

**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
WITH BAPTISM
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026**



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Presider:

People:

... for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

Presider:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And al - so with you.

Presider:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, truly right, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Pascal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our forebearers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us that to redeem a slave, you gave a son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and we are reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns with you

Presiderr:

People:

... for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Sit*

THE FLOOD

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

PSALM 117



Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Praise the LORD, all you nations;
glorify him, all you peoples! *R.*

For steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the fidelity of the LORD endures
forever. *R.*

COLLECT *Stand*

Presider Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things:
Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our
sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

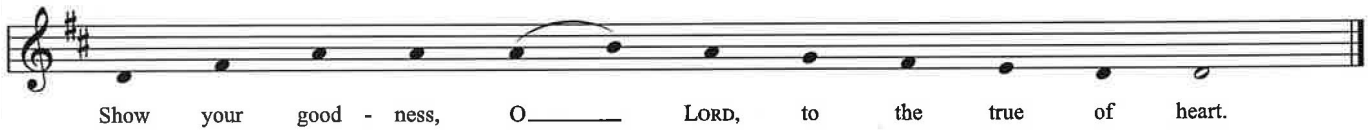
People **Amen.**

All are seated.

ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE OF ISAAC

Genesis 22:1-18

PSALM 125



Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem;
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore. **ANTIPHON**

The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just,
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good
and to those who are true of heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;
but peace be upon Israel. **ANTIPHON**

COLLECT *Stand*

Presider God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

All are seated.

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

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



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

COLLECT *Stand*

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

CANTICLE

O give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak;
and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

My teaching shall drop as the rain,
my speech shall distill as the dew,
as the showers upon the grass.

Because I will publish the name of the Lord:
ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect:
for all his ways are judgement:

A God of truth and without iniquity,
just and right is our God.

COLLECT *Stand*

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

The candles at the Altar are now lit from the Paschal Candle and the following is proclaimed

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

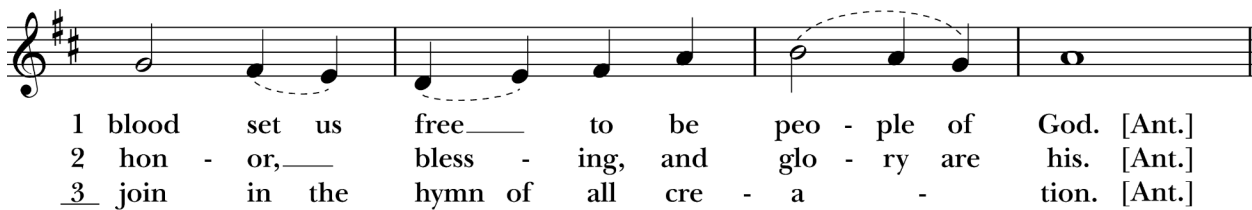
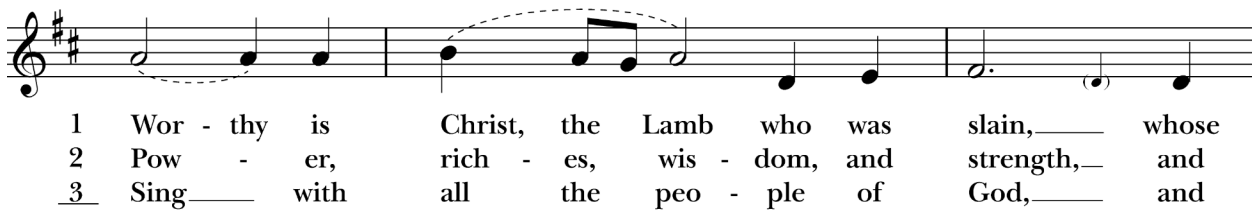
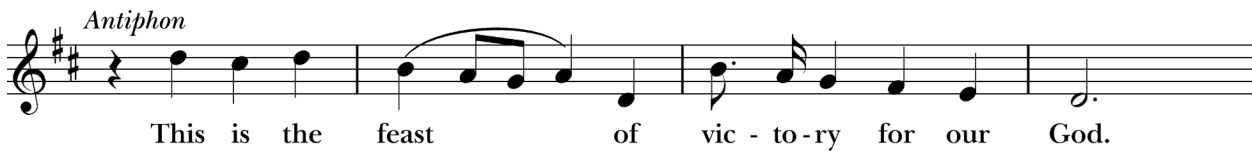
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE EPISTLE

Reader

A reading from the letter 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? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand

Before gospel reading, sing verses 1 and 2; afterward, sing verses 3 and 4.

