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THE GREAT VIGIL of EASTER

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7p

**The Cathedral of
The Diocese of the Carolinas**
of the Anglican Church in North America

NEW HERE?

If you are new to liturgical worship, here are some pointers to make you feel more at home...

In General

We stand to praise, sit to listen, kneel to pray.
The Nave, where we worship, is a sacred space. We ask you not to bring food or drink with you.

At Communion

Everyone is welcome to come forward. Baptized Christians are invited to receive. Others may simply cross their arms over their chest and the priest will bless you. We have three "lanes." On the left or right, kneel at the rails (filling in from the center). At the center of the rail, stand to receive from the intinction-only station, in which the server dips the bread for you. To receive, place your right hand on top of your left and hold them out to the priest. This symbolizes the reality that we don't take, but receive a gracious gift. You may consume the bread immediately, or wait to dip it (intinction) in the chalice. When receiving wine, help the chalice-bearer guide the chalice to your lips.

The Altar Lilies are dedicated to the glory of God and:

In honor of Pat and Marvin Lare *by the Burnett Family*

In memory of John Matthews *by Ralph, Sara, Helen, Laura, and Chip*

In memory of Billy and Ginny Tuller and Norman and Sandy Tuller *by Anne Tuller*

In memory of Ginny, Billy, & DuBose Tuller *by Bev Tuller*

In thanksgiving of DuBose, Austin, & Grace Tuller *by Bev Tuller*

In thanksgiving for the friendship and life of Corinne Patrice Cox *by Pat Brandon*

In thanksgiving of the dedication of our Search Committee *by Tom & Sharon Castellucio*

KINDLING THE NEW FIRE

The People gather in the courtyard. The fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant says

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

Let us pray.

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.**

LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the New Fire and says

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

The Deacon leads the procession into the church, pausing three times to say

The Light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

When the people have entered the church, their candles are lit from the Paschal Candle.

THE EXSULTET

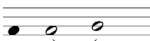
The Deacon, standing near the Paschal Candle, chants

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

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

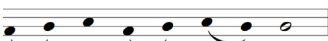
Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



People **A - men**

Deacon The Lord be with you.



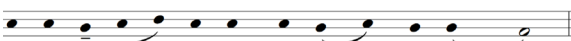
People **And with your spi - rit.**

Deacon Lift up your hearts.



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

Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

The Deacon continues to sing,

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; who paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, the very Lamb of God, whose blood marks the doorposts of believers and makes us holy.

This is the night when you brought our forebears, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night when with a pillar of fire you banished the darkness of our iniquity.

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. Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed.

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.

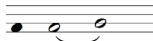
O wonderful providence of Adam's sin destroyed completely by the death of Christ. O happy fault, which gained for us so great and glorious a Redeemer.

This is the night of which it is written: the night shall be as bright as the day.

How holy is this night when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night when earth and heaven are joined, and Man is reconciled to God.

Therefore, O holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor, the gift of your most holy Church. May it mingle with the lights of heaven, and 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.



People

A - men

THE VIGIL LESSONS

The People sit and extinguish their candles. The Celebrant introduces the readings by saying,

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.

LESSON ONE

THE STORY OF CREATION

Genesis 1.1-2.3

PSALM 33.1-8 EXULTATE, JUSTI



- 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.
Glory to the **Father**, and **to** the **Son**,
and to the **Holy Spirit**;
As it was in the **beginning** **is** now,
and ever shall be, world **without** end, **Amen**.

COLLECT

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.**

LESSON TWO

ADAM AND EVE REBEL AGAINST GOD

Genesis 3.1-24

SONG OF RESPONSE

“WHITE AS SNOW”

Jon Foreman

**Have mercy on me, oh God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

**Create in me a clean heart, oh God;
restore in me the joy of your salvation.**

**The sacrifices of our God are a broken and a contrite heart;
against you and you alone have I sinned.**

**Would you create in me a clean heart, oh God:
restore in me the joy of my salvation.**

Wash me white as snow and I will be made whole.

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COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence.

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.**

LESSON THREE

ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE OF ISAAC

Genesis 22.1-18

SONG OF RESPONSE

“HE IS GIVEN”

Isaac Wardell

**Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the sacrifice?
Here, in the place of our sin, he will himself provide.
He is given, he is given.**

**Here is the King of the Jews, but where is his crown of light?
Here, for the debt of our sin, how they have pierced his side.
He is stricken, he is stricken**

**Here is the stone from the tomb, but where does his body lie?
Here he has conquered our sin, and has gone up on high.
He is risen, he is risen.**

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COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence.

Almighty God, whose servant Abraham faithfully obeyed your call, and rejoiced to see the day of your Son: Multiply the number of your children by the grace of the Lamb who was slain; that your Church may also rejoice to see your promise to our father Abraham fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CANTEMUS DOMINO

THE SONG OF MOSES

I will sing to the LORD, for he is lofty and uplifted;*
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

**The LORD is my strength and my refuge;*
the LORD has become my Savior.**

This is my God and I will praise him,*
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

**The LORD is a mighty warrior;*
Yahweh is his Name.**

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea;*
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

**The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them;*
they sank into the depths like a stone.**

Your right hand, O LORD, is glorious in might;*
your right hand, O LORD, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O LORD, among the gods?*who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand;*
the earth swallowed them up.

