

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

*The Great Vigil of Easter*

APRIL 4, 2026 - 7:30PM

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## THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE *standing*

*The liturgy begins in silence and darkness. The Celebrant kindles and blesses the New Fire.*

**Dear Friends in Christ:**

**On this most holy night,  
in which our brother Jesus passed over from death to life,  
all God's beloved throughout the world gather in vigil and prayer.  
For this is the Passover of the Lord,  
in which, by hearing God's Word and celebrating the Sacraments,  
we are baptized again in Christ's victory over death.**

Let us pray.

O God, through Christ 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 and hearts we may attain the everlasting light;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle and that light is passed to the People while singing*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.





Listen now from the book of Genesis to the story of God’s gift of creation.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, after God had created every other living thing that he had made, 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.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 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.” 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. 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. God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.

PSALM

*The first verse is intoned by the Cantor.  
All who wish may then join in singing with the Choir.*

Psalm 136:1-9,23-26



Give thanks to the Holy One who is **góod**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever.

The sun to rule the **dáy**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of **góds**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever.

The moon and the stars to govern the **níght**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever

Give thanks to the Ruler of **Rúlers**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever.

Who remembered us in our low **estáte**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever

Who only does great **wónders**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever.

And delivered us from our **énemies**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever.

Who by wisdom made the **héavens**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever.

Who gives food to all **créatures**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever.

Who spread out the earth upon the **wáters**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of **héaven**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever.

Who created great **líghts**, \*  
for God’s mercy en-/dures for ever.

*After the Psalm, all stand for the Collect.*

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 the one who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Listen now from the book of Exodus to the story of God's liberation of Israel.

As the people crossed out of Egypt, Pharaoh drew near, and the Israelites looked back to see the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the Lord said to Moses, "Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground." Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 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."

HYMN

*The Cantor sings the Refrain, then all repeat.*

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

*Fine*

*The Choir sings the verses and all join on the Refrain.*

See that host all dressed in white,  
 God's gonna trouble the water.  
 The leader looks like the Israelite,  
 God's gonna trouble the water. *Refrain*

Look over yonder, what do I see?  
 God's gonna trouble the water.  
 The Holy Ghost a-coming on me,  
 God's gonna trouble the water. *Refrain*

See that host all dressed in red,  
 God's gonna trouble the water.  
 Looks like the band that Moses led,  
 God's gonna trouble the water. *Refrain*

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,  
 God's gonna trouble the water.  
 Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,  
 God's gonna trouble the water. *Refrain*

Words: Traditional  
 Music: Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals

*All stand for the Collect.*

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 people from enslavement under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of your liberating love. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may rejoice in their inheritance as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Listen now to Jeremiah's prophecy of God's renewed covenant.

Look, the days are coming, God declares, when I shall make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not like the covenant I made with their ancestors the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of Egypt, a covenant which they broke, even though I was their Master. No, this is the covenant I shall make with the House of Israel when those days have come. Within them I shall plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I shall be their God and they will be my people. There will be no further need for everyone to teach neighbor, brother, or sister saying, "Learn to know The Lord!" No, they will all know me, from the least to the greatest, God declares, since I shall forgive their guilt and never more call their sin to mind.'

PSALM

*seated; sung by the Choir**Psalms 105:1-10*

We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name, \*  
we make known your deeds among the peoples,

We sing to you; we sing your praise \*  
and speak of all your marvelous works,

We glory in your holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice;

We search for you and your strength; \*  
we continue to seek your face;

We remember the marvels you have done, \*  
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth:

We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, \*  
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.

You are our God indeed; \*  
your judgments prevail in all the world.

You have always been mindful of your covenant, \*  
the promise you made for a thousand generations:

The covenant you made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that you swore to Isaac,

Which you established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel.

Anglican Chant: C.V. Stanford

*All stand for the Collect.*

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 FOURTH STORY: THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Listen now to Ezekiel’s proclamation of renewed life and restored hope.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.

