

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

APRIL 4, 2026 + 8:30 PM



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Episcopal Urban Partnership

Calvary Church
Church of Our Merciful Saviour
Saint George's Church
Christ Church Cathedral

- *Nave services may be livestreamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the cathedral may also be visible in live or archived video.*

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

- *in the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the celebrant may address the people in these or similar words:*

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

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

- *the celebrant continues*

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end. Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age for ever.

Amen.

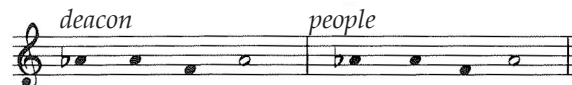
By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

Amen.

- *the celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

- *the deacon leads the procession with the Paschal Candle into the nave*
- *the congregation follows behind the bishop*
- *the procession will pause three times each time the deacon chants:*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

- *the congregation may take their seats as they enter the nave*
- *choir members will assist in lighting the congregation's candles*

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 has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to
God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great
light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with
him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the deacon and the people, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the deacon, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The third staff is for the people, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings such as accents and hairpins.

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

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

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

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell,
and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your
mercy and loving kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

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

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

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

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

- *the celebrant introduces the Scripture readings saying:*

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.

First Reading • *Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea*

A paraphrase of Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21 from Liturgy for the Whole Church by Susan K. Bock

Why is this night different from all other nights?

This is the Passover of the Lord, when God led us out of slavery in Egypt, through the Red Sea, onto dry ground. We remember . . .

how we were slaves for four hundred years in Egypt, where we were treated harshly.

We cried out to the Lord and he heard us, and sent our Father Moses to deliver us! God said to Moses "Tell old Pharaoh . . .

Let my people go!"

I was afraid. I didn't know how to speak to Pharaoh, and how to prove God had sent me. So God sent plagues upon the Egyptians to make his point! There were frogs, and lice, and flies.

There were boils, and hail, and locusts, and there was a darkness so heavy it could be felt!

Then came the worst and saddest plague of all, the death of every firstborn in all of Egypt land. God said, "Have the people eat their last meal in Egypt. Tell them to take one lamb for every family and roast it, and eat it in haste.

We ate it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs, with our sandals on our feet and our walking sticks in our hands. We remember . . .

how we took the blood of the lamb and smeared it on our doorposts, so the angel of death would pass over our homes. And then we rose up and left the land of our oppression! We left so quickly . . .

our dough was still rising, our kneading bowls were wrapped on our shoulders, our sleeping children were nestled in our arms! We remember . . .

how happy we were . . . until we came to the shores of the sea! And then, of course, we forgot how God had brought us this far, and we began to weep, and wail, and whine! We said . . .

**Were there no graves in Egypt, Moses, that you brought us out here to die?
We should never have left! Better to live as slaves than to die in freedom!**

Imagine being so afraid that you'd rather be slaves to, well, anything, no matter how bad it is! But God said: "Moses! Tell the people, "Do not be afraid! Stand firm! For you will never see these Egyptians again. The Lord will fight for you and you have only to stand firm!"

"Lift up your staff, Moses, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the Israelites will go through on dry ground!"

**The Lord drove back the sea with a strong east wind that blew all night,
and turned the sea to dry land! We remember . . .**

how the pillar of cloud went before us and behind us, and when Pharaoh's army came after us, at the morning watch, the Lord looked down and threw them into panic! God said: "Moses, stretch out your hand again so the waters of the sea may return to their place." So I did, and Pharaoh's army was drowned in the sea.

Then we feared the Lord, and believed in his servant Moses!

And when we came safely to the shore, we remember how our mothers danced and sang, all through the night . . .

**because God had brought us out of slavery and led us through the sea, to
bring us home to the land of promise.**

It is the Passover of the Lord . . .

and we remember!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.



Hymn LEVAS I43 *Wade in the Water*

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

Fine

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

1. See that host all dressed in white,
 2. See that band all dressed in red,
 3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see? God's a - gon - na trou - ble the
 4. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

D.C.

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

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*, Copyright © 1992.

Collect

Let us pray.

- *silence*

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

Amen.

