

# The Great Vigil of Easter



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# The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

## OPENING PRAYER (BCP p. 285)

*The New Fire is kindled and blessed.*

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** *The Lord be with you.*

**People** *And with thy spirit.*

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 INSCRIPTED.

**The Cross:** "Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end."

**The Alpha & Omega:** "Alpha and Omega."

**The Year:** "His are the times and all the ages; to Him be glory and dominion throughout all ages of eternity."

**The Incense Nails:** "Through His holy and glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard us and preserve us."

***The Paschal Candle is lighted from the New Fire.***

"May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."

## OPENING VERSICLE (BCP p. 285)

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon (the Celebrant if there is no deacon) bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying*

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

*All light their candles from the Paschal Candle at this time and move to their seats.*

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

**EXSULTET (BCP p. 286)**

*Then the Deacon, or other person appointed, standing near the Candle, sings or says the Exsultet, as follows (the [indicated sections] may be omitted)*

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. *Amen.*]

Priest	The Lord be with you.
<i>Answer</i>	And also with you.
Priest	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>Answer</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

[How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.]

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

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

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

### INVITATION (BCP p. 288)

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.

### FIRST READING: THE STORY OF CREATION

#### Lector: A Reading from The Book of Genesis 1(:1--2:4a)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Then 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 a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>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. <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>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <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 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, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>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>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon 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 bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>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 of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>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."

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

<sup>28</sup>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." <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

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

**FIRST RESPONSE: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the God of gods, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the LORD of lords, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>4</sup>Who only does great wonders, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>5</sup>Who by wisdom made the heavens, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>6</sup>Who spread out the earth upon the waters, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>7</sup>Who created great lights, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>8</sup>The sun to rule the day, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>9</sup>The moon and the stars to govern the night, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
<sup>23</sup>Who remembered us in our low estate, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
<sup>24</sup>And delivered us from our enemies, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
<sup>25</sup>Who gives food to all creatures, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
<sup>26</sup>Give thanks to the God of heaven, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

### **FIRST COLLECT (BCP p. 288)**

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.*

### **SECOND READING: THE FLOOD**

#### **Lector: A Reading from The Book of Genesis (7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13)**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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; <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. <sup>16</sup>And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

<sup>17</sup>The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. <sup>18</sup>The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

<sup>8:6</sup>At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup>and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

<sup>13</sup>In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on 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. <sup>14</sup>In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. <sup>15</sup>Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup>“Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. <sup>17</sup>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.” <sup>18</sup>So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.

<sup>9:8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.” <sup>12</sup>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: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

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

## **SECOND RESPONSE: Psalm 46**

- <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup>Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- <sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- <sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.



<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

<sup>12</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **SECOND COLLECT (BCP p. 288)**

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.*

## **THIRD READING: ABRAHAM’S SACRIFICE OF ISAAC**

### **Lector: A Reading from The Book of Genesis (22:1-18 )**

<sup>1</sup>God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

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

**THIRD RESPONSE: Psalm 16**

- <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."  
<sup>2</sup>All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.  
<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.  
<sup>4</sup>Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.  
<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.  
<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.  
<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**THIRD COLLECT (BCP p. 289)**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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

**FOURTH READING: ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA**

**Lector: A Reading from The Book of Exodus (14:10-31; 15:20-21)**

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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? <sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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.”

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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.”

<sup>26</sup>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.” <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>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.

<sup>15:20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>And Miriam sang to them:  
“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

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

#### **FOURTH RESPONSE: Canticle 8: 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.

#### **FOURTH COLLECT (BCP p. 289)**

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.*

#### **FIFTH READING: GOD'S PRESENCE IN A RENEWED ISRAEL**

**Lector: A Reading from The Book of Isaiah (55:1-11 )**

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
 come to the waters;  
 and you that have no money,  
 come, buy and eat!  
 Come, buy wine and milk  
 without money and without price.  
<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 carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
 and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<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 their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says 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 until they have watered 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 succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

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

#### **FIFTH RESPONSE: Canticle 9: 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.  
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.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

