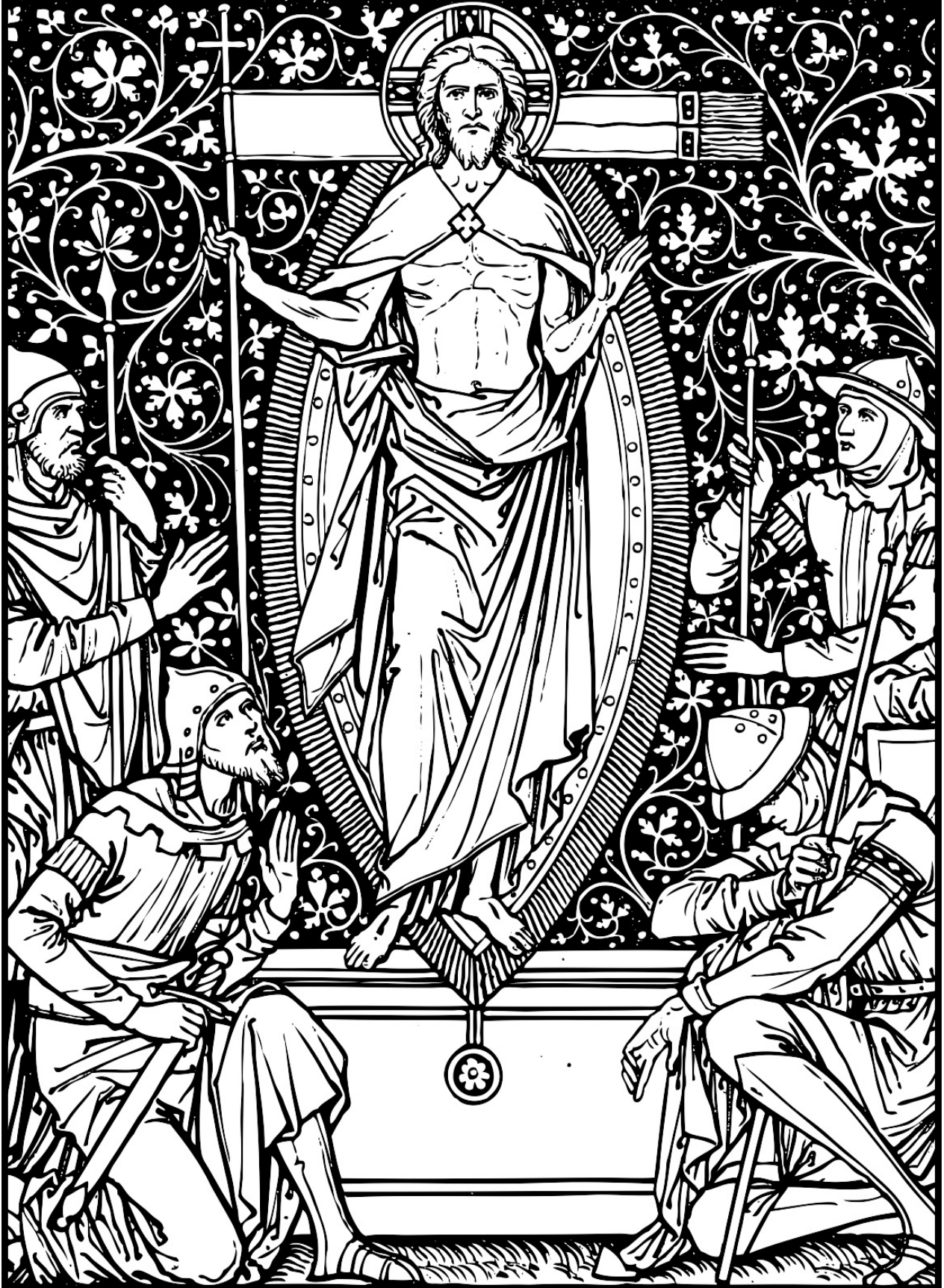


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REJOICE AND SING NOW, ALL THE ROUND EARTH,



DARKNESS HAS BEEN VANQUISHED BY OUR ETERNAL KING.

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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH A.D. 2025

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In the earliest days of the Church, it was the custom of the first Christian believers to gather under the cover of darkness—in homes, caves, and catacombs—to keep vigil together as they awaited the first light of Easter.

In their ancient liturgy, these forebears of our faith lit the new Easter fire; recounted the stories of God’s saving deeds; baptized converts to the faith; and celebrated the first Eucharist of Easter.

Tonight, we join them in this centuries-old tradition and once again become the pilgrim people of God. This is the Great Vigil of Easter: the brightest jewel of all Christian liturgy, the climax of the Christian year, the queen of feasts and seasons, and the crown of all our earthly worship.

Candle Safety: Please exercise caution with your candle. While it is traditional to keep vigil candles lit through the Old Testament stories and baptisms:

- *You may extinguish your candle at any time.*
- *We will remain seated for the hymns during the Liturgy of the Word.*

Communion: All baptized Christians may receive Communion at St. John’s. If you are curious about how Communion will work, see instructions on page 26.