HYMN

*sung by all*

*Hymn 508*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835–1889), alt., Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885–1969)

*All stand for the Collect.*

COLLECT

*standing*

**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 HOMILY *seated*

*The Rev. Daniel Simons*

## BAPTISMAL REAFFIRMATION

*The People stand as the clergy and other ministers process to the baptismal font.*

ANTHEM AT THE PROCESSION TO THE FONT *sung by all, verses led by the Choir*

*The refrain is sung 3x and then after each verse*

There is one Lord, one faith, one bap - ti - sm,  
there is one God, who is Fa - ther of all.

Bear with one another  
in love and charity,  
be humble, be patient,  
be selfless, be as one  
*Refrain*

There is one body,  
there is one Spirit,  
there is one hope  
to which we are called.  
*Refrain*

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## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends,  
we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death,  
and raised with Christ to newness of life.  
I call upon you, therefore,

now that our Lenten observance is ended,  
to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism,  
by which we once renounced Satan and all works of evil,  
and promised to serve God faithfully.

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

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

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

*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.*

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

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,*

*the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,*

*the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

*The Celebrant asks the People to affirm their baptismal promises.*

*The response is*

*I will, with God's help.*

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

*I will, with God's help.*

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

*I will, with God's help.*

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

*I will, with God's help.*

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

*I will, with God's help.*

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

*I will, with God's help.*

**Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?**

*I will, with God's help.*

## THE PRAYERS FOR BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

*After each petition, all sing:*



*The prayers continue until*

**Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Open our hearts to your grace and truth.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Send us into the world in witness to your love.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Grant, O Lord, that all who have been 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.**

A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the word "A - men." in G major. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The melody in the treble staff starts on G4, moves to A4, then B4, and ends on G4. The bass line starts on G2, moves to A2, then B2, and ends on G2. The lyrics "A - men." are written below the treble staff.

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

**The Lord be with you**

*And also with you*

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

*It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

We thank you, Almighty God...

*The prayer continues until*

**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**

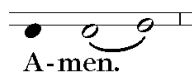
**may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**

**be all honor and glory,**

**...now and forever.**

*People*



A-men.

*The Celebrant prays the collect for the renewal of the Church.*

**O God of unchangeable power and eternal light:  
Look favorably on your whole Body,  
that wonderful and sacred mystery;  
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 the one through whom all things were made,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant and People repeat the Alleluia three times, louder each time.*

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

*The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*As the hymn is sung, the people are sprinkled with baptismal water from the font.*

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!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**The Lord be with you.**

*And also with you.*

*The Celebrant prays the collect, concluding*

**Let us pray.**

**O God, you have made this night bright with the radiance of the risen Christ; may we who have been raised with him in baptism reflect the light of his glory, and in the fullness of the Holy Spirit live with you ...in glory for ever and ever.**

*Amen.*

THE EPISTLE *seated*

*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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

*Thanks be to God.*

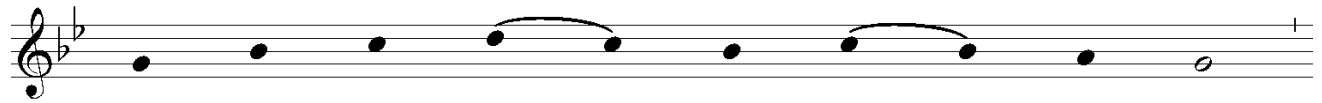
THE GREAT ALLELUIA *standing; all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People.* Hymn 206



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



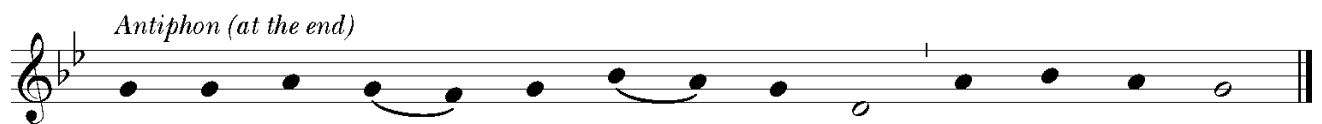
1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!  
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,  
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,  
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!

