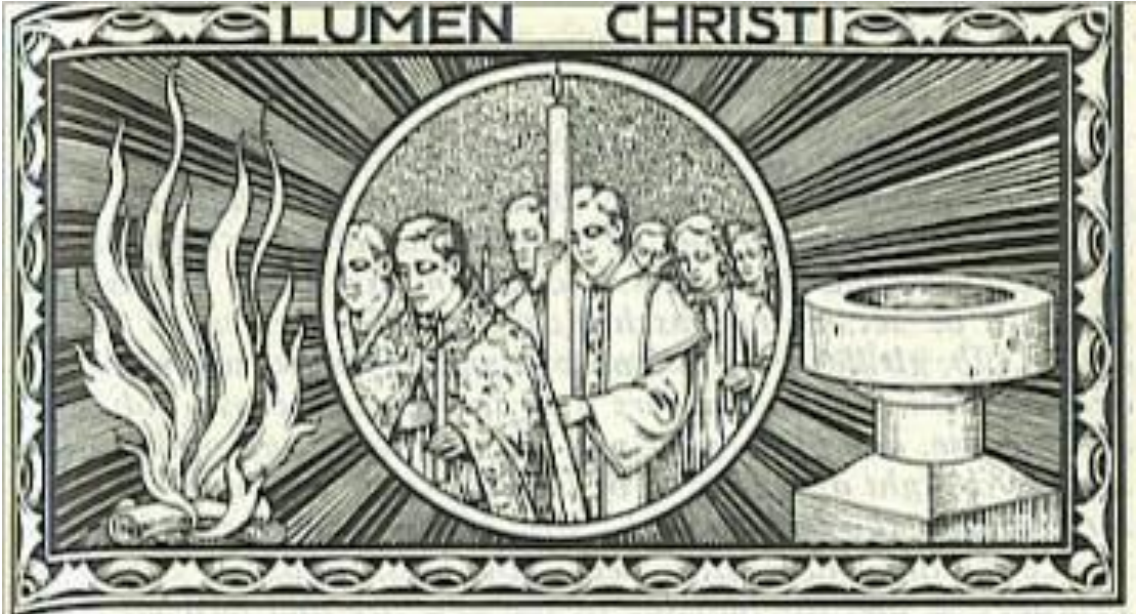


Episcopal Parish of Alton



**The Great Easter Vigil
Saturday April 19, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

**The Rev. Garron C. Daniels, OCS
Rector XXI**

The Great Vigil of Easter is perhaps the most theologically important service of the Church Year. In it the new fire of God is struck, banishing darkness, and showing forth the victory won on Good Friday; the saving acts of God in history are recounted in the Exsultet and in scripture; new Christians are made through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism; the vows made by all Christians at their baptisms are renewed; and with the end of the Lenten observance, the first mass of the joyful season of Easter is celebrated. The Vigil is not a short service. It marks time in the evening, while the people await the announcement of the Resurrection: "Alleluia. Christ is risen!" He is risen indeed, and the Paschal Candle burns as a sign of the presence of the resurrected Christ.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church doth bid 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 thy Son thou hast bestowed upon thy people the brightness of thy 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 lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Celebrant, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying:



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.
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Acolytes light the candles of the pew torches in the aisles from the Paschal Candle at this time. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

Then the Cantor sings or says the Exsultet:

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 hath been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let thy holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of thy people.
All ye who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,
Pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praises of this great
light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Deacon



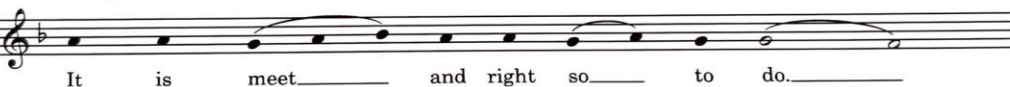
People



Deacon



People



It is truly meet, right and our bounded duty, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise thee, 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 thou didst bring forth our Ancestors, 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 thy mercy and loving kindness to us,
that to redeem a slave, thou gavest 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 when we are reconciled
to God.

Therefore, O holy Father accept the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle, which as at
this time thy holy Church maketh before thee, and offereth to thee by the hands of thy
servants, the work, of the bees thy creatures. May it shine continually to drive away all
darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knoweth no setting, find it ever burning who
doth give his light to all creation, and who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant

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

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

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

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go
forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it,

that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

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

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

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

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

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 8, *The Song of Moses*

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

The People respond with the verses in bold italics

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *

the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; * ***the Lord has become my Savior.***

This is my God and I will praise him, *

the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; * ***Yahweh is his Name.***

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *

the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *

they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *

your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *

***who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?***

You stretched forth your right hand; * ***the earth swallowed them up.***

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *

with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them * ***on the mount of your possession,***

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *

the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign * ***for ever and for ever.***

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, who hast ordained that thy mighty works of old should enlighten even this our present generation; who didst by thy mighty defense of thy right hand deliver one people from persecution in the land of Egypt to be a figure of the salvation of all nations by the washing of regeneration: Grant, we pray thee, that the fullness of all mankind, being delivered from its present bondage, may be made sons of Abraham and worthy members of thy true Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen*.

The valley of dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had

covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, 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 prophesy, 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 at," says the LORD.

The Response

Psalm 143

The People respond with the verses in bold italics

LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications;*
answer me in your righteousness.