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

**FIFTH COLLECT (BCP p. 290)**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**SIXTH READING: SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL: Baruch 3:9-15, 32--4:4**

<sup>9</sup>Hear the commandments of life, O Israel;  
give ear, and learn wisdom!  
<sup>10</sup>Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies,  
that you are growing old in a foreign country,  
that you are defiled with the dead,  
<sup>11</sup>that you are counted among those in Hades?  
<sup>12</sup>You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom.  
<sup>13</sup>If you had walked in the way of God,  
you would be living in peace forever.  
<sup>14</sup>Learn where there is wisdom,  
where there is strength,  
where there is understanding,  
so that you may at the same time discern  
where there is length of days, and life,  
where there is light for the eyes, and peace.  
  
<sup>15</sup>Who has found her place?  
And who has entered her storehouses?  
  
<sup>32</sup>But the one who knows all things knows her,  
he found her by his understanding.  
The one who prepared the earth for all time  
filled it with four-footed creatures;  
<sup>33</sup>the one who sends forth the light, and it goes;  
he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling;  
<sup>34</sup>the stars shone in their watches, and were glad;  
he called them, and they said, "Here we are!"  
They shone with gladness for him who made them.  
<sup>35</sup>This is our God;

no other can be compared to him.

<sup>36</sup>He found the whole way to knowledge,  
and gave her to his servant Jacob  
and to Israel, whom he loved.

<sup>37</sup>Afterward she appeared on earth  
and lived with humankind.

<sup>4:1</sup>She is the book of the commandments of God,  
the law that endures forever.

All who hold her fast will live,  
and those who forsake her will die.

<sup>2</sup>Turn, O Jacob, and take her;  
walk toward the shining of her light.

<sup>3</sup>Do not give your glory to another,  
or your advantages to an alien people.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are we, O Israel,  
for we know what is pleasing to God.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

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

## **SIXTH RESPONSE: Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.

<sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often he offends? \*

    cleanse me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion over me; \*

    then shall I be whole and sound,

    and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*

    O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## **SIXTH COLLECT (BCP p. 290)**

Let us pray.   *(Silence)*

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

## **SEVENTH READING: A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT**

**Lector: A Reading from The Book of Ezekiel (36:24-28 )**

<sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. <sup>28</sup>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.

**Lector:**   The Word of the Lord

**People:**   *Thanks be to God.*

## **SEVENTH RESPONSE: Psalm 42--43**

<sup>1</sup>As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*

    so longs my soul for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup>My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*

    when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

<sup>3</sup>My tears have been my food day and night, \*

    while all day long they say to me,

    “Where now is your God?”

<sup>4</sup>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,

<sup>5</sup>With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*

    among those who keep holy-day.

<sup>6</sup>Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*

    and why are you so disquieted within me?

<sup>7</sup>Put your trust in God; \*

    for I will yet give thanks to him,

    who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

<sup>8</sup>My soul is heavy within me; \*



therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.  
<sup>9</sup>One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; \*  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  
in the night season his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.  
<sup>11</sup>I will say to the God of my strength,  
“Why have you forgotten me? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”  
<sup>12</sup>While my bones are being broken, \*  
my enemies mock me to my face;  
<sup>13</sup>All day long they mock me \*  
and say to me, “Where now is your God?”  
<sup>14</sup>Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?  
<sup>15</sup>Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.  
<sup>43:1</sup>Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.  
<sup>2</sup>For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?  
<sup>3</sup>Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling;  
<sup>4</sup>That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.  
<sup>5</sup>Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?  
<sup>6</sup>Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

# **SEVENTH COLLECT (BCP p. 290)**

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.*

## **EIGHTH READING: THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES**

### **Lector: A Reading from The Book of Ezekiel (37:1-14)**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>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."

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>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.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, 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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>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."

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

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

## **EIGHTH RESPONSE: Psalm 143**

<sup>1</sup>LORD, hear my prayer,  
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; \*  
answer me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Enter not into judgment with your servant, \*  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>My spirit faints within me; \*  
my heart within me is desolate.

