The Celebrant may say the following prayer*

Let us pray.

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

## THE BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

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

PRIEST: THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

## THE EXULTET

Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,  
radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes forever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Savior shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy,  
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

It is truly right  
that with full hearts and minds and voices  
we should praise the unseen God,  
the all powerful Father,  
and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood,  
and paid for us the price of Adam's sin  
to our eternal Father!

This is our Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain,  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night  
when first you saved our fathers:

you freed the people of Israel from their slavery  
and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night  
when the pillar of fire  
destroyed the darkness of sin!

This is the night  
when Christians everywhere,  
washed clean of sin  
and freed from all defilement,  
are restored to grace  
and grow together in holiness.

This is the night  
when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave.

What good would life have been to us,  
had Christ not come as our Redeemer?

Father, how wonderful your care for us!  
How boundless your merciful love!  
To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam,  
which gained for us so great a Redeemer!

Most blessed of all nights,  
chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead!  
Of this night scripture says:  
“The night will be clear as day:  
it will become my light, my joy.”

## The Liturgy of the Word

**Priest: 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 the Creation**

### **Genesis 1:1-2:2**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and

for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to 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 wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> 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.’ <sup>29</sup>God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

## **HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE PEOPLE**

*Ps. 36:5-10*

5 Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens \*  
and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains \*  
thy judgements are like the great deep.

7 Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; How excellent is thy  
mercy, O God \*  
and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy  
wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house \*  
and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

9 For with thee is the well of life \*  
and in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee \*  
and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

*Silence*

***Let us pray: 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 14:10-15:1**

10 As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' <sup>13</sup>But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.'

15 Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. <sup>16</sup>But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup>It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all



night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup>At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. <sup>25</sup>He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

15 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:  
'I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

## **HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE PEOPLE**

*Silence*

**Let us pray.   *(Silence)***

**O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.***

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

## **HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE PEOPLE**

*Ps. 42: 1-7*

- 1 Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks \*  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my meat day and night \*  
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
- 4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself \*  
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house  
of God;
- 5 In the voice of praise and thanksgiving \*  
among such as keep holy-day.
- 6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul \*  
and why art thou so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put thy trust in God \*  
for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

*Silence*

**Let us pray. (Silence)**

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

## **The Valley of Dry Bones**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? <sup>3</sup>You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. <sup>4</sup>You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. <sup>5</sup>So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. <sup>6</sup>My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; <sup>9</sup>therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>10</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and

will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

## **HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE PEOPLE**

### *Ps. 30*

- 1 I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up \*  
and not made my foes to triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee \*  
and thou hast healed me.
- 3 Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell \*  
thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.
- 4 Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his \*  
and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his  
pleasure is life \*  
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
- 6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed \*  
thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.
- 7 Thou didst turn thy face from me \*  
and I was troubled.
- 8 Then cried I unto thee, O Lord \*  
and gat me to my Lord right humbly.
- 9 What profit is there in my blood \*  
when I go down to the pit?

10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee \*  
or shall it declare thy truth?

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me \*  
Lord, be thou my helper.

12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy \*  
thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing \*  
O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

*Silence*

**Let us pray.   *(Silence)***

**Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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

*People* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.



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

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

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever  
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good  
*Celebrant* 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.

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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

## The Great Litany

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses  
of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins.  
Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast  
redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy  
preserve us, for ever.  
*Spare us, good Lord.*

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts  
and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory,  
and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want  
of charity,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the  
deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may

set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy  
harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace  
to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of  
the Spirit,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such  
as have erred, and are deceived,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear  
thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants,  
the President of the United States (*or of this nation*), and all  
others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy,  
and walk in the ways of truth,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world;  
to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to  
bestow freedom upon all peoples,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners

and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are  
desolate and oppressed,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the  
bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy  
them,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings,  
to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of  
heart as thy servants, and for the common good,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by  
reason of their labor or their travel,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all  
women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the  
widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all  
who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy  
presence those who are failing and infirm,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who  
are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*Son of God, we beseech thee to hear 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,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Grant us thy peace.*

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ***THE EASTER PROCLAMATION***

***Priest: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.***

***People: The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia***

Priest: 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.***

## S-280 Glory to God in the Highest

1. Glory to god in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.
2. Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,
4. you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;
5. you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.
6. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,
7. you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.



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.

**HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE PEOPLE**

**THE GREAT ALLELUIA**  
**Trinity Choir**

**Psalm 114**

- 1     Hallelujah!  
      When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
          the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2     Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
          and Israel his dominion.
- 3     The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
          Jordan turned and went back.
- 4     The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
          and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5     What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
          O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6     You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
          you little hills like young sheep?
- 7     Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
          at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8     Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
          and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## **A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 28:1-10**

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."

## **HOMILY**

### **THE PEACE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

## Solo: Ariann Miller I know that my Redeemer Liveth

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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#### **Eucharistic Prayer II**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

**People: And with thy spirit**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

**People: It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

#### ***Celebrant and People***

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee,

that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father**

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Communion Hymn: 200 Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel  
into joy from sadness:  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.

2. 'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.

**Those at home are invited to feed on him with faith in a spiritual communion**

### **A South African Spiritual Communion Prayer.**

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life. Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love which you offer But hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes When, with your saints, I may praise you for ever. Amen.

### ***Post communion Prayer***

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### **Blessing and Dismissal**



**Recessional: 207 Jesus Christ is Risen Today!**

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Postlude:

# Trinity Church

## EASTER FLOWERS OFFERINGS 2021

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Lynn Grimaldi, Leslie Weible, and Todd Hebron in memory of  
James and Betty Hebron

Mary LaSala and JoAnne Gentile in loving memory of Frank &  
Trudy LaSala, Lillian Gentile

Frank Warren in loving memory of Joyce Warren, Violet and  
Robert Williams.

Jean & Bob Henning in memory of all who have suffered the effects of COVID this year

Dr. and Mrs. James M. Crawford in memory of Jack & Sally Reynolds and Jim & Jean Crawford

Martha Regelman in loving memory of my dear mom Lucille Holden Smith

Kathy Mendall in memory of Richard Mendall, Grace Mendall, Herbert & Mildred Archer

Ann Mingorance in memoriam to those who have died from families Price, Mingorance, Bristol, Williams & Roberts

Ruth and Peter Fick in loving memory of Rudolf Wolff, Anne Wolff, Martin Wolff

Brigitte McConnell in loving memory of Allen McConnell

Sarane Ross in memoriam for loved ones