Antiphon (at the beginning)



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from



1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his



1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!

Antiphon (at the end)



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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 28:1-10

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL SEQUENCE

We sing verses 3 and 4 on the previous page

HOMILY *Sit*

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Presider The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present Sara Charleah and Lonnie to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider waits for a response and then continues.

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

Candidates I renounce them.

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

Candidates I renounce them.

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

Candidates I renounce them.

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

Candidates I do.

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

Candidates I do.

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

Candidates I do.

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support the candidates in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Presider Let us stand as we join with Sara and Lonnie who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *Stand*

Deacon Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Deacon 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,
and 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.**

Deacon 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Deacon Let us now pray for these siblings of ours who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Cantor begins the Prayers for the Candidates by singing the response one time through.



Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Deacon Open their hearts to our grace and truth.

People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

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

People **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider continues

People **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Presider I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Then the Presider places a hand on candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Presider You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Presider lights the baptismal candle from the Paschal Candle.

Presider Let us pray.

Abiding God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People **Amen.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider 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 PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

THE RECTOR'S EASTER GREETING

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

H 460



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our



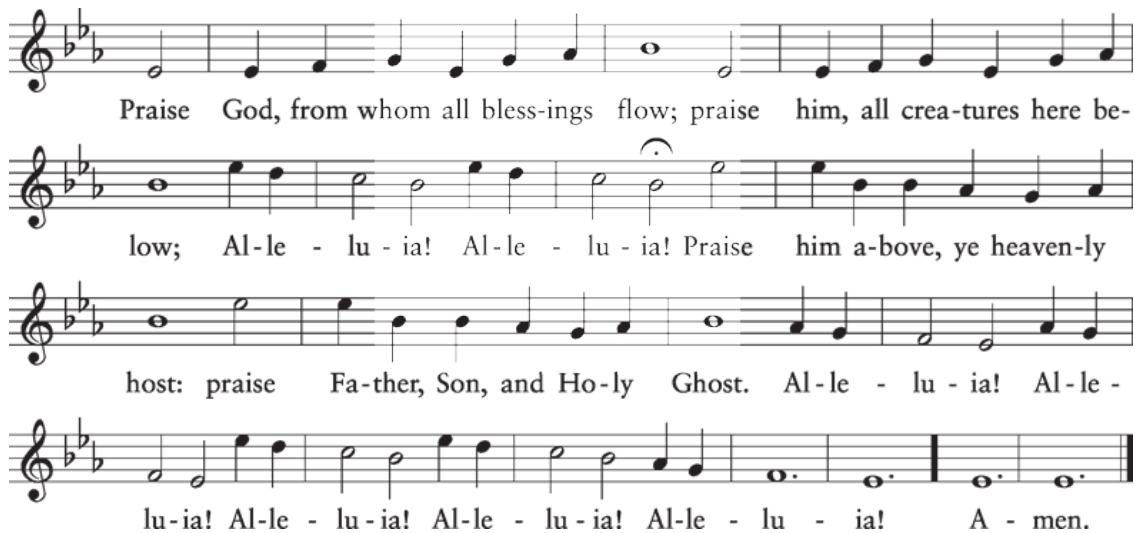
1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

All stand to sing

THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-
low; Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly
host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

