



ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
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St. Alban's seeks to be an open and welcoming, Christ-centered community committed to sharing Christ's love, empowering all people to grow spiritually, deepening our relationship with Christ, and living out our faith in our community and the world.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church 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 Deacon then sings



The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is divided into two parts: 'Deacon' and 'People'. The 'Deacon' part consists of four notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The 'People' part consists of four notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The notes are placed on the staff as follows: G4 on the first space, A4 on the first line, B4 on the second space, and C5 on the second line. The lyrics 'The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.' are written below the staff, with 'The light' under the first two notes, 'of Christ.' under the next two notes, and 'Thanks be to God.' under the final two notes.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.

The Liturgy of the Word

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 Story of Creation Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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 humankind 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. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm 136 *Confitemini*

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- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
 for his mercy endures for ever.

- 2 *Give thanks to the God of gods, **
 for his mercy endures for ever.

- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, *
 for his mercy endures for ever.

- 4 *Who only does great wonders, **
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 6 *Who spread out the earth upon the waters, **
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 7 Who created great lights, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 *The sun to rule the day, **
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night,
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 23 *Who remembered us in our low estate, **
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 25 *Who gives food to all creatures, **
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Let us pray. (Silence)

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.*

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

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."

Psalm 46 *Deus noster refugium*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*10 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.*

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

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

Let us pray. (Silence)

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.*

Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

Psalm 16 *Conserua me, Domine*

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- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
* I have said to the LORD, "You are my
Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 *All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
* upon those who are noble among the people.*
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 *Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.*
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 *My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.*

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

*8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.*

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

*10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.*

11 You will show me the path of life; *
*in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for
evermore.*

Let us pray. (Silence)

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

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea Exodus 14:10-15:1

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."

Hymn *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land* Hymn 648

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.*

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.

Hymn

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

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Refrain

All C G Am F Dm7

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -

Gsus G7 Em7 Am C7 F G7

fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -

Em7 Am Dm Gsus C F C (F) *Fine*

fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

Leader or All C G/B Am C7

1 There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing

F Dm7 Gsus G7 Em7

from the springs of sal - va - tion and on that day you shall

Am C7 F G7 Em7 Am Dm7 Gsus C F *to Refrain*

say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call up - on God's name."

Leader or All Am Em F

2 Make God's deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re -

G7 C Dm7 C Am Em F

mem-ber that the Lord is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord,

D7 G F Em G7 *to Refrain*

for God has done great things and this is known in all the world.

Leader or All C G/B Am C7 F Dm7 Gsus G7

3 Cry a-loud, in-hab-i-tants of Zi-on; ring out your joy, for the

Em7 Am C7 F G7 Em7 Am Dm7 Gsus C F *to Refrain*

great one in the midst of you is the Ho-ly One of Is-rael.

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.*

Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 Learn Wisdom and Live

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
O simple ones, learn prudence;
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.
Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right;
for my mouth will utter truth;
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
All the words of my mouth are righteous;
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

"My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.
I walk in the way of righteousness,
along the paths of justice,
endowing with wealth those who love me,
and filling their treasuries."

To those without sense she says,
"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

Psalm 19 *Cæli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

- 2 *One day tells its tale to another, **
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 *Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.*
- 5 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.
- 6 *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.*
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom
to the innocent.
- 8 *The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the
heart; *the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.*
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous
altogether.
- 10 *More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.*

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 *Who can tell how often he offends? **
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 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.

14 *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my*
*heart be acceptable in your sight, **
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Ezekiel 36:24-28 A new heart and a new spirit

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 uncleanness, 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.

Psalm 42 *Quemadmodum*

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- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 *My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living
God; *when shall I come to appear before the
presence of God?*
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
"Where now is your God?"
- 4 *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,*
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 *Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?*

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

8 *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.*

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your
cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

10 *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.*

11 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?"

12 *While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;*

13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"

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

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

Let us pray. (Silence)

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 valley of dry bones Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Psalm 143 *Domine, exaudi*

BCP 798

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

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

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

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

- 5 I remember the time past;
I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 *I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.*
- 7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit
fails me; *do not hide your face from me
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 *Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the
morning, for I put my trust in you; *
show me the road that I must walk,
for I lift up my soul to you.*
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, *
for I flee to you for refuge.
- 10 *Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are
my God; *let your good Spirit lead me on
level ground.*
- 11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; *
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of
trouble.
- 12 *Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
and bring all my foes to naught, *
for truly I am your servant.*

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, by the Passover of 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.*

The gathering of God's people Zephaniah 3:14-20

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

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

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

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

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

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

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

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

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

BCP 727

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 *With his right hand and his holy arm **
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.
- 4 *He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to*
*the house of Israel, **

*and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on 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.*

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.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

*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 the 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.*

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Christ Our Passover

Pascha Nostrum

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Descant

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

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

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

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 Music: *Sine Nomine* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); desc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)
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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 for ever. *Amen.*

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.

- 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.*

Sequence Hymn

(three times)

Christ is ri-sen from the dead, tramp-ling down death by death, and on

those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life!

Hymn Number WLP 817

Sources Music: Early American, adapt. Richard Fabian (b. 1942)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who

was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Father Greg Peters

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* Hymn 174

Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1709

Geistliche Kirchengesänge. Cologne, 1623

Praise God, from whom all bles-singsflow! Praise God,all crea-tures here be low! Al-le
 lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! PraisePraise to God and to the Son, and to the Spi-rit, Three in
 One! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

The people stand or kneel.

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 Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Phil Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia; remember the churches and ministries of our diocese, especially St. Stephens in Oak Harbor and St. James in Sedro- Wooley, and all bishops and other ministers; remember the members of this

congregation, especially Averil Nicewarmer; the ministries of our congregation especially Church Officers; members of our Legacy Society Susan and Eric Hanson; Greg our priest; remember Fernely and Irma Robles and the congregation of Templo Emanuel, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people and those who seek your truth.

Remember those in any need, especially in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, Yemen, Sudan, Syria, and all places of violence or oppression.

Remember those who care for refugees, immigrants, internally displaced people, the mentally ill, the homeless, the lost, and the lonely.

Remember Marge, Marilee, Susan D., Tom Sine, Helen Giddings Family, Gretchen Munsey, Ronnie Locke and Family

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially Helen Giddings and Gretchen's brother, John Jeffrey Vandergrift 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 and Joseph her husband, with Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Alban patron of this house 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. *AMEN.*

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

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

Fraction Anthem

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This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon

Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ was raised from the dead for you.

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen.*

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

For those who unable to attend worship in person

Beloved Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the

Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things, and I

desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you and unite myself entirely .to you.
Let me never be separated from you in this life
or in the life to come. Amen

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Communion Hymn #1 *Come Ye Faithful* Hymn 200

Communion Hymn #2 *We Know that Christ Is Raised* Hymn 206

Post Communion Prayer
From *Enriching Our Worship*

*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 for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn *Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing* Hymn 205

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Please join us for Easter Sunday Eucharist April 5th
8:00am (in person) & 10:30pm (in person/live streamed)*

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