<sup>5</sup>I remember the time past;  
I muse upon all your deeds; \*  
I consider the works of your hands.

<sup>6</sup>I spread out my hands to you; \*  
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, \*  
for I flee to you for refuge.

<sup>10</sup>Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; \*  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

<sup>11</sup>Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; \*  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

<sup>12</sup>Of your goodness, destroy my enemies  
and bring all my foes to naught, \*  
for truly I am your servant.

### **EIGHTH COLLECT (BCP p. 291)**

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.*

### **NINTH READING: THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Lector: A Reading from The Book of Zephaniah (3:14-20 )**

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

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

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

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

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.

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

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors

at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

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

**NINTH RESPONSE: Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.  
<sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
<sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  
<sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
<sup>6</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.  
<sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.  
<sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.  
<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
<sup>10</sup>In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

**NINTH COLLECT (BCP p. 291)**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

On this most Holy Night, let us pray for all who will receive the Sacrament of new birth and for ourselves as we prepare to renew our own Baptismal vows, saying “Lord, hear our prayer.”

*A procession is made to the baptismal font.*

### THE PRAYERS

Beloved in the Lord, let us now pray for ourselves, who have received the Sacrament of new birth, and who have renewed our commitment to Christ.

*Celebrant:* Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Open our hearts to thy grace and truth.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Fill us with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Keep us in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Send us into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Bring us to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all the saints; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the eternal life of the saints in light, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### THE SETTING APART OF HOLY WATER

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*Response:* ***And with thy spirit.***

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

*Response:* ***It is meet and right so to do.***

*Celebrant:* We thank thee, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage into the land of promise. In it thy 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 thee, 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 thy 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.

Grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, this water may be consecrated (+) and sanctified for the use of thy holy Church; and that those who are sprinkled with this water as a reminder of their Baptism may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **AMEN.**

*The Paschal Candle is lowered into the font three times.*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit. *(3 times)*

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.**

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 (BCP p. 292)**

*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.*

## **SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER**

*The People are sprinkled with Holy Water, using this antiphon:*

*Celebrant:* I saw water proceeding out of the temple; from the right side it flowed, alleluia;

***Response:* And all those to whom that water came shall be saved, and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.**

*The People join the procession, returning to their places in the Nave.*

# At the Eucharist

## EASTER ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 294)

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

*The Celebrant may say to the people (three times)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S 202 *Glory be to God (Canticle 6) (Willan) (S 202)*

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give  
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y.  
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that





ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou

on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most

high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —

A - - - - - men.

# COLLECT FOR EASTER VIGIL (BCP p. 294)

*The Celebrant then says*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who didst make this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in thy Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship thee in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ

our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### EPISTLE

#### LECTOR: A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE 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>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But 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>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.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

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

#### THE GREAT ALLELUIA (BCP p. 295)

**Cantor:** Alleluia.

**People:** *Alleluia.*

**Cantor:** Alleluia.

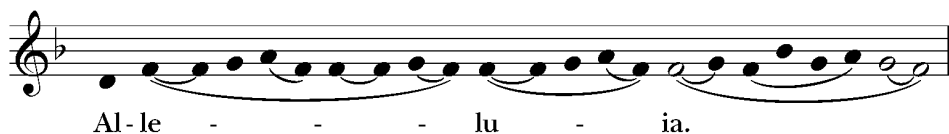
**People:** *Alleluia.*

**Cantor:** Alleluia.

**People:** *Alleluia*

#### (S 70)

*After the Epistle, this Alleluia is traditionally sung three times by the Celebrant or by a Cantor, at successively higher pitches (one whole tone each time), the Congregation repeating it each time.*



## **GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8**

*All stand.*

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." 8So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **THE SERMON - FR. SHAWN DENNEY (BCP p. 295)**

### **THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

And with thy spirit.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# **The Holy Communion**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

