



**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**  
**EASTER VIGIL**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CONFIRMATION**

**April 15, 2017 – 7:30 P.M.**

*This is the night,” sings the cantor during the Exsultet, “when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.” The third of the great days, or Triduum, is the holiest night of the year. We hear ancient stories of God’s redeeming work, from the exodus and return from exile, all culminating in the great alleluias and proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Tonight we live anew the drama of our salvation and redemption.*

*There are five ancient features of worship on this night:*

- † The lighting of the Paschal Candle, the visible sign of the light of Christ that has come into the world, accompanied by the singing of the Exsultet, one of the earliest Christian hymns;
- † The reading of lessons from Hebrew Scripture that recount God’s mighty acts to save and redeem the people of God;
- † The renewal of baptismal vows; it was on this night in the early church that candidates for Baptism were baptized and admitted into the holy communion for the first time;
- † The restoration of “Alleluia” to our joyful acclamation of Christ’s resurrection;
- † The first Holy Communion of Easter and the conclusion of our Lenten fast.

*As we move from darkness to light, from solemn chant to joyful song, we celebrate the glory of the New Creation and our release from all that keeps us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.*

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## EASTER FLOWERS

*Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of or in thanksgiving for*

Annie, Henry & John Allen  
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Estella Ermer  
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Adina Greaves  
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Beulah Oakes  
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Charles & Frances Williams  
John, George & Edmund Williams  
Lloyd and Pearl Williams  
Blaine K. Wrice  
Dean T. Wrice



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

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* And al - so with you.

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

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

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.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Bishop says*

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.

*Please extinguish candles and be seated.*

### THE FIRST READING---Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 (The Story of Creation)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and

there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created human kind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

*After the Reading, people respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 33:1-11** - *Exultate, justi* (Sung by the Choir)

Plainsong T. 3.3; Fauxbourdon by T. Marier

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;\*  
It is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp;\*  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.,
- 3 Sing for him a new song;\*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right;\*  
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice;\*  
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,\*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin\*  
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;\*  
Let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass;\*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught;\*  
he thwarts the designs of the people.

11 But the Lord's will stand fast for ever,\*  
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

## COLLECT

*Please stand.*

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE SECOND READING – GENESIS 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 (The Flood)

The Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him anymore. In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty--seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

*After the Reading, people respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN – Hymnal 688** A mighty fortress

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*

## COLLECT

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE THIRD READING --- EXODUS 14:10-31; 15:20-21 (Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea)

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

*After the Reading, people respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN – Hymnal 413 New songs of Celebration render

*Rendez à Dieu*

## COLLECT

*Please stand.*

Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated.*

**THEFOURTHREADING --- Ezekiel 37:1-14 (The Valley of the dry bones)**

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, "Prophesy 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, "Prophesy 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 act," says the Lord.

*After the Reading, people respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 30 - Exaltabo te, Domine (Sung by the Choir)**

Plainsong T. 6, Fauxbourdon by T. Marier

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up\*  
And have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you,\*  
And you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;\*  
You restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;\*  
Give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,\*  
His favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night,\*  
But joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.\*"  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face,\*  
And I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord;\*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?\*"  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O lord, and have mercy upon me;\*  
O Lord, be my helper.

- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing;\*  
You have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;\*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

## COLLECT

*Please stand.*

Let us pray.

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIFTH READING - ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20 (The gathering of God's people)

For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD—the remnant of Israel; they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths. Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid. 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 our 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.

*After the Reading, people respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 98 --- *Cantate Domino*** (Sung by the Choir)

George A. MacFarren

## COLLECT

*Please stand.*

Let us pray.

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 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, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

### THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

*Bishop* The Candidates will now be presented.  
*Presenters* I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?  
*Candidates* I do.  
*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*Candidates* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.  
*Bishop* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?  
*People* **We will.**

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*The Bishop continues*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church, joining these persons who are now committing themselves to Christ.