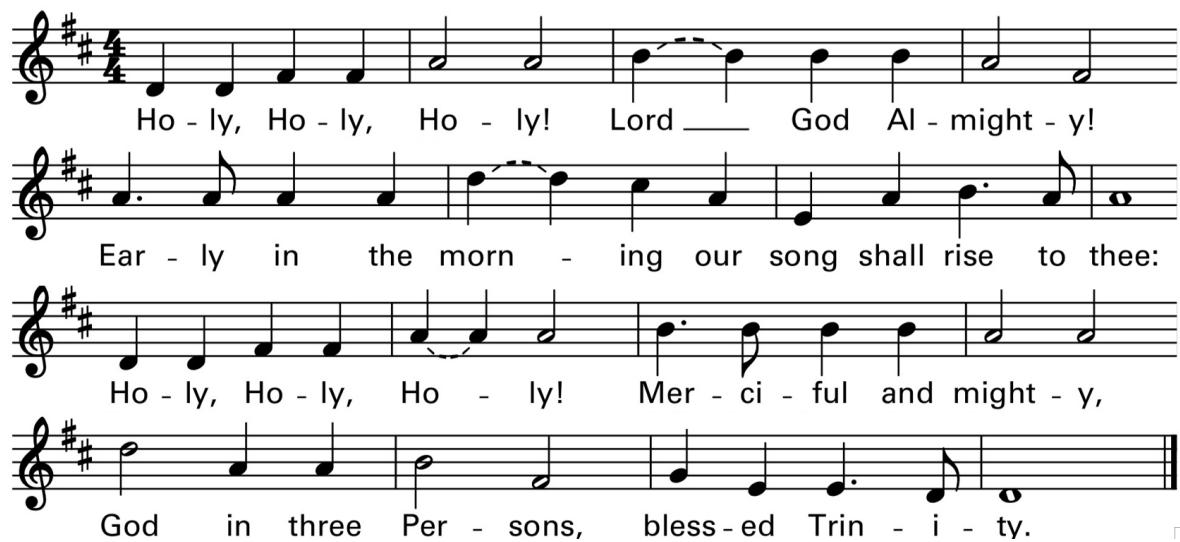
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

Presider It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

The Presider continues

Presider We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and give it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you his body and blood, the acceptable sacrifice which brings salvation to the whole world, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

Presider Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

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

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Francis and Blessed Clare, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

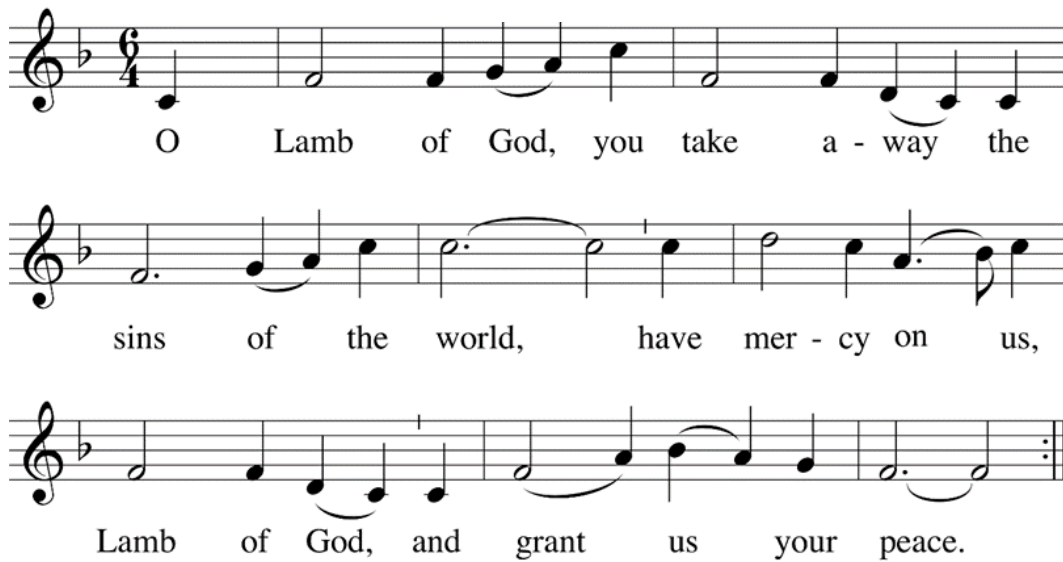
People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Presider breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is sung



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-friendly. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

INSTRUMENTAL

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *All stand.*

People Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE EASTER BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, who has brought you out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

All stand

SENDING HYMN

COME, YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

H 199



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,
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;
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
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.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

EASTER FLOWERS AND LENT/EASTER MUSIC LISTS