



Easter Vigil

With Holy Baptism

April 4, 2026, at 8:00 pm
St. John's Episcopal Church
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church!

The Great Vigil of Easter is the culmination of Holy Week, the Christian Passover: For in its celebration we are witnesses of the Risen Christ, who passed over from death into life. In faith we, too, experience a new birth, and for us death is not the final word.

The Vigil is the climax of the Christian Year and unfolds in Scripture, psalms, hymns, and liturgy the story of redemption. It begins in darkness and proceeds to joyous light – it begins in silence and proceeds to the glorious proclamation of the Easter Alleluia.

Using this bulletin you will be able to participate as fully as you feel comfortable. In the Episcopal tradition, we do a lot of moving – standing, bowing, kneeling, sitting. Generally, we stand to *praise*, kneel to *pray*, and sit to *listen*. If you are unsure of what to do, just follow the moves of others around you. There's no one way of getting it "right"!

Newcomers and visitors: An accessible bathroom is located in the hallway outside the side door near the front of the church, and there is also one downstairs, which can be reached by the elevator in the same hallway.

Please know that all are invited to Christ's table to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer not to receive, simply cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Our Eucharistic bread is gluten free.

Again, welcome. We are glad you are here.

- *Rev. Sr. Diane Stier and the People of St. John's*

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, fire is kindled, after which the Celebrant addresses the people in these or similar words:

OPENING PRAYER

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.

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 presider may cense the fire and candle, and then blesses the Paschal Candle, tracing the cross and year, saying:

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End. Alpha and Omega.
His are the times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity.

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Celebrant, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing:



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

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

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. The Exsultet is then sung.

Therefore, O Holy Father, accept our ev'ning sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, 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 cre-a - tion, and who lives and reigns for e - ver-and e - ver. A-men.

Candles are extinguished.

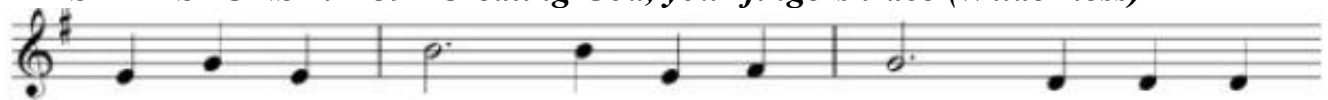
The Liturgy of the Word

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.

All are seated for the readings.

THE STORY OF CREATION: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

FIRST RESPONSE: H394 *Creating God, your fingers trace (Wilderness)*



1	Cre - at - ing	God,	your fin - gers	trace	the bold de -
2	Sus - tain - ing	God,	your hands up -	hold	earth's mys - teries
3	Re - deem - ing	God,	your arms em -	brace	all now de -
4	In - dwell - ing	God,	your gos - pel	claims	one fam - ily



signs of	farth - est	space;	let sun and	moon and	stars and
known or	yet un -	told;	let wa - ter's	fra - gile	blend with
spised for	creed or	race;	let peace, de -	scend - ing	like a
with a	bil - lion	names;	let ev - ery	life	be touched by



light	and what	lies	hid - den	praise	your	might.
air,	en - a -	bling	life, pro -	claim	your	care.
dove,	make known	on	earth your	heal -	ing	love.
grace	un - til	we	praise you	face	to	face.

COLLECT *(Please stand as you are able.)*

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.**

(Please be seated.)

THE FLOOD: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

SECOND RESPONSE *Eternal Father, strong to save (Melita) (H 608)*

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first four lines of the response, and the second system covers the remaining lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

COLLECT *(Please stand as you are able.)*

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.**

(Please be seated.)

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

THIRD RESPONSE *Exodus 15 - Song at the Sea (O'Kelly-Fischer)*

(All sing the refrain after the choir and between the verses.)

Let us sing _____ to the Lord _____ who is
cov - ered _____ in _____ won - drous glo - ry. _
____ Let us sing _____ to the Lord _____ who is
cov - ered _____ in _____ won - drous glo - ry. _____

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COLLECT *(Please stand as you are able.)*

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.**

(Please be seated.)

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT: Ezekiel 36:24-28

FIFTH RESPONSE *Psalm 42 As the Deer Longs*

1. As the deer longs _____ for flow - ing streams, _____
 2. fed _____ me day and night, _____
 3. mourn _____ and toil with - in, _____

1. So longs my soul _____ for you, O _____ God.
 2. While some have said _____ "Where is your _____ God?"
 3. When it is mine _____ to hope in _____ God?

1. My soul does thirst _____ for the liv - ing God,
 2. But I re - call, _____ as my soul pours dry,
 3. I shall a - gain _____ sing _____ praise to him,

1. When shall I come _____ to see your face?
 2. The days of praise _____ with - in your house.
 3. He is my help, _____ he is my God. _____

1. _____
 2. My tears have
 3. Why do I
 3. He is my God. _____

COