



# The Great Vigil of Easter

April 4, 2026

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! **If you are new to Trinity, please fill out the Connect Card in the back of the pew in front of you or scan the QR code on the back of this service guide.** Once you have filled it out, you can drop it in the offering box at the back as you leave today. This helps us to connect with you more personally. We promise not to spam you! Please stop by the welcome table after the service to pick up a small gift and join us in the Parish Hall for some refreshments.

The Trinity family is a joyful community seeking to love God, love people, and share life. Everything you need to follow along with today's worship service is printed in this guide. As Anglican Christians, we worship using a liturgy, a set of prayers that have been passed down from the ancient Church to us today. We share communion (a sacred meal of bread and wine) each Sunday. We invite all baptized and believing Christians to participate in communion with us. You do not have to be Anglican to share in communion with us. At the appropriate time, ushers will direct you forward to the altar rail to receive communion. We also have sealed, individual communion available at the back for those with health concerns.

We hope and pray that you will know the love of God for you today. If you have any questions or need anything, don't hesitate to ask a member of our welcome team or an usher.

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## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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

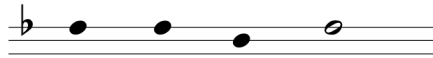
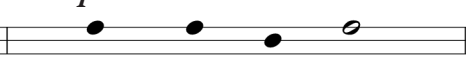
Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we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

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire, we pray, and so set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and kindled affections we may attain to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the newly kindled fire, and says*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The Celebrant, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the nave, pausing three times and singing*

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
The light of Christ.	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*The People light their candles from the Paschal Candle. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, are also lit. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the Celebrant, standing near the Candle, sings the Exsultet.*

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people. All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
one God, for - ev - er	and ev - er A - men .



## THE LESSONS

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, remembering how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that God may bring to completion in each of us the saving work he has begun.

**The Creation** *The People sit.*

GENESIS 1:1-2:3

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup> And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

<sup>17</sup> And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the

earth across the expanse of the heavens.”<sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.<sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”<sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so.<sup>25</sup> And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And 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 heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”<sup>29</sup> And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.<sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens 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.<sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.<sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.<sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis - t'ning ears  
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, The birds their car - ols raise;  
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

All na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.  
 The morn - ing light, the lil - y white De - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world, I rest me in the thought  
 This is my Fa - ther's world, He shines in all that's fair;  
 This is my Fa - ther's world, The bat - tle is not done;

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas- His hand the won - ders wrought.  
 In the rus - tling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
 Je - sus, who died, shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heav'n be one.

Let us pray.

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

**The Fall** *The People sit.*

Genesis 3

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” <sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat

of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup> The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

<sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” <sup>23</sup> therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Response

*Liebergen*

### O, Lord Have Mercy

O Lord, have mercy; Lord, hear my plea.

O Lord, have mercy; Lord, set me free.

Your crown of thorns You wore for me  
when You died at Calvary,

Your side was pierced up upon the cross,  
Your life it seemed was lost

O Lord, have mercy; Lord, hear my plea.

O Lord, have mercy on me.

O Lord, I love You; You died for me.

O Lord, I love You; You set me free.

Your final hours were spent in pain  
yet your spirit overcame,  
you gave your life as God's own son,  
and life's victory it was won!

O Lord, I love You; You died for me.

O Lord, have mercy on me.

O Lord, I praise You; I sing Your name.

O Lord, I praise You; Your love proclaim.

Your final breath did conquer in  
and for all did victory win,

All glory be to You, O Lord,  
sing we now in one accord.

O Lord, I praise You; I sing Your name.

O Lord, I praise You; Your love proclaim.

O Lord, have mercy; Lord, hear my plea,

Lord, hear my plea.

O Lord, have mercy on me.

*The People stand.*

Let us pray.

O God, you sent your blessed Son, the seed of the woman, that he might crush the serpent's head and make all creation new: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea** *The People sit.*

EXODUS 14:10-15:1

<sup>10</sup> When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." <sup>13</sup> And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup> The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

<sup>15</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup> Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup> And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

<sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup> And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup> clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

<sup>26</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” <sup>27</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup> Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

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

**Congregational Hymn** *The People stand and sing.*

**#527** *Singing Songs of Expectation*



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward  
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his  
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as



goes the pil - grim band, through the night of  
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the  
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,



doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.  
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:  
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and  
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the  
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the



burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we  
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest  
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -



march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.  
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, by the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation offered to 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.**

“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;

and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> “Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup> 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 shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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

**Choral Response**

*Arr. Carol Wallis and Jack Noble White*

*The First Song of Isaiah*

Surely it is God who saves me  
I will trust in him and not be afraid  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense  
And he will be my savior

Surely it is God who saves me  
I will trust in him and not be afraid  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense  
And he will be my savior

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
From the springs of salvation  
And on that day you shall say  
Give thanks to the Lord and call up his Name

Make his deeds known among the peoples  
See that they remember that his name is exalted  
Sing the praises of the Lord  
For he has done great things  
And is known all the world

Cry aloud inhabitants of Zion  
Ring out your joy  
For the great one in the midst of you  
Is the Holy One of Israel

*The People stand.*

Let us pray.

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

### **The Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*A joyful fanfare is played, and bells are rung. The church is lighted, and the candles at the Altar are now lighted from the Paschal Candle.*

### **The Song of Praise**

### **#207 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

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!

