

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

**MARCH 30, 2024  
7:30PM**



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## 7:30PM

### THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*In darkness, fire is kindled.*

#### THE BIDDING AND BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE

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 INSCRIPTION & BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*The Celebrant traces the cross, Alpha and Omega, and the year on the Paschal Candle, saying this prayer,*

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End.  
Alpha and Omega,  
His are the time and the ages.  
To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then places five grains of incense, on each into the four points and center of the cross on the Candle, saying,*

Through his holy and glorious wounds  
may Christ the Lord guard us and preserve us.

*Using a taper, the Paschal Candle is lighted from the New Fire, and the Celebrant says,*

May the light of Christ gloriously dispel the darkness of our hearts and souls.

*The people proceed into the Church in silence and take their place in the pews.*

*The procession enters the Church. The Celebrant pauses three times to raise the Paschal Candle, and sings, each time at a higher pitch,*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. A person appointed sings The Exsultet as the people's candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle.*

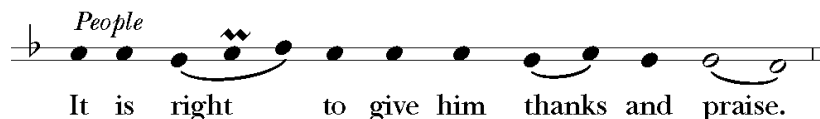
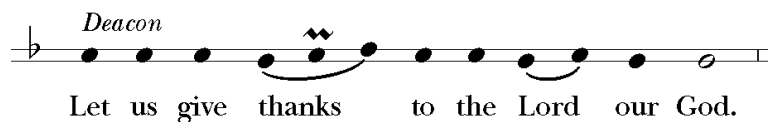
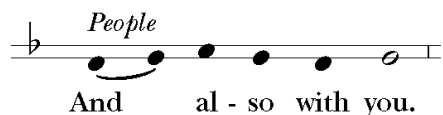
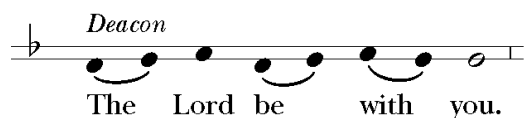
## THE EXSULTET

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.**



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

### *Celebrant*

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

### THE FLOOD

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

*Reader*      A reading from the book of Genesis.

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 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 any more.

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."

## THE RESPONSE

*Deus noster refugium*

Psalm 46

Tone VIII.1

God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

*The people stand for the collect and are then seated for the reading that follows.*

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Reader*        A reading from the book of Exodus.

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

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

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

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

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

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



Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

## THE RESPONSE

The Song of Moses, *Cantemus Domino*

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Mode I, *Tonus Peregrinus*

*The people join in singing the antiphon at the beginning and end of the canticle.*



I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

*The people stand for the collect and are then seated for the reading that follows.*

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* 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.**

## SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL

Isaiah 55:1-11

*Reader* A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

## THE RESPONSE

The First Song of Isaiah, *Ecce, Deus*

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Tone III

*The people join in singing the antiphon at the beginning and end of the canticle.*



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.

*The people stand for the collect and are then seated for the reading that follows.*

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

## A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

Ezekiel 36: 24-28

*Reader* A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: 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.

## THE RESPONSE

*MOTET—Sicut Cervus*

G.P. de Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

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

*The people stand for the collect and are then seated for the reading that follows.*

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

## THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

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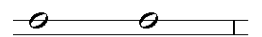
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT



The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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 for ever.



A - men.



*A few moments of silence for reflection follow the homily.*

## THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

### THE PRAYERS

*Celebrant* On this most Holy Night, let us pray for all those who will receive the Sacrament of new birth and for ourselves as we prepare to renew our own Baptismal vows, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Leader* Bring us to the fulness of your peace and glory.

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

*Celebrant* Grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs and all the saints; and we pray that, encouraged by their good examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the eternal life of the saints in light, through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

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

*People* **It is right to give him 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.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water with the Paschal Candle three times, praying*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit,

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit,

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

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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 ASPERGING OF THE CONGREGATION

*The congregation is sprinkled with holy water as the choir sings the antiphon.*

### ANTIPHON

*Vidi aquam*

Mode VIII

I saw water flowing out of the Temple, from its right side, Alleluia:  
And all to whom this water came were saved,  
And they shall say: Alleluia, Alleluia.

## THE PEACE

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

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

*The Ministers and People exchange a sign of peace.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

#### ANTHEM

*Maria Magdalene*

François Dulot (1514-1534)

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices, that coming they might anoint Jesus, alleluia.

And very early the first of the Sabbath, they came to the monument, the sun being now risen. Alleluia.

#### HYMN 187

Through the Red Sea brought at last

*Straf mich nicht*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

*SANCTUS*

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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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jose, our Bishop, and all who minister in your Church.

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

Remember all those who are baptized into your death and resurrection this night.

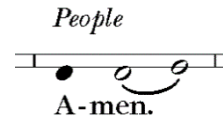
Remember those unable to eat at the Lord's Table or at any other table.

Remember the sick and the suffering, and all those who have entrusted themselves to our prayers.