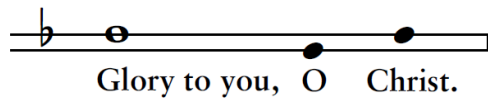


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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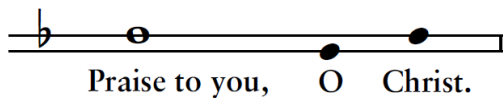
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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



## THE PEACE

**The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

*And also with you.*

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir*

**Blessed be the God and Father**

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818 – 1867)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God.

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.

The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872–1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (1923–1987)  
 Music: *Gelobt sei Gott*, Melchior Vulpius (1560?–1616)



SANCTUS

*The People and Choir sing together:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

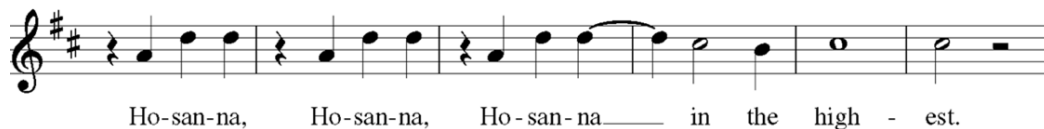
*The Choir sings alone:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

*The People and Choir sing together:*



hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.



Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.



\*\*Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Setting: Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930)

*The prayer continues until*

**Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
you have filled all creation with light and life.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus your Son,  
who reached out to heal the suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.**

**On the night in which he was betrayed,  
our brother Jesus took bread, and gave thanks to you;  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.**

**Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks to you,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:**

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



With this bread and cup  
we remember the Passover of Jesus the Christ from death to life.  
O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour your Holy Spirit upon us +  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine. +  
Bless this feast with your presence  
and raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.



Setting: Will Doreza

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall - owed be your Name, your king - dom come,

The first system of musical notation for the Lord's Prayer. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: "Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall - owed be your Name, your king - dom come,". There are fermatas over the words "Name," and "come,".

your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody from the first system. The lyrics are: "your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.".

And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

The third system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.".

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The fourth system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.".

For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The fifth and final system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.".

Setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

## THE COMMUNION

*The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.*

### **Alleluia. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

*Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. If you don't wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply touch its base when it is brought to you. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)*

*All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:*

Loaves are bro-ken, words are spo-ken, as in faith we ga-ther here. Je-sus speaks a-cross the  
a - ges: "I am with you, do not fear!" By your bo - dy bro-ken for us, by your wine of life out-  
poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Words: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., (1923-2007)  
Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the choir*

### **This Joyful Eastertide**

*Philip Ledger (1937 – 2012)*

This joyful Eastertide,  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified,  
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Refrain:*  
Had Christ, that once was slain,  
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now hath Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest,  
And for a season slumber:  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain*

Death's flood hath lost its chill,  
Since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver. *Refrain*

*The People join the Celebrant for the final part of the prayer, in bold.*

**Ever-living God,  
we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and revealed the way to life in his name.  
Dying and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory.**