Second Reading • *Salvation offered freely to all* Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be

found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Let us pray.

- *silence*

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

Amen.

Third Reading • *Learn wisdom and live* Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4

Hear the commandments of life, O Israel;
give ear, and learn wisdom!
Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies,
that you are growing old in a foreign country,
that you are defiled with the dead,
that you are counted among those in Hades?
You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom.
If you had walked in the way of God,
you would be living in peace for ever.
Learn where there is wisdom,
where there is strength,
where there is understanding,
so that you may at the same time discern
where there is length of days, and life,
where there is light for the eyes, and peace.
Who has found her place?
And who has entered her storehouses?

But the one who knows all things knows her,
he found her by his understanding.
The one who prepared the earth for all time
filled it with four-footed creatures;
the one who sends forth the light, and it goes;
he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling;
the stars shone in their watches, and were glad;
he called them, and they said, "Here we are!"
They shone with gladness for him who made them.
This is our God;
no other can be compared to him.
He found the whole way to knowledge,
and gave her to his servant Jacob
and to Israel, whom he loved.
Afterwards she appeared on earth
and lived with humankind.
She is the book of the commandments of God,
the law that endures for ever.
All who hold her fast will live,
and those who forsake her will die.
Turn, O Jacob, and take her;
walk towards the shining of her light.
Do not give your glory to another,
or your advantages to an alien people.
Happy are we, O Israel,
for we know what is pleasing to God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.



Psalm 19

Thomas Pavlechko (based on St. Anne)

refrain

The sta - tutes of the Lord are just and re - joice the heart.

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

refrain

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

refrain

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Collect

Let us pray.

- *silence*

O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Fourth Reading • *A new heart and a new spirit* Ezekiel 36:24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and

I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 42

Austin Echols

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
The LORD grants his loving kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
I will say to the God of my strength,
“Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”
While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;
All day long they mock me *
and say to me, “Where now is your God?”
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43

Austin Echols

Give judgment for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; *
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?
Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;
That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; *
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Collect

Let us pray.

- *silence*

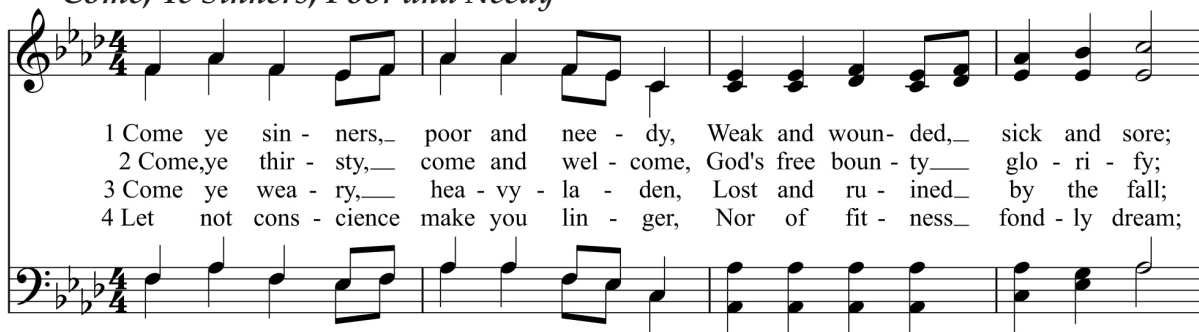
O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and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

Amen.

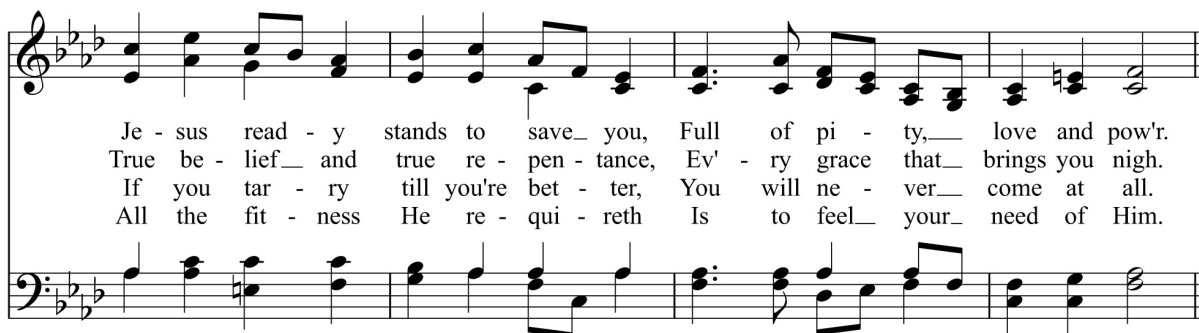
CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, REAFFIRMATION

- the Paschal Candle leads the way to the font
- people file into procession after the clergy while singing:

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

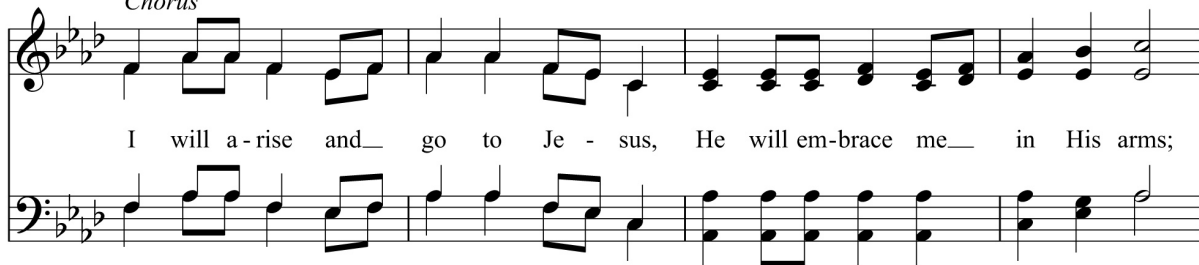


1 Come ye sin - ners, poor and nee - dy, Weak and woun - ded, sick and sore;
2 Come, ye thir - sty, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3 Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy - la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4 Let not cons - cience make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pi - ty, love and pow'r.
True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh.
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will ne - ver come at all.
All the fit - ness He re - qui - reth Is to feel your need of Him.

Chorus



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me in His arms;



In the arms of my dear Sa - vior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

Presentation and Examination of Candidates

- *the bishop says*

The Candidates will now be presented.

- *presenters*

I present these persons for Confirmation.

I present this person to be received into this Communion.

I present this person who desires to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

- *the bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

- *candidate*

I do.

- *bishop*

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

- *candidate*

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

- *after all have been presented, the bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

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

- *people*

We will.

- *the bishop then says*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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

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.

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.

Prayers for the Candidates

- *the bishop says:*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

- *the deacon says:*

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

- *the bishop says:*

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

Amen

Confirmation

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life.

Amen.

Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you

Amen.

Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing of Water

- *the bishop says*

I saw water proceeding out of the temple, from the right side it flowed;
and all those to whom that water came shall be saved. Alleluia.

Almighty God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin
into new life, and by the power of your life-giving Spirit ever cleanses
and sanctifies your people: Bless, we pray you, this water for the service
of your holy Church; and grant that it may be a sign of the cleansing
and refreshment of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

I saw water proceeding out of the temple, from the right side it flowed;
and all those to whom that water came shall be saved. Alleluia.

- *the people are sprinkled with water from the font as the following chant is sung.*
- *once the people are sprinkled with water, the congregation joins in procession back to their seats.*

Taizé Chant *Bless the Lord*

The image shows a musical score for a Taizé chant. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system of music has the lyrics: "Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are some performance markings such as a fermata over the final note of the first system and a breath mark (b) in the piano part of the second system.



Opening Acclamation

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

refrain 3 *f* **Forcefully**

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o -
 - ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us
 keep the feast, Al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia! refrain*

*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
 death no longer has dominion over Him.
 The death that He died, He died to sin, once for all;
 but the life He lives, He lives to God.
 So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! refrain*

*Christ being raised from the dead,
 the first-fruits of them that have fallen asleep.
 For since by a man came death,
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
 For as in Adan all die,
 so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia! refrain*



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



Hymn 205 *Good Christians all, rejoice*

1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joi - ce 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 - joi - ce 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!
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Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (b. 1923)
 Music: *Gelobt sei Gott*, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

888 with Alleluias

Gospel John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look

into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

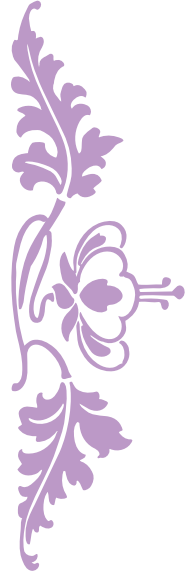
Sermon The Rev. Tom Miller-Price

The Peace • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Dean's Welcome



Sanctus S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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 gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

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

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

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember _____.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) 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.

The Great Amen



A - men.

The Lord's Prayer • BCP 364 • *contemporary version*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem • S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

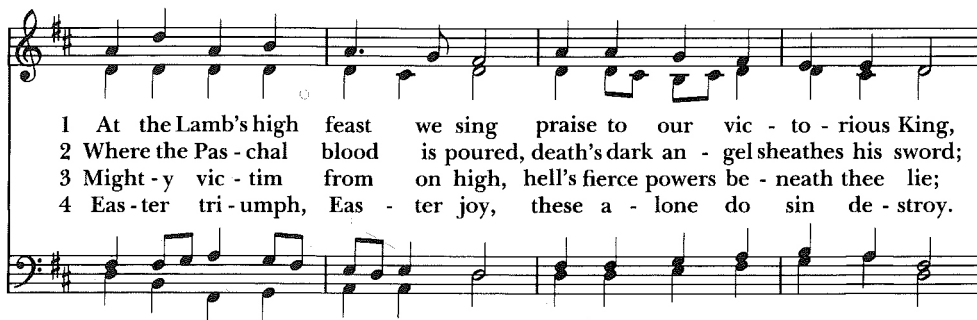
- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

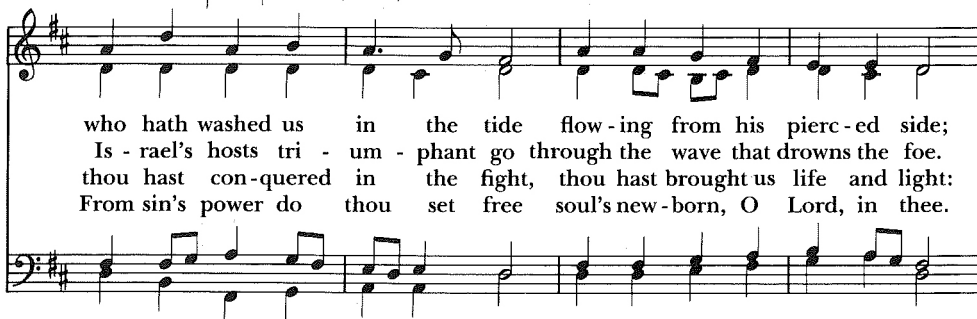
 • *for those attending virtually*

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

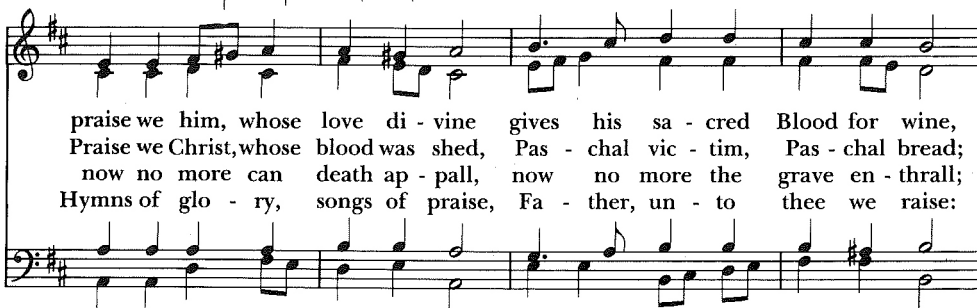
Hymn 174 *At the Lamb's high feast*



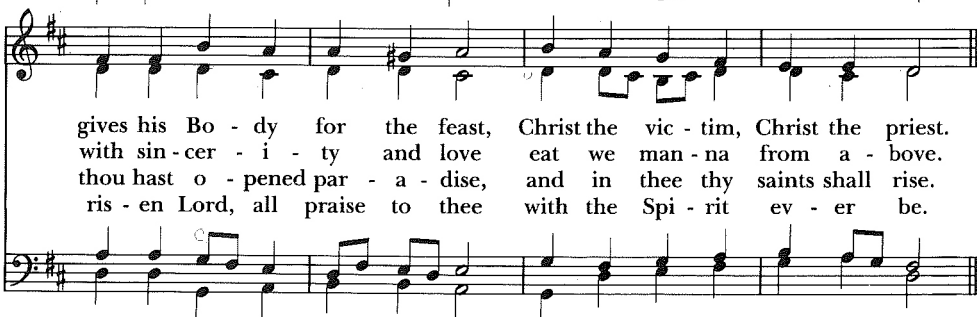
1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - 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;
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free soul's 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;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 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.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.

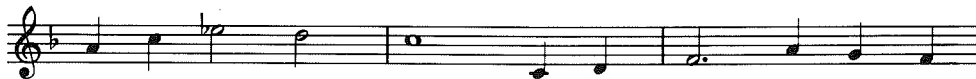
Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Hymn 190 *Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary*



1 Lift your voice re - joic - ing, Ma - ry, Christ has
 2 Raise your wea - ry eye - lids, Ma - ry, see him
 3 Life is yours for ev - er, Ma - ry, for your



ris - en from the tomb; on the cross a suf - fering
 liv - ing ev - er - more; see his coun - te - nance, how
 light is come once more and the strength of death is



vic - tim, now as vic - tor he is come. Whom your
 gra - cious, see the wounds for you he bore. All the
 bro - ken; now your songs of joy out - pour. End - ed



tears in death were mourn - ing, wel - come with your smiles re -
 glo - ry of the morn - ing pales be - fore those wounds re -
 now the night of sor - row, love has brought the bless - ed



turn - ing. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!
 deem - ing. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!
 mor - row. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!

Words: Latin; tr. Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1828-1896), alt.
 Music: *Fisk of Gloucester*, Thomas Foster (b. 1938)

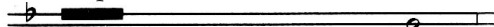
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Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

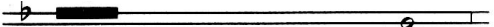
Episcopal Blessing

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.



The maker of heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord.



From this time forth for evermore.

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



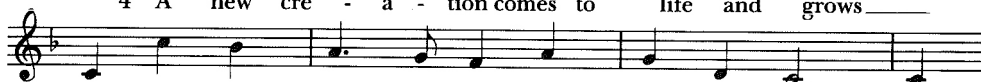
Amen.



Concluding Hymn 296 *We know that Christ is raised*



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.
 Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude *Toccata in C*

Domenico Zipoli



The Rt. Rev. Terry White, *celebrant*
The Rev. Canon Amy Coultas, *bishop's chaplain*
The Rev. Jason Lewis, The Rev. Brian Ponder, *canons*
The Rev. Delinda Buie, The Rev. Dan Dykstra, *deacons*
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Jacob Cook, Austin Echols, *conductors*
Owen Sammons, Austin Echols, *organists*
James Robinson, *trumpet*
Randy Peters, Liam O'Daniel Munger, *lectors*
Blossom Marshall, Graham Whatley, Kim McDaniel, *acolytes*
Josh Edwards, Mitch Mattingly, *greeters/ushers*
Louise Isaacs, *bell ringer*
Tim Tice, *live stream*





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in memory of their parents

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*in memory of Erich Eff
in honor of Patrick Walsh*

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in memory of Murial K. Bass

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in honor of their families and the Cathedral Choir

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in memory of Norm Fanning, Merle Schott

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in honor of her church family

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in honor of the Cathedral Choir

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in memory of loved ones

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Christ Church Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky gathers and stands on land which has been home, for over 11,000 years, to primarily Shawnee, Cherokee, Osage, Haudenosaunee Seneca, Hopewell and Adena peoples.

Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devastating legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people.

We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day.

We seek forgiveness.

We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky.

We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself.

We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.



Christ Church Cathedral

→ *a church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city* ←

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