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, 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 LORD'S PRAYER (Contemporary)

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

**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.**

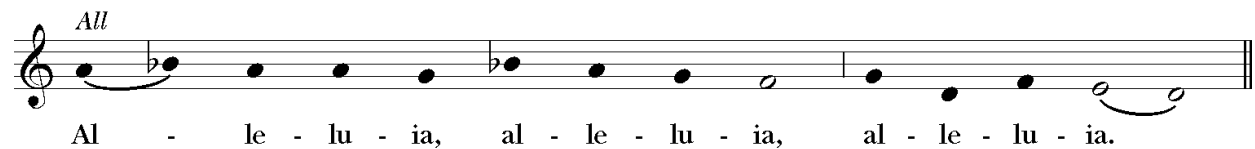
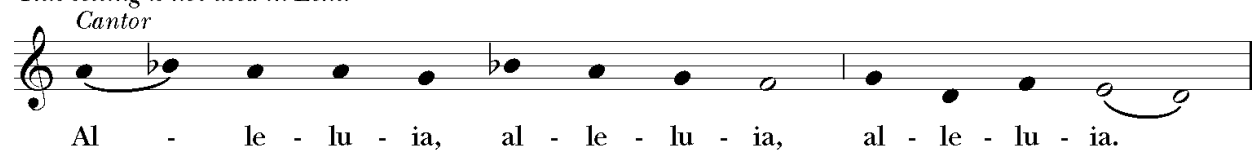
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

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*The consecrated bread is broken; the Cantor and People then sing,*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says an invitation to Communion.*

## MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*To receive the sacrament, extend your hands so that the priest may place the bread in the palm of your outstretched hands. Gluten free wafers are available. For those who desire to receive the wine that follows, guide the chalice toward your lips to drink from the cup. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the priest.*

*For those unable to receive the sacrament this day, we offer this prayer:*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, in thanksgiving for your resurrection, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

## MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

HYMN 183

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

*Vicimae Paschale laudes*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The Celebrant and people say together,*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE EASTER BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

May God, who through 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. **Amen.**

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

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

## THE REGINA CAELI

*sung to the tune 'Easter Hymn'*

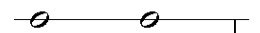
Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!  
He whom you were pleased to bear, Alleluia!  
As He promised has arisen, Alleluia!  
Pour for us to God your prayer. Alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
R. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**



Let us pray.

O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given joy to the whole world: grant, we pray, that through His Mother, the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.



**A - men.**

## HYMN 174

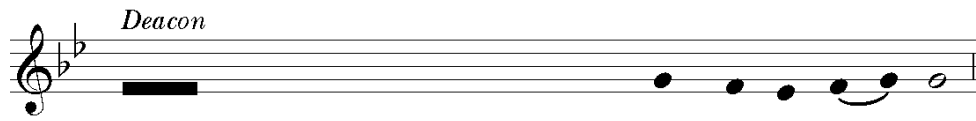
At the Lamb's high feast we sing

*Salzburg*



# THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*



The Deacon's part is written on a single staff in G minor (one flat). It begins with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a melodic line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half).

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



The continuation of the Deacon's part: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half).

al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



The People's part is written on a single staff in G minor (one flat). It begins with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a melodic line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half), then a repeat of the previous line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half).

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

# ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## **THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN:**

- In Memory of Charles Rogers by Billie Rogers
- In Memory of Brenda Stanly by Billie Rogers
- In Honor of Family & Friends by Doug & Mary Galke
- In Living Memory of Our Parents & Phyland Rutledge Miller by Bill & Jorgann Rogers
- In Memory of Michael Arizmendi by The Arizmendi Family
- In Memory of The Merrill Family by Will Merrill
- In Memory of Kirby Brown by Juliana Henderson
- In Memory of Cobb Russ Shirley by Cobb & Cindy Milner
- In Honor of Jane by Cobb & Cindy Milner
- In Memory of Gene & Sara Hallmark, Grover & Carrie Howell, and Jordan & Alex Hallmark by JoAnn Hallmark
- In Honor of Hunter & Spenser Hallmark by JoAnn Hallmark
- In Memory of Pete & Betty Schilson by Terry & Susan Schilson
- In Memory of Bill & Erma Smallwood by Terry & Susan Schilson
- In Memory of Randolph & Clementi Holder by The Holder-Turnbow Family
- In Memory of Eric & Walter Turnbow by the Holder-Turnbow Family
- In Memory of Nora Smiley Combs by Paul Smiley
- In Memory of Ted Bell by Lynne Bell
- In honor of Sherrill, Jenny, Liv, and Sam Hayes by Lynne Bell
- In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. John R. Dunn and John R. Dunn Jr. by Lindsey Herring & Dallas Swoveland
- In Memory of Maureen Jackson by Lindsey Herring & Dallas Swoveland
- In Memory of Robyn Arnold by Lindsey Herring & Dallas Swoveland
- In Memory of our Parents, Siblings, and Friends by Pete & Sally Page
- In Memory of Charles & Mary Grace Limas by Sue Corcoran
- In Honor of my Parents by Sue Corcoran
- In Memory of Francis and Dorothy Corcoran by James Corcoran
- In Memory of Randy Hege, Bobby Schroeder, Susan Schroeder, Chuck & Nancy Veneman by Amanda, Andrew, Eleanor and David Hege

## **GIFTS TO THE MUSIC PROGRAM:**

- In Honor of Easter Music & Choir by Dr. Sterling Hutcheson
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