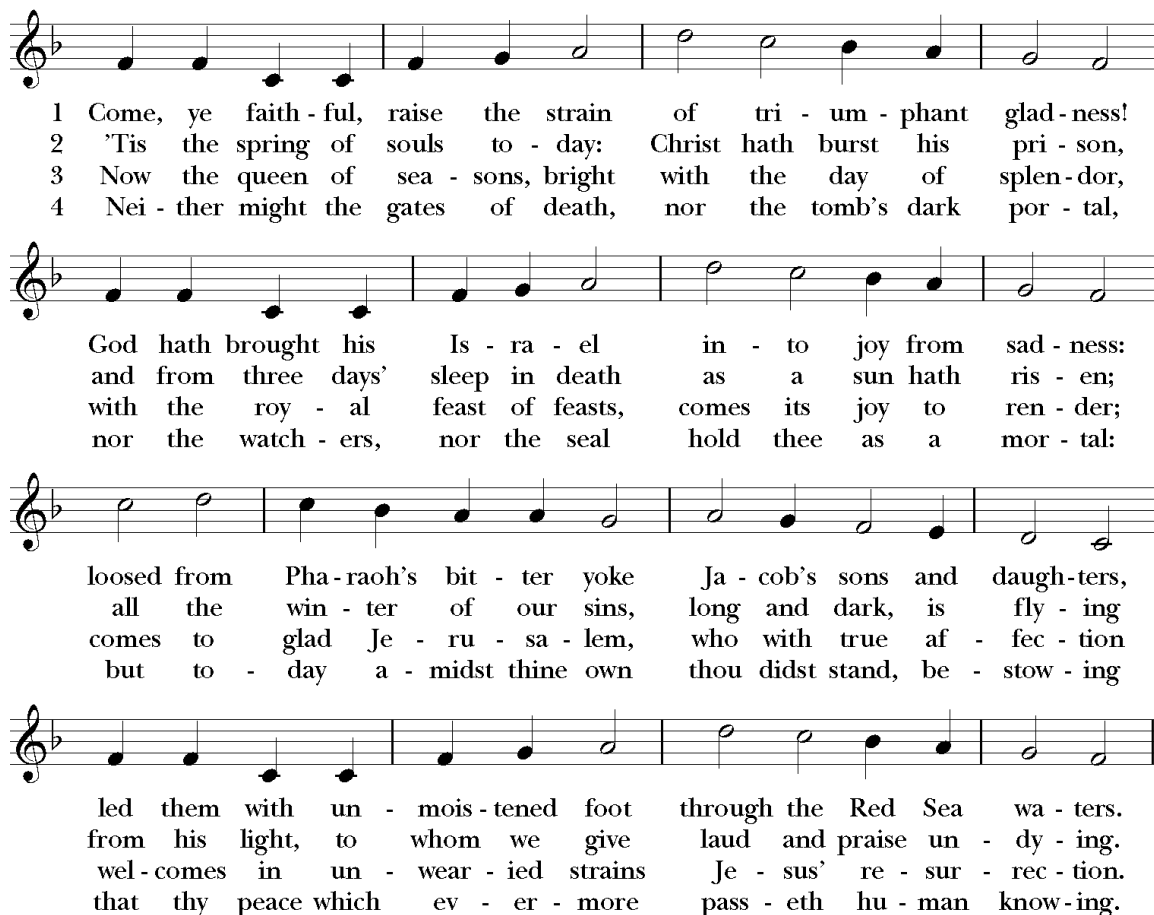
*May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the People.*

**The wonder and wildness of God,  
who shakes heaven and earth,  
whom death could not contain,  
who lives to disturb and heal us,  
bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel.**

**And the blessing of God Almighty:  
Source of all being,  
Incarnate Word,  
and Abiding Spirit,  
now and always. Amen.**



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

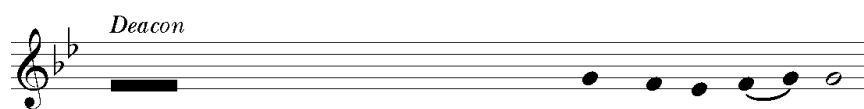
led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

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


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

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*




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



al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Tuba Tune* – Norman Cocker (1889 – 1953)

*All are invited to a festive reception downstairs in the parish hall. Happy Easter!*

## UPCOMING HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

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EASTER DAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 5 – 9:00 AND 11:00 AM

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Celebrate Easter at St. Paul's on the Green with Holy Eucharist with festive music led by the Adults and Choristers.

EASTER EGG HUNT – SUNDAY, APRIL 5 – 10:15 AM

Kids of all ages are invited to gather on the labyrinth after church for an Easter Egg Hunt.

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