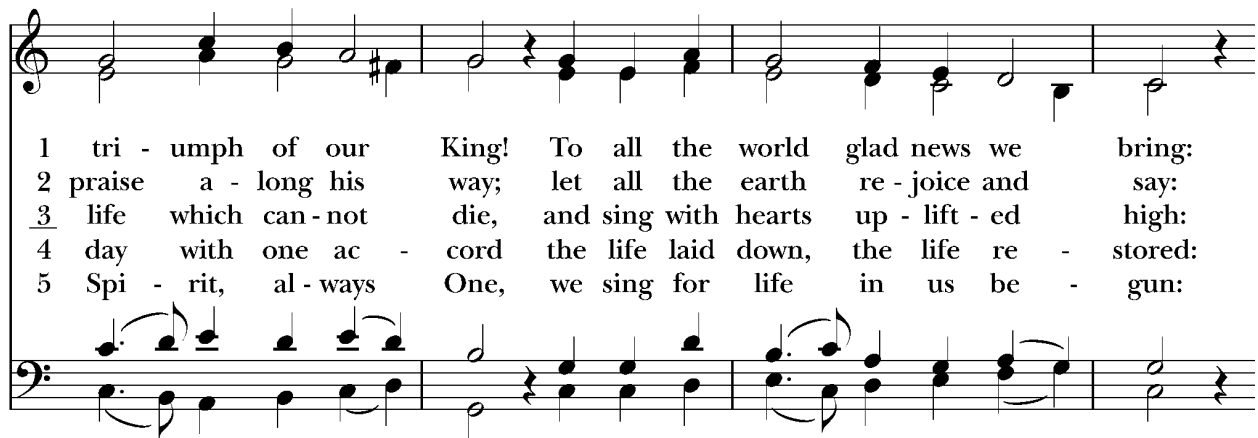
*The Celebrant says*

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, the and victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou are exalted as head above all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

OFFERTORY HYMN *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (Gelobt sei Gott) (H 205)*



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:



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

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

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

# The Great Thanksgiving

**SURSUM CORDA S 120** *Lift up your hearts*

*The People remain standing.*

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant. The fourth staff is for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise."

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

## PROPER PREFACE

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to unto thee, O holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**SANCTUS S 125 *Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)* (BCP p. 362)**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

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

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

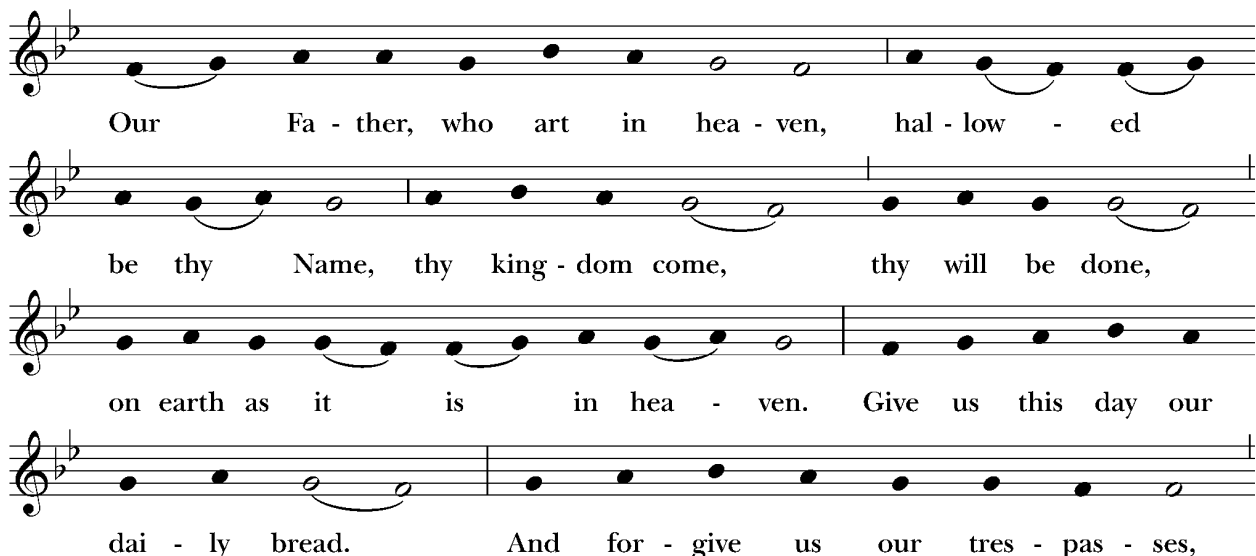
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

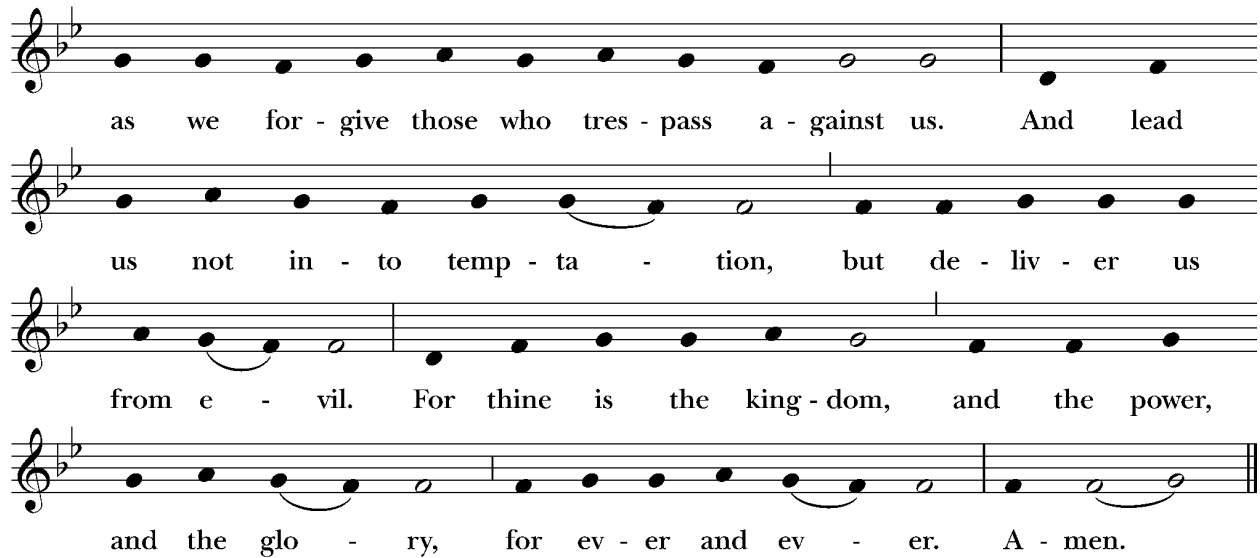
And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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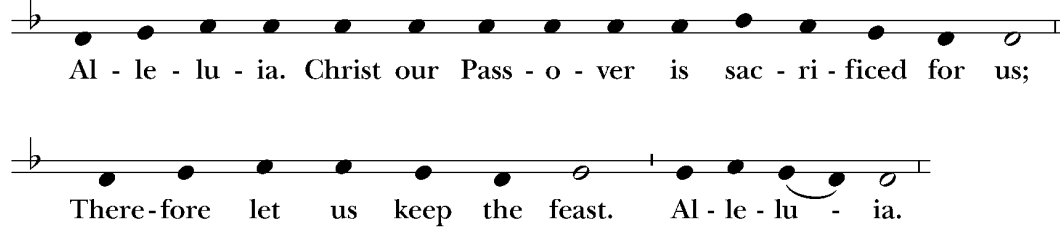


as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM S 152 *Christ our Passover (Chant/Martens)* (BCP p. 364)

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

### INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



**COMMUNION HYMN** *Love's redeeming work is done (Savannah) (H 188)*



1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?  
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?  
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**BLESSING (BCP p. 366)**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN *At the Lamb's high feast we sing (Salzburg)* (H 174)

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.