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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

*The people remain standing. A Verger leads the Bishop and the Dean to the Font*

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE ASPERGES

*The Bishop sprinkles the altar, then himself and then moves to the crossings. During the singing of the Motet, The Bishop and the Dean asperge the people with holy water.*

Sicut cervus (Sung by the Choir)

G.P. da Palestrina

*The people stand.*

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

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

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill them with your holy and life giving spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Bishop says the following Collect:*

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 forever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFIRMATION

*The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate and says*

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

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that *he/she* may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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 Bishop will then invite the congregation to acknowledge the newly confirmed after which the Verger leads them to their pew. During this time the Altar candles are lighted.*

## THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

*Bishop* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

*This is repeated twice. The Altar party will then proceed to lead the Great Procession.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** – Hymnal 186 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

### THE READING – 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.

*After the Reading, people respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 114** *In exitu Israel (said responsively)*

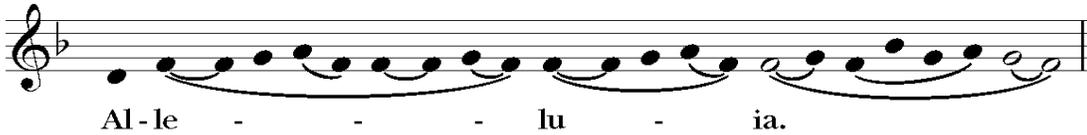
1. Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,\*  
The house of Jacob from a people of strange speech.
2. **Judah became God's sanctuary\***  
**And Israel his dominion.**
3. The sea beheld it and fled;\*  
Jordan turned and went back.
4. **The mountains skipped like rams,\***  
**And the little hills 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.**

## THE GREAT ALLELUIAS

*This is sung three times by the Bishop, the Congregation repeating it each time.*



## THE GOSPEL – Matthew 28:1-10

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*At this time, we observe a moment of silence as the organ music leads us in reflection.*

## THE INTERCESSIONS

Let us offer our prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God who has given us new life and hope.

We pray for the Church that its leaders may proclaim the good news of the Resurrection. We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Ian and Laura our bishops, Lina our Dean, Molly, Tim, Lee Ann, Jay and Lois our Associate Clergy, Fred our Aspirant for Holy Orders. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for peace in our world, and especially for the countries where violence and injustice are the backdrop of everyday life. For the President of the United States, leaders of the world and all elected officials, that may serve with wisdom, courage and integrity. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for all who live in darkness and are without hope, the sick in body, mind, and spirit, for refugees and immigrants, the homeless, hungry, and those in need of healing of past hurts and memories. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We thank you Lord for the many blessings you have given us especially for those in our lives who have passed beyond death and rejoice in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

*Celebrant*

By your mercy Lord, hear the prayers we offer this night and give us new life and new hope through the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** – This Joyful Eastertide

Charles Wood

**PRESENTATION HYMN - THE DOXOLOGY** Hymnal 380 v. 3

*Old Hundredth*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### *Enriching Our Worship--- Eucharistic Prayer III*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**SANCTUS** – Hymnal S 125

Richard Proulx

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us .

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

### **THE FRACTION ANTHEM – Hymnal S 154**

David Hurd

*Celebrant* 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.

### **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the direction given by the ushers. If you are unable to come to a Communion Station, please let an usher know and the Sacraments will be brought to you.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS – LEVAS 41 Christ Has Arisen (*sung twice*)**

Tumshandilie Mungu

Hymnal 174 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Salzburg

### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

### **EASTER BLESSING**

God who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us victory, give you joy and peace in your faith and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN – Hymnal 296 We Know That Christ is Raised**

Engelberg

### **DISMISSAL**

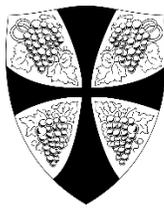
*Priest* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

**POSTLUDE – Carillon**

Louis Vierne

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<b>Preacher</b>	<b>The Very Rev. Miguuelina Howell, Dean,</b>
<b>Bishop's Chaplain</b>	<b>The Rev. Lois Keen, Priest Associate</b>
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<b>Assisting</b>	<b>The Rev. Molly James, Priest Associate, Dean of Formation, ECCT</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	<b>The Rev. Tim Hodapp, Priest Associate, Canon For Mission Collaboration, ECCT</b>
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<b>Service Lector</b>	<b>Theresa Greaves</b>
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<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>John Scott</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>June and Em Aziz, Monica Best, Sheila Green, Connie Bain, Consuelo Amat, Janice Faulkner.</b>

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