If you are new to St. John’s, you are especially welcome, and we hope you will make yourself at home. This worship booklet contains the full service for your convenience. Thank you for joining us for the most important service of the Christian year.

Please silence your cell phone before worship.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

All stand as the procession enters in silence.

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the people in these words

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ 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. Here we join our voices with those of faithful Christians across the span of ages. With our mothers and fathers, our sisters and brothers, the holy forebears of our ancient faith, we gather in darkness to light the new Paschal fire, to recount God's saving deeds, to pass through the waters of baptism, and to share with all creation in the triumph of our mighty King. This is the Great Vigil of Easter.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, ruler of the ages, through your only-begotten Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your eternal 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 Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon bearing the Candle, carries it to its stand. Pausing three times, a Cantor sings

 The Light of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet

A Cantor sings the Exsultet, the ancient prayer before the Paschal Candle.

Candles distributed to the congregation are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted.

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.

Cantor and People



A-men.

Cantor *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Cantor

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son. How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

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

Cantor and People

A-men.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings, saying

Brothers and sisters, it was the custom of the early Church to gather before the dawn of Easter's first light, and to recount the ancient stories of our faith. Let us hear anew 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 Rebellion of Adam & Eve

[Genesis 3:1-24]

Atreyu Abberton, June Dollar, Grady Enlow, Dayne Shelton, Susan Shelton

The readers appointed tell the story of the Rebellion of Adam & Eve.

This is the truth sent from above (*sung by the choir*)arr. James Kirby

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love:
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing, which I do relate,
Is that God did man create
The next thing which to you I tell,
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Then after this, 'twas God's own choice
To place them both in Paradise,
There to remain from evil free
Except they ate of such a tree.

But they did eat, which was a sin,
And thus their ruin did begin;
Ruined themselves, both you and me,
And all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose
For so a promise soon did run,
That he would redeem us by his Son.

Text: Traditional

The Celebrant says

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, whose mercy is greater than our sin, and whose steadfast love endures beyond our fall: Grant that, as we remember the disobedience of our first parents, we may also trust in your desire to seek and save the lost; that we, returning to you, may walk again in the garden of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Abraham & Sarah at the Oaks of Mamre

[Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7]

Felisha Herbin, Kai Herbin, Jay Lacy, Laurye Messer, Jim Messer, Kathy Sullivan

The readers appointed tell the story of Abraham & Sarah at the Oaks of Mamre.

After the reading, **all remain seated** and sing the following.

Re - jice for wo - men brave, who laughed and cried and sang, who
Re - jice for Sar - ah's mirth; she lis - tened laugh - ing - ly. In
Re - jice for Han - nah bold; she loud - ly made her plea. Then
Your gra - cious love di - vine, like Mir - iam we pro - claim. May

lis - tened to an - gels, be lieved their God, from them sal - va - tion sprang.
joy she brought forth a new na - tion, say - ing all will laugh with me.
God heard her prayers and she, ex - ul - tant, sang of vic - to - ry.
we now sing praise and with Ma - ry mag - ni - fy your ho - ly name.

Refrain

Re - jice, re - jice, re - jice, give thanks, and sing.
re - jice, re - jice,

The Celebrant says

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God of fulfillment and promise, who called Abraham and Sarah in their old age and made them joyful with the gift of new life: Grant that we, trusting in your steadfast Word, may be made joyful by your providence, and strengthened to serve you in faith and hope all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Moses & the Burning Bush

[Exodus 3:1-15]

David Grimes
Kristina Nilsson
David Wheeler

The readers appointed tell the story of Moses & the Burning Bush.



After the reading, **all remain seated** and sing the following.

In the wil - der - ness for God! Just a com - mon bush a - flame!
All his year - ning o - ver men, all His pur - pos - es of love,

Thus may I be, bless - ed Lord, for the glo - ry of Thy name.
flam - ing with no light of earth, but with glo - ry from a - bove.

Just a com - mon bush to be, some - thing in which God can dwell,
God Him - self with - in the bush, no - thing seen but just the flame;

some - thing through which God can speak, some - thing through which God can tell:
make me that, just that, O God, for the glo - ry of Thy name.

Words: Margaret E. Barber (1869-1930)

Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

The Celebrant says

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O Lord our God, who revealed your Name to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and called him to lead your people out of bondage: Grant that we, beholding the wonder of your presence, may be stirred to holy fear and quickened to faithful service, that we may walk in your ways and declare your Name in all the earth; through your mercy, O Lord. *Amen.*

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

[Exodus 14:10–15:1]

Paul Anderson & Enmanuel Stewart-Meza

The People join the appointed readers in the following responsive reading.

Narrator Friends, do you remember that night? The night the hoofbeats thundered behind us, and the Red Sea blocked the way?