The musical score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains the accompaniment. The music is in a major key and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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 Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you 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.**

**The Epistle Reading** *The People sit.*

ROMANS 6:3-11

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual Hymn** *The People stand.*

*Celtic Alleluia*

Refrain

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

Verses

ial \*1. Now he is liv - ing, the Christ. \_  
 2. Christ is the first fruits from death, \_  
 \*3. Give thanks to the Lord who is good. \_ The  
 4. The right hand of God raised me up. \_ The  
 5. The stone which the build - ers re - ject-ed be -

1. Out of the tomb he is ris - en; he has con- quered death,  
 2. fill - ing the church with his glo - ry! Dark - ness van - ish - es  
 3. love of the Lord knows no end - ing. All in Is - ra - el  
 4. hand of the Lord \_\_\_ has tri - umphed. I shall nev - er die,  
 5. comes \_ the cor - ner - stone cho - sen. Praise the work of God

to Refrain

1. o - pened heav - en to all \_\_\_ be - liev - ers. \_\_\_  
 2. in the light \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ his pow - er. \_\_\_  
 3. say: "God's love \_\_\_ has \_\_\_ no end." \_\_\_  
 4. I shall live \_\_\_ tell - ing God's deeds. \_\_\_  
 5. for this mar - vel \_\_\_ in \_\_\_ our eyes! \_\_\_

## The Gospel

MATTHEW 28:1-10

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

### Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup> Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows** *The People stand.*

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 the devil and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

- Celebrant:* Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit yourself to keep them?
- People:* **I do.**
- Celebrant:* Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
- People:* **I renounce them.**
- Celebrant:* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
- People:* **I renounce them.**
- Celebrant:* Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?
- People:* **I renounce them.**
- Celebrant:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?
- People:* **I do.**
- Celebrant:* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?
- People:* **I do.**
- Celebrant:* Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?
- People:* **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

Let us now reaffirm our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

- Celebrant:* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
- People:* **I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Celebrant:* Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?
- People:* **I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by**

**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 and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*People*

**I do. 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. Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People** *The People kneel.*

Let us pray for the church and for the world, saying “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. *[Pause.]*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

For Steve, our Archbishop; for Julian, the Dean of our Province; for Alex, our Bishop; for Morgan, our priest; for Trinity’s staff and vestry; and for all the clergy, lay leaders, and people of our diocese and congregation. *[Pause.]*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad and for all who teach and disciple others, especially for Reverend Tarsees and Bumbogo Parish, our sister parish in Rwanda, and for Gilbert, the staff, mothers, and children with disabilities of Love With Actions. *[Pause.]*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. *[Pause.]*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service, especially for Donald, our President; Brian, our Governor; the Congress and the Supreme Court; Scott, our Mayor; our County Commissioners and members of the City Council; and members of the city and county school boards. *[Pause.]*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Harriet Hawkins. *[Pause.]*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving, let us pray. *[Pause.]*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Comfortable Words**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated for announcements. Access this week's announcements by visiting [trinitythomasville.church/announcements](http://trinitythomasville.church/announcements).*

*During this time, all quietly meditate on offering our lives and our gifts to the Lord.*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst His prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
from His light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection,

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold Thee as a mortal;  
but today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing  
that Thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

"Alleluia!" now we cry to our King immortal,  
who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;  
"Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising,  
"Alleluia!" yet again to the spirit raising.

Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a

might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery



# The Sanctus

#S130 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and".

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,".

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The third system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are".

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -".

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The fifth system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na".

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us.

In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

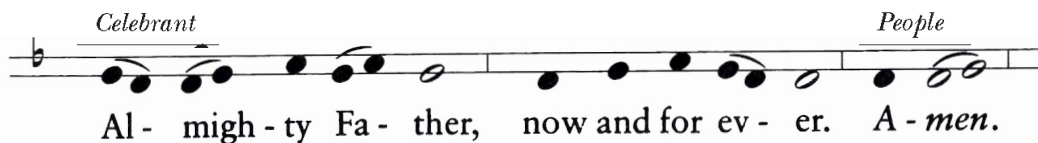
**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours,



## The Lord's Prayer

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

**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 Fraction

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*#S164 Jesus, Lamb of God*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics 'give us your peace, give us your peace.' are written below the top staff. The music consists of several measures of chords and melodic lines, with some notes beamed together and some measures containing rests.

## The Ministration of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

*The People are invited forward to receive the bread and the cup or a prayer of blessing.*

## Communion Songs

### *Living Hope*

How great the chasm that lay between us  
 How high the mountain I could not climb  
 In desperation I turned to heaven  
 And spoke Your name into the night  
 Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
 Tore through the shadows of my soul  
 The work is finished the end is written  
 Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
 What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
 The God of ages stepped down from glory  
 To wear my sin and bear my shame  
 The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
 The King of kings calls me His own  
 Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
 Jesus Christ my living hope

### *Chorus*

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
 Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
 You have broken every chain  
 There's salvation in Your name  
 Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
 Your buried body began to breathe  
 Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
 Declared the grave has no claim on me  
 Jesus Yours is the victory

Jesus Christ my living hope  
 Oh God You are my living hope

#178 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

### The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by 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

## #180 *He Is Risen He Is Risen*

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 - joice: 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 Dismissal**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the risen Christ!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## **The Postlude**

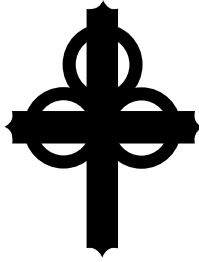
*After the service, please join us in the Parish Hall for  
champagne, sparkling grape juice, and chocolate-covered strawberries.*

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