**With your constant love you led the people you redeemed;*
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.**

You will bring them in and plant them*
on the mount of your possession,

**The resting place you have made for yourself, O LORD,*
the sanctuary, O LORD, that your hand has established.**

The LORD shall reign*
for ever and for ever.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence.

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.**

LESSON FIVE

SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL
Isaiah 55.1-11THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH
ECCE, DEUS"SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME"
Jack Noble White

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence.

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

LESSON SIX

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

Ezekiel 36.24-28

PSALM 42.1-7 *QUEMADMODUM*



- 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.
- Glory to the **Father**, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy Spirit**.
- As it was in the **beginning is** now,
and ever shall be, world without end, **Amen.**

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence.

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you promise your faithful people new life in the water of Baptism: Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST ALLELUIA OF EASTER

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

THE TINTINNABULATION (OR THE GREAT NOISE)

The People smite their various metallaphones.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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, 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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6.3-11

GOSPEL HYMN—178

"ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!"

Alleluia No

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

Matthew 28.1-10

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

(the Revd) Lisa Wheeler

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome John Apollos McCoy, Amy Bitner Moss, Russell Elijah Moss, and Luke Murphy Phengdara into the Household of God, the Church.

THE EXHORTATION

The Celebrant then says to the people,

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that these Candidates, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as living members of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to these Candidates that which by nature they cannot have.

THE PRESENTATION

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidates who can answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, saying,

I present *NN* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the Candidates the following

Celebrant Have you already been baptized?

Candidates **No**

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates **I do.**

The candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented by their Sponsors, saying,

I present NN to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant then addresses the Godparents and Sponsoring Parents, saying

Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as he is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. He must come to put his faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of his soul. When he has embraced all these, he is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that he may publicly claim the Faith for his own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents answer,

I am, the Lord being my helper.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Celebrant then examines the Candidates and the Sponsoring Parents, who will speak on behalf of their child, saying

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

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

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

Answer **I renounce them.**

The Celebrant prays

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

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

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer **I do.**

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

The Celebrant invites the People to stand, then asks,

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

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Through the Paschal mystery, brothers and sisters, 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 fast is ended, to join together with this candidate and proclaim 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.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant now prays for the Candidates, saying,
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful though hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Deacon pours the water for baptism.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

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 made regenerate 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.

Here the Celebrant touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful 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 BAPTISM

The Celebrant says to the Sponsors

Name this Candidate.

Sponsors **His/Her name is, N.**

The Celebrant pours water upon the candidate three times, saying

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

The Celebrant signs the cross on the forehead of the baptized with the Oil of Chrism, saying

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

The Deacon lights a candle from the Paschal Candle and gives it to the newly baptized, saying
N, receive the light of our Lord Jesus Christ who said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

When all have been baptized and signed the Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your holy Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

THE ASPERGES

In accordance with ancient custom, the Priests sprinkle the People with holy water as a sign of their own baptism.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, the Deacon says,

Risen Lord,

People

we give you thanks and praise.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers with this Collect

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

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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 PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And with your spirit.

INVITATION TO LIFE OF THE PARISH

**Go on up to the mountain of mercy,
to the crimson perpetual tide.
Kneel down on the shore, be thirsty no more,
go under and be purified.**

**Follow Christ to the holy mountain, sinner,
sorry and wrecked by the fall,
cleanse your heart and your soul in the fountain that flows,
for you and for me and for all.**

Chorus **At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree,
on that beautiful, scandalous night you and me
were atoned by his blood, and forever washed white,
on that beautiful scandalous night.**

**On the hillside you will be delivered,
at the foot of the cross, justified.
And your spirit restored, by the river that pours,
from our blessed Saviour's side.**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

When the gifts are placed on the Altar the Celebrant says

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

People **And of your own have we given you.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Galway

The People kneel, if able, or remain standing

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 Jesus Christ 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, 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, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Paschal

THE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People **Grant us your peace.**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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

All baptized Christians who trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are welcome at the Lord's Table. Those not prepared to receive Communion are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing from the priest. Those who would like to receive from the intinction-only station, in which only the server dips the bread into the wine, please come to the middle of the rail. All others, please go around to the side rails to the left or right.

COMMUNION SONG

"HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US"

Stuart Townend

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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"OUR GREAT GOD"

Fernando Ortega

**Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love, unfailing grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne;
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.**

Chorus **Hallelujah, glory be to our great God!**

**Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.**

**Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,
let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field, and valley of the earth;
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God who rules them by his word.**

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"BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE"

Bancroft and Cook

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands;
my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart.**

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me.

Refrain Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Praise the One, Risen Son of God.

Behold him there the risen Lamb,
my perfect spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

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“IN CHRIST ALONE”
Townend and Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song!
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save;
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine:
bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
Now power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home;
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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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**

EASTER BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN—180

“HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN”
Unser Herrscher

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

BREAK THE FAST PARTY

You are invited to please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following the service to celebrate with us the completion of our Lenten fast and the beginning of the Great 50 Days of Easter.

Let our Easter feast begin!

TODAY'S VESTED CLERGY

Celebrant John Barr • **Assisting Priest** Aaron White • **Deacons** Allison Lewis, Jan Kanefft