People **We remember.**

Narrator Who were we?

People **We were slaves in Egypt—
burdened, forgotten, but not forsaken.**

Narrator And what did we cry?

People **Let my people go!**

Narrator Say it again—

People **Let my people go!**

Narrator Did Pharaoh listen?

People **No! He tightened his grip.**

Moses But the Lord gave me a staff and a word of truth. So I went to Pharaoh and said—

People **Let my people go!**

Moses And when he laughed in my face, the Lord gave signs and wonders—
not for show, but for justice.

Narrator And what came upon Egypt?

People **The Nile turned to blood.
The frogs filled the land.**

**Gnats and flies and boils,
hail and locusts and darkness.**

**And then—
a great and terrible sorrow:
the shadow that passed
through every household but our own.**

Narrator And on that night of sorrow?

People **We shared a sacred meal.
We stayed inside.
We kept watch.
And we remembered who we were.**

Narrator Then we rose up and left.
What did we carry?

People **Our children.
Our hope.
Our unleavened bread.
And the promise of freedom.**

Moses I walked with trembling feet, but the fire of God led the way—
a pillar of fire by night, a cloud by day.

Narrator But when we reached the sea?

People **We were trapped.
The waters before us,
Pharaoh's army behind.
We cried out in fear.**

Narrator And what did God say?

People **Do not be afraid.
Stand still.
See the salvation of the Lord!**

Moses God said, "Lift your staff." And the waters peeled back like scrolls.
The wind blew dry a path through the chaos.
We walked through death as if it were dust.

People **Out of the water we came.**

Narrator And what happened to Pharaoh's army?

Moses God said, "Stretch out your hand again," and the waters returned.
What was meant to destroy us was swallowed up instead.

People **The horse and the rider were thrown into the sea.**

Narrator And what did we do then?

People **We sang!
We danced!
We rejoiced!**

Moses I lifted my voice with Miriam, and the song shook the shoreline.
Freedom echoed where fear had been.

Narrator And what do we still say to every Pharaoh?

People **Let my people go!**

Narrator To every chain, every cruelty, every injustice, what do we say?

People **Let my people go!**

Narrator For what is it that God has done?

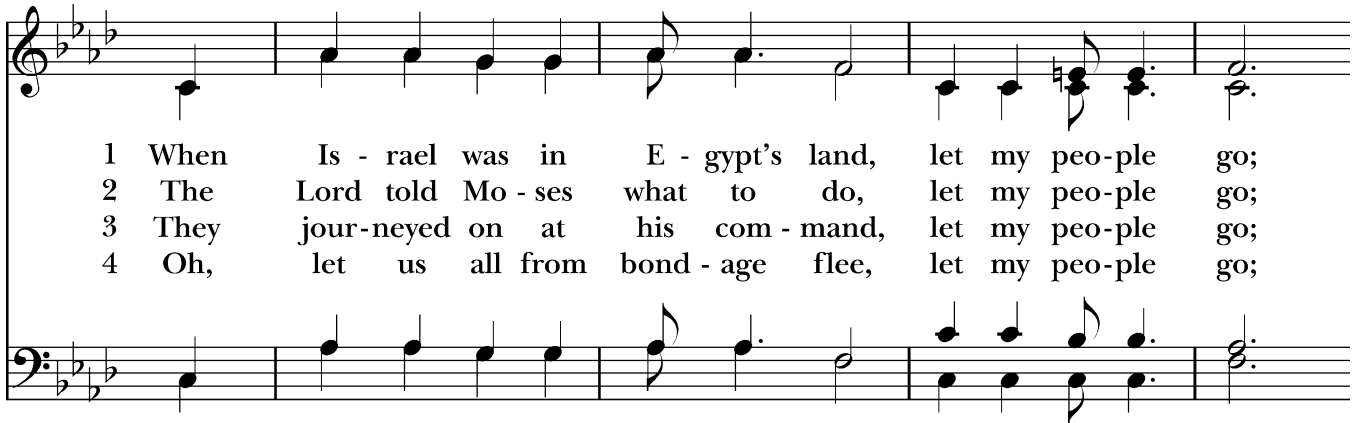
People **God has made a way.
God has brought us through.
God has set us free.**

Narrator Then let all the people say—

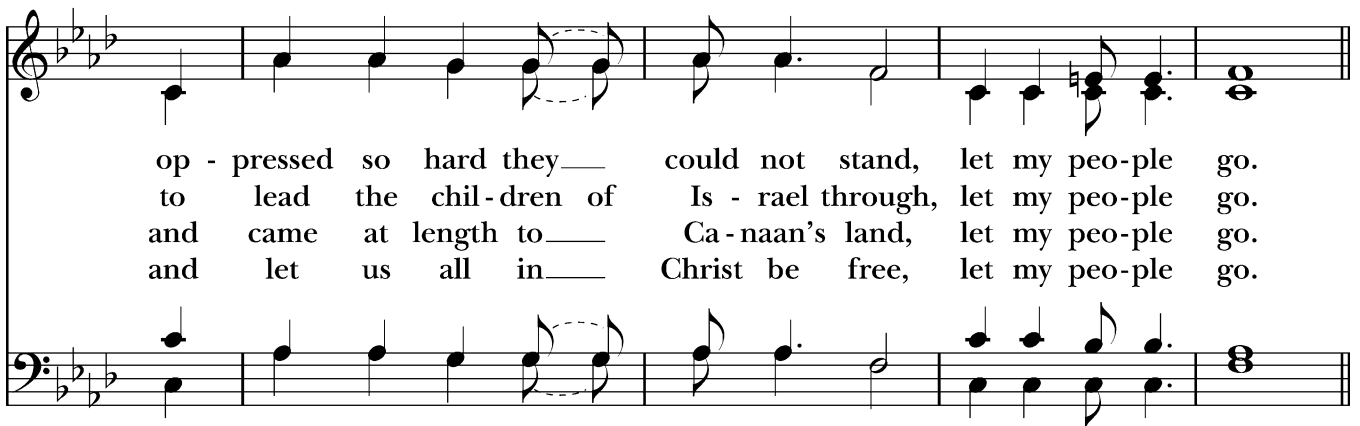
People **We remember! We rejoice! We are free!
Let my people go!**



All remain seated and sing the following.

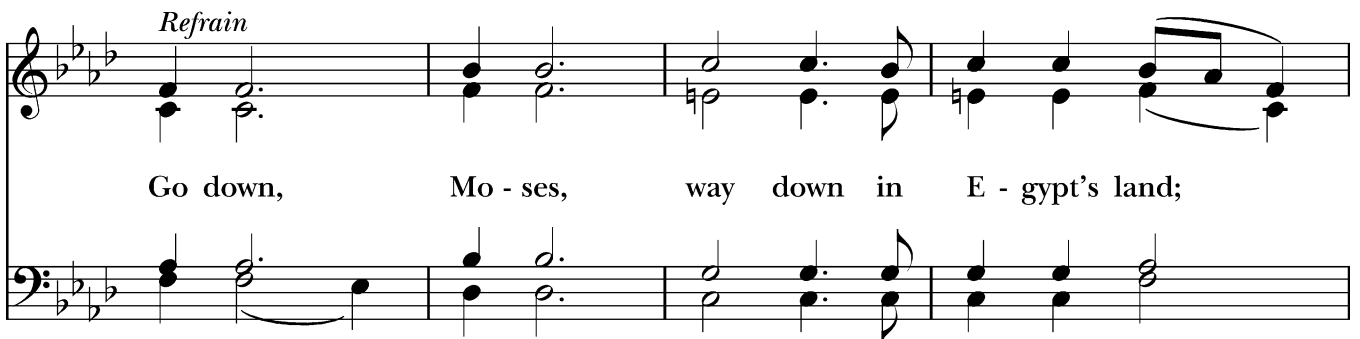


1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
3 They jour-neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;
4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

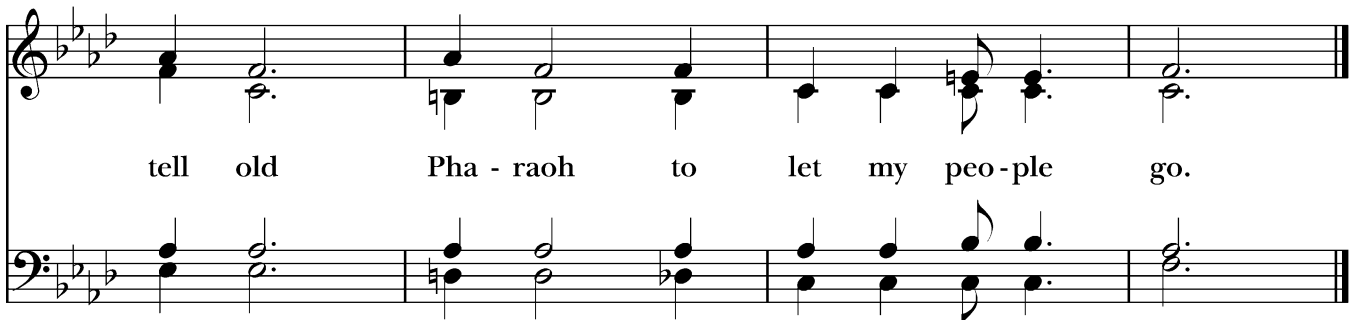


op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
to lead the chil-dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
and came at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.
and let us all in — Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Refrain



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;



tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Go Down, Moses*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935).
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The Celebrant says

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.*

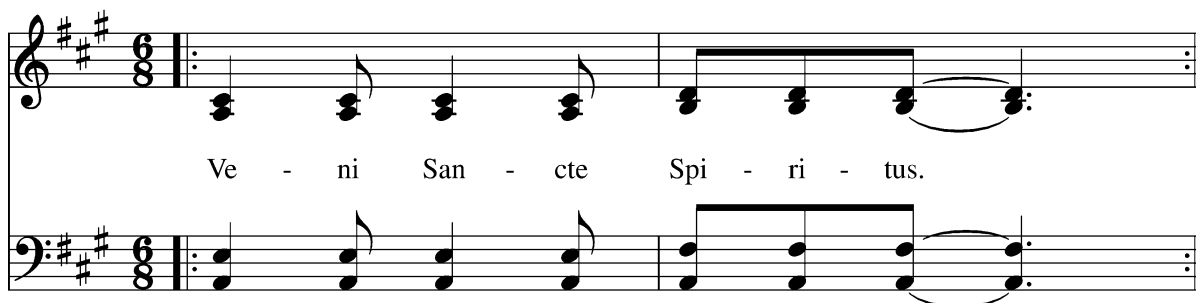
Holy Baptism

The Procession to the Baptismal Waters

The Celebrant says

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. Now as our Lenten observance draws to an end, let us join with those who have come to be baptized on this night and renew our solemn vows by which we, too, have joined the family of God.

All sing the following as the celebrant, candidates, and sponsors process to the baptismal font.



Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Verses sung by the choristers:

Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light.
Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God;
disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people.

The Presentation of Candidates

When all are in place, the Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Owen Rich-Hunt
William Fisher Jefferson
Rosie June Smith*

Adults and Older Children

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually, as follows

Sponsors I present Owen to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Owen, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Infants & Younger Children

Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually, as follows

Parents and Godparents

I present William to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
I present Rosie June to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I do.



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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

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

People We will.

The Celebrant continues, saying

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

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 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.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

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

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

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

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

The Baptisms

Each candidate is presented to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

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

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

When this action has been completed, the Celebrant prays over the newly baptized, saying

Let us pray.

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

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Proclamation of Easter

The Celebrant then says

And now, dear friends, through the Paschal mystery, we have been buried with Christ in Baptism and raised with him to newness of life. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O grave, is your sting?

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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The PEOPLE CHEER and make a JOYFUL NOISE as the tower bells are rung.

The People extinguish their candles.



The Pascha Nostrum

During the following canticle, the remaining candles and lamps are lit and the Celebrant asperges the people with holy water.

3 *Congregational Refrain*

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

The Choir sings the following verses. All join in the refrain above.

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

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

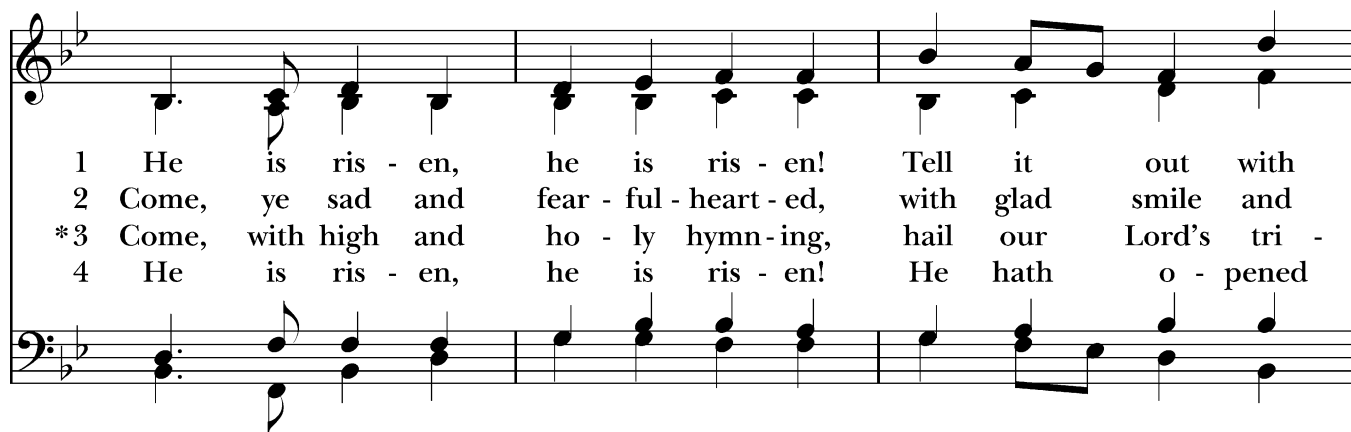
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia. *Refrain*

The Epistle [Romans 6:3-11]

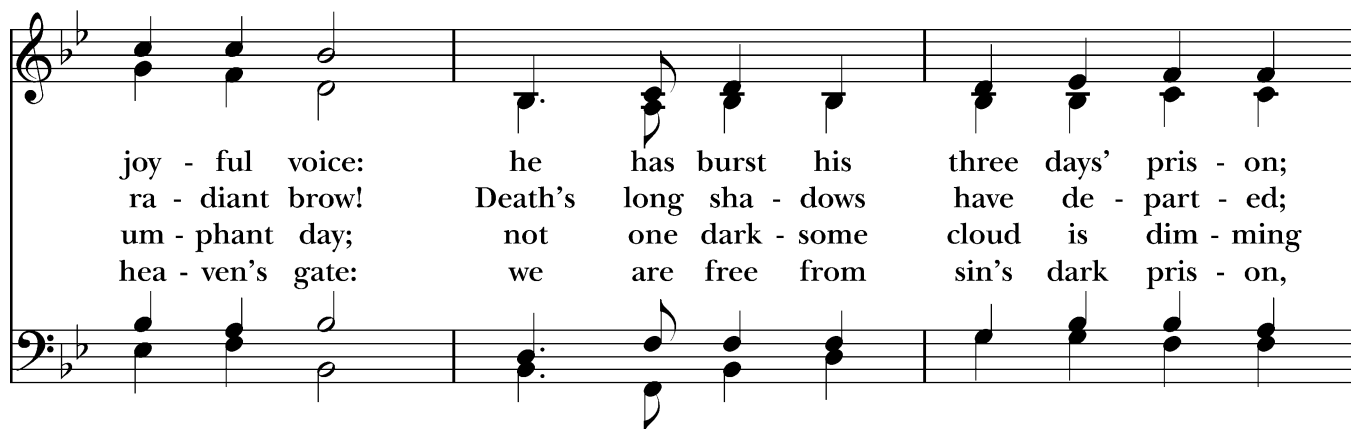
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been 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.

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

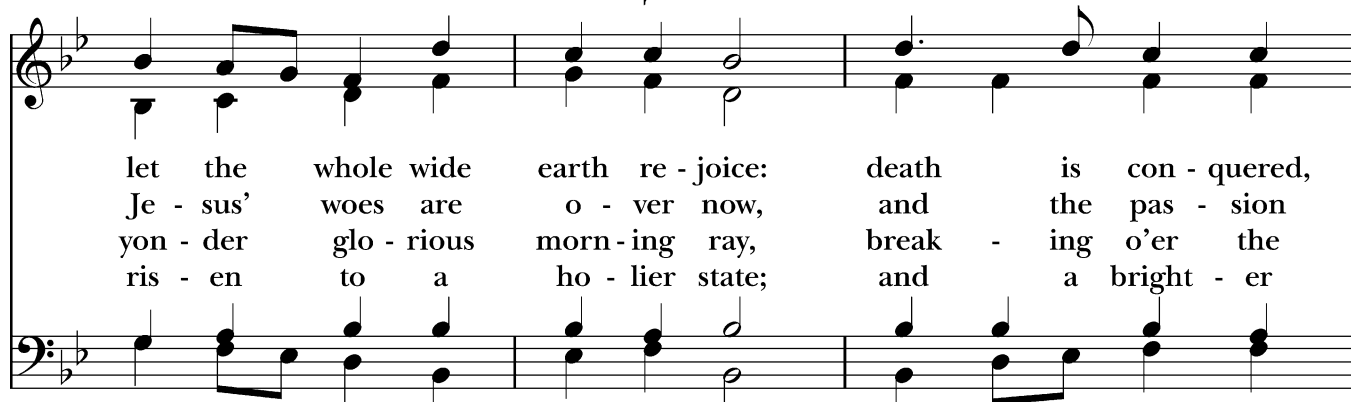
All stand as they are able and sing the following.



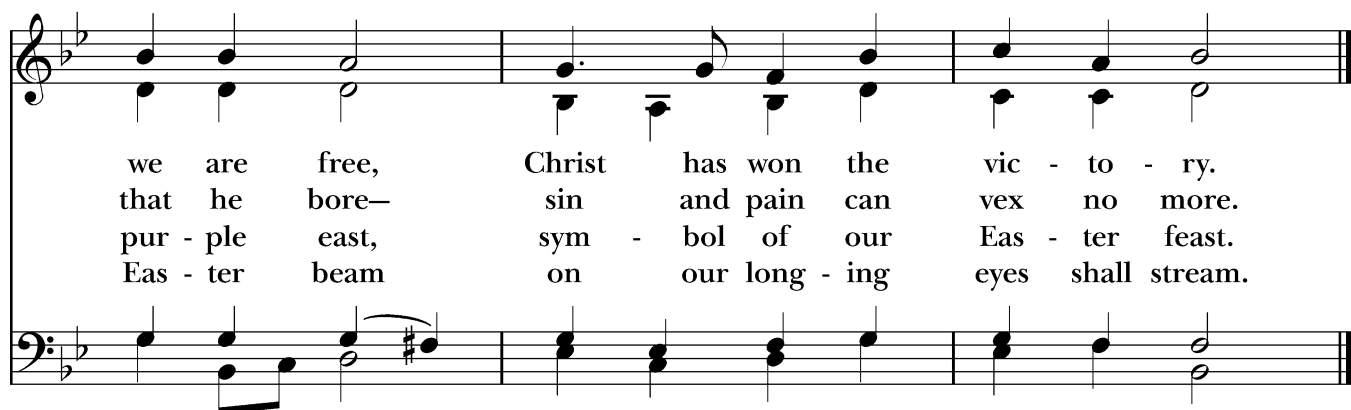
1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened



joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,



let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er



we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

The Resurrection Gospel [John 20:1-18]

All standing as they are able, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

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

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

The Sermon..... The Rev. Lonnie Lacy

The Peace

All stand as they are able. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

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Offertory Anthem

Haec dies William Byrd

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:
exultemus et laetemur in ea,
Alleluia.

