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## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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**The Rev. Carl H. Beasley is the celebrant and preacher this evening.**

*In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words*

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.

*Celebrant* 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 Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon singing or saying three times*

The light of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

*Then the Deacon, or other person appointed, standing near the Candle, sings or says the Exsultet, as follows :*

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 our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

*Celebrant*

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 we are reconciled to God.

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

*It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture readings in these or similar words*

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 FIRST READING**

#### **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 33:1-11**

*Read in unison*

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

*Celebrant* 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 SECOND READING

### THE FLOOD

GENESIS 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 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 any more.

In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh-- birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth-- so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

## PSALM 46

*Read in unison*

- 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.**

*Celebrant*      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.**

### **THE THIRD READING**

#### **ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA**

**EXODUS 14:10-31; 15:20-21**

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."

#### CANTICLE 8, THE SONG OF MOSES

*Read in unison*

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

*Celebrant* 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.**

#### THE FOURTH READING

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

EZEKIEL 36:24-28

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

PSALM 42:1-7 *Read in unison*

- 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.

*Celebrant* 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 FIFTH READING

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**    *Read in unison*

- 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.**

*Celebrant*    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 Celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing*

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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
**and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,  
and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the  
Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human  
being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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

## THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the

Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The celebrant asperges the people.*

#### **AT THE EUCHARIST**

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

*The Celebrant shall say to the people, and repeat 3 times*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

#### **SONG OF PRAISE**

*Gloria in excelsis*

*Hymnal, S-280*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### **THE COLLECT**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. or this 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.**

#### **A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE 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.

#### **SEQUENCE HYMN 187**

**Through the Red Sea brought at last**

*Straf mich nicht*

## THE GOSPEL

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:1-10.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

The Rev. Leslie J. Hague

*A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* We come with anticipation on this first day of the week to become witnesses, sharing in the resurrection life of Jesus, as we pray: Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Intercessor* Eternal One, you have filled your Church with new life and empowered us through the conquering love of Jesus: Raise us with your Spirit that we may live in the power of Christ's resurrection to bring life and light to all the world. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Intercessor* The right hand of the Most High has triumphed over evil and death, bringing new hope to all the world: Speak your living truth unto everyone who leads and holds authority among the nations, that they may be agents of life and justice. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Intercessor* The Apostle Peter has taught us, that you show no partiality, O God, but you accept all who live reverently and do right: Let your peace extend to every person, that the power of evil and injustice may be banished, and all people may live as beloved children of the divine. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Intercessor* Be with us in this community that we may be glad witnesses of your goodness, O Holy One. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Intercessor* Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us. Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray: those on our All Saints prayer list, and others we name either silently or aloud.

*(Pause for quiet reflection)*

Give thanks to God who is good, whose mercy endures for ever. We offer our grateful gladness this Easter Day for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week; and others we name, either silently or aloud.

*(Pause for quiet reflection)*

Christ has died and is risen, bringing life and immortality to light. We remember those who have died, and those we name either silently or aloud. *(Pause for quiet reflection)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People**                    **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant*            Gracious Eternal and Loving God, you have anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and raised him from death on the cross into resurrection life: Feed us with his life as we eat and drink with him in this Easter Eucharist, that we may be his witnesses, sharing in the Spirit's work of reconciliation and peace, through the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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

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

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*THE HOLY EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**Arise My Love**

*Don Michael Dicie (1941-2022)*

*Arise, my love, and come away, for winter is past, winter is past.  
The light of heaven shines in our hearts, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers adorn the bright new earth, new blossoms appear, new blossoms appear.  
The songs of doves are heard in our land, their joyful music abounds.  
The blossoms reach out, reach out to the sun, heaven and earth lift up their voice,  
Arise! Arise!  
Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away, come away.  
The light of heaven shines in our hearts, the rain is over and gone.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN 648**

**When Israel was in Egypt's land**

*Go Down Moses*

*Verses 1 & 4*

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*            Lift up your hearts.

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

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

*People*                **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

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**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*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.