Enter not into judgment with your servant,*
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground;*
he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

My spirit faints within me;* ***my heart within me is desolate.***

I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds;*
I consider the works of your hands.

I spread out my hands to you;* ***my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.***

O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;*
do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you;*
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD,* ***for I flee to you for refuge.***

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;*
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake;*
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught,*
for truly I am your servant.

Let us pray. (Silence)

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

The gathering of God's people

Zephaniah 3:12-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you
renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 98

The People respond with the verses in bold italics

Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

*He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

*Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.*

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

*Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.*

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

*In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.*

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of thy 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, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate is presented by their Sponsors, Andrew and Julie Thrush, as follows

Sponsors: I present Timothy Andrew Thrush to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the candidate when presented

Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Candidate: That is my desire.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the Parents and Godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Celebrant

Dost thou renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer

I renounce them.

Celebrant

Dost thou renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer

I renounce them.

Celebrant

Dost thou renounce all sinful desires that draw thee from the love of God?

Answer

I renounce them.

Celebrant

Dost thou turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as thy Savior?

Answer

I do.

Celebrant

Dost thou put thy whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer

I do.

Celebrant

Dost thou promise to follow and obey him as thy Lord and Master?

Answer

I do.

Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will ye who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Dearly beloved, let us join with those who are now committing themselves to Christ Jesus and here 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;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,***

***born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.***

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

***He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father almighty.***

***From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.***

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

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

Wilt thou continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Wilt thou persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever thou dost fall into sin, repent and return unto the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Wilt thou proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus?

I will, with God's help.

Wilt thou seek and serve Christ in all people, loving thy neighbor as thyself?

I will, with God's help.

Wilt thou strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every person?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Beloved in the Lord, let us now pray for Tim 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 thy grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill him with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Holy Ghost.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send him into the world in faithful witness to thine abounding love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

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

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for the gift of water, over which thy Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation; through which thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise; in which thy Son Jesus Christ received the baptism of John and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, being manifested thereby as the Messiah, the Christ, who leadeth us, through his precious death and mighty resurrection, from the bondage of sin unto life everlasting.

We give thee thanks, O Father, for the water of Baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death; by which we partake of his resurrection; through which we are made regenerate of the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship them that come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, that those here cleansed from sin and made regenerate may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom, with thee and the same Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Tim, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Let us pray.

We most heartily thank thee, O heavenly Father, that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon this thy servant the forgiveness of sin, and hast raised him unto the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give unto him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. ***Amen.***

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and say to the person

Tim, thou art sealed by the Holy Ghost in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

A Baptismal Candle may be lighted from the Paschal Candle and presented, the Celebrant saying

Receive the light of Christ, so that when the Bridegroom cometh, thou mayest go forth with all the saints to meet him; and see that thou dost keep the grace of thy Baptism.
Amen.

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God: Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The First Eucharist of Easter

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

The Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

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The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who didst make this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in thy Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship thee in sincerity and truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*

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.

Hymn #174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

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The Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+

The Prayers of the People

Form III

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul, and all thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of thy people; in the multitude of thy mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to thee for help; for thou art gracious, O lover of souls, and to thee we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music *'I know that my Redeemer Liveth'* (from *'Messiah'*) G.F. Handel

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer II

The musical notation is set in a single system with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four lines of music, alternating between the Celebrant and the People. Each line begins with a treble clef and a B-flat key signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit." (Celebrant/People), "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord." (Celebrant/People), "Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God." (Celebrant), and "It is meet and right so to do." (People). The music uses quarter notes, eighth notes, and half notes, with various rests and phrasing slurs.

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

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

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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.

The people kneel or stand.

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."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

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,

The Lord's Prayer

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People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei

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*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.*

*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.*

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion, and
everyone is welcome to come to the rail for a blessing.*

*If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, please cross your arms across
your chest as a silent request for a blessing from the priest.*

Communion Anthem

‘Christ ist Erstanden’

arr. G. Martin

Postcommunion Prayer

After communion the Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.


Let us pray.

Almighty Father, we thank thee for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of thy Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. We thank thee for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of thy Word and Sacraments. We pray that Father Garron may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him may serve thee now, and always rejoice in thy glory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing


Dismissal

Deacon



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People



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

Hymn #460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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Postlude:

'Worthy is the Lamb' (from 'Messiah')

G.F. Handel

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Organist	Gay Anderson
Crucifer	Dereck Cook
Altar Acolyte and CB	Nathalia Baum
Acolyte	Donna Fisher

CB/BB	Susan Lukasik
Lector/Intercessor	Elizabeth Foley
Thurifer	Chuck Drennan
Altar Guild	S. Lukasik

EASTER SUNDAY

St. Paul's

Celebrant	The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Organist	Gay Anderson
Crucifer	Tom Wrausmann
Altar Acolyte and CB	Marti LoRusso
Acolyte	Destiny Drennan
CB/BB	Susan Lukasik
Lector/Intercessor	Chuck Drennan
Altar Guild	E. Bumbacher, R. Cupp

Trinity

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Gay Anderson
Laurna Hutchinson
Laurna Hutchinson
M. Molloy, S. Goers

St. Paul's special tradition of Flowering the Palm Cross will be honored this year on Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a few fresh-cut flowers from your garden, florist or floral dept. to add to the cross.

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