This is the day which the
Lord hath made:
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia.

Text: Psalm 118:24

Presentation of the Gifts

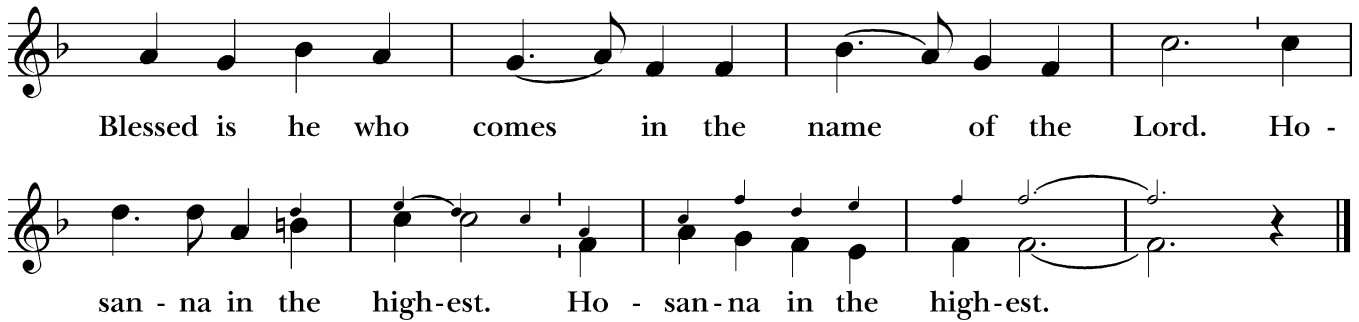
All stand as they are able.

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host:

praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



The people kneel as they are able. Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 Owen, William, Rosie June, and all who are baptized across the world on this most holy night. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John 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.

Celebrant and People



A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Antiphon sung first by the choir, then by all.



The musical notation is a single staff in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

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

Choir

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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

Communion Hymns

Christians, to the Paschal victim.....	183
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Now the green blade riseth	204

The Communion of the People

Communion is central to our worship at St. John's. All baptized Christians—regardless of age or denominational affiliation—are welcome to receive.

1 Wait for guidance from the ushers.

At the appropriate time, an usher will invite the people in your pew to rise and follow the line to the Communion rail or station. Those with limited mobility may request that Communion be brought directly to their pew.

2 Kneel or stand.

Most people kneel at the rail to receive Communion, but standing is also appropriate, especially if kneeling is difficult.

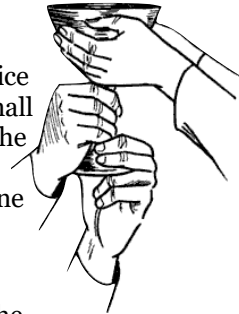
3 Receive the Bread.

As the minister approaches with the Bread, extend your hands with palms open and facing up. You may consume the Bread immediately or wait to have it dipped in the Wine.



4 Receive the Wine.

The Wine is served in a large chalice as a sign of unity. Assist the lay minister by guiding the chalice to your lips, holding it by the base, and take a small sip. If you would rather not drink directly from the chalice, you may offer your Bread to the lay minister and allow him or her to dip it in the Wine and hand it back to you to consume.



5 Return to your pew.

Return to your pew, kneel if you like, sing with the congregation, or offer your silent prayers to God.

If you are unbaptized or would prefer not to receive the Bread or Wine for any reason, cross your arms over your chest at the rail. This signifies to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing instead.

Communion Anthem

After Communion, all are seated and join in singing the following



Music: Calvin Hampton

Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

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.*

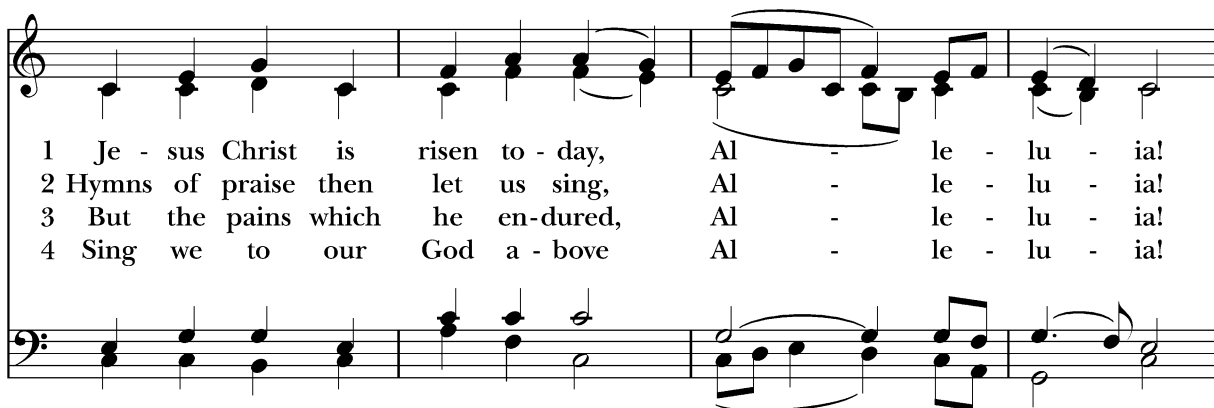
May God, who through the water of baptism
has raised us from sin into newness of life,
make you holy and worthy to be united with
Christ for ever. *Amen.*

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.*

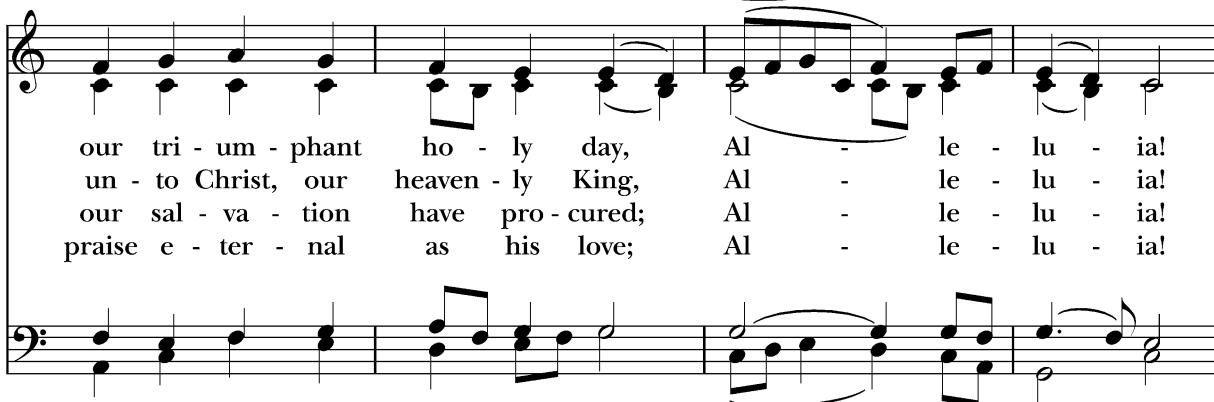
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and
remain with you for ever. *Amen.*



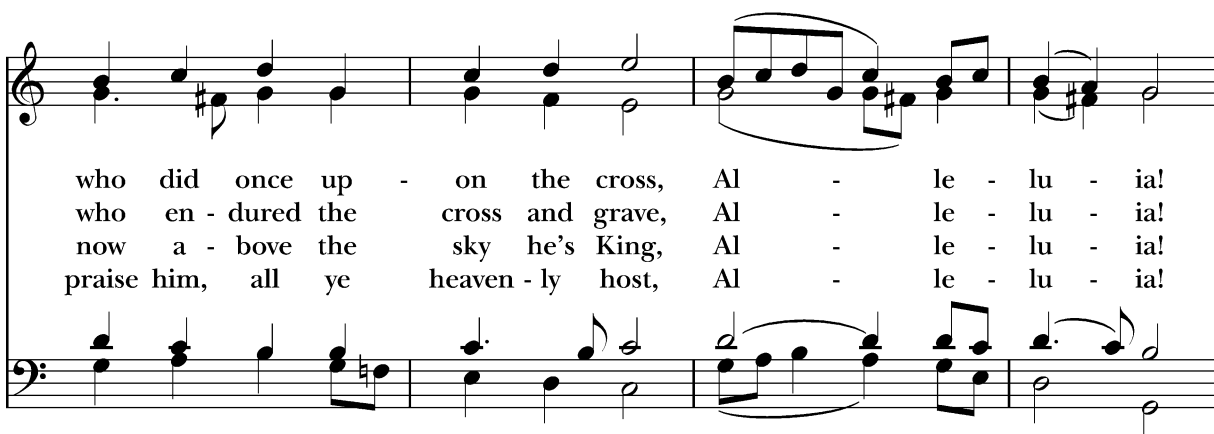
All stand as they are able.



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary.....Allegro Maestoso e Vivace (Sonata No. 4)
Felix Mendelssohn

Tower Bells

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Wayne & Paula Kiger

Arthur & Ann Irvine & Nancy Dominy

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Boone Kuersteiner given by Mike, Garrett,
Britton, Kenley & Raynes Robinson

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