*Celebrant and People*

**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 the Presiding Bishop Michael; our bishop Peter; Mother Leslie, Father Carl, Father Clark, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people of All Saints Episcopal Church and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant* 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**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant and People*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION HYMN 679

**Surely it is God who saves me**

*Thomas Merton*

- 1. Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.  
So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring;  
In the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.**
- 2. Make his deeds known to the peoples; tell out his exalted Name.  
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might proclaim.  
Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell,  
In your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.**

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* 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

### CLOSING HYMN 207

**Jesus Christ is risen today**

*Easter Hymn*

- 1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**
- 3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**
- 4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

## VOLUNTARY

**Emperor's Fanfare ~ Sixth Double Concerto**

*Antonio Soler (1729-1783)*

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**The flowers adorning our Altar this Easter Season  
are given to the Glory of God in Memory and Thanksgiving**



In memory of Brian Cirigliano, Raymond Hurst, Robert W. Adams, Reverend Jean French Russo MDiv, Reverend Will Watkins, Rose Lizana, Maria Zimmermann, Marilyn Parenteau; and in thanksgiving for our marriage, and our dear friends that have become our family by Bob Adams and Andy Li.

In memory of Nancy and Connie Akers by Conrad Akers.

In memory of Armand A. Angelone, Gwendolyn N. Angelone, Peter T. Angelone, Theodora P. Angelone, Flora P. Nicholas, Lawrence E. Nicholas, Lucille M. Petrarca by Peter Angelone.

In thanksgiving for God's beloved community at All Saints Episcopal Church by Frank Asterita.

In memory of the Connor and Balcerak Families by Al and Pam Balcerak.

In memory of departed loved ones by Father Carl Beasley.

In memory of my dear wife, Joyce, and other departed family members; and in thanksgiving for the dear friends and family with whom I share this Happy Easter by Harry Benedict.

In memory of Evelyn Bozek, Stanley Bozek, Stephen Bozek, Wanda Figuerido, and Harvey Hoffenberg by Allen A. Bozek.

In thanksgiving for the Risen Christ and the faith community of All Saints by Rich Clarke and Dan Bright.

In memory of Bob and Sue Collins, and Bob, Ruth and Merita Field; and in thanksgiving for Rob, Stephanie, Andy, Kelsey, Jenna, Jaime, Gavyn, Joey III & IV, Stacey and Rylee by Bob and Jennifer Field.

In memory of Pauline and Weir Finlayson; and in thanksgiving for Don Finlayson, Sheila Deveney and Doug Clause, and Tiffany Woods by Carol Ann Finlayson.

In thanksgiving by Jon and Cynthia Floria.

In memory of John and Gloria Foerster, Arthur and Eleanore Jones by Dave Foerster.

In memory of Benito Gutierrez and Dominga Aldavez, Jean Gamble, Robert Gamble, Kathy Gamble and Ada Gamble by Carl Gamble and Luis Gutierrez.

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In memory of my husband, Brian, by Thana Leary.

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In memory of Gene Markey, Dorothy and Joseph Wright, and Mary Markey by Sharon Markey.

In memory of Richard and Teresa Markiewicz, and Ralph and Rita Ritacco; and in thanksgiving for our parents by Rich Markiewicz and Rick Ritacco.

In memory of Rev. G. Michael McIntyre, and Mr. and Mrs. Myrinn Moss by Barry Moss.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Formwalt, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward McManmon by Michael McManmon and Steven Formwalt.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Hiller by Dr. Jan Edward Orris.

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In memory of Chuck Ebert by David Pearce.

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In memory of my sisters and my parents by Denise Restaino.

In memory of K. Patterson Ross; and in thanksgiving for my ever growing family by Kerry Ross.

In memory of Frank Phillips, Jr. on your 5<sup>th</sup> Easter in eternity with love and remembrance always by Allen Samuelson.

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In memory of Alberta Stehle and Christian Stehle by Edward Stehle.

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In memory of James Yiannou by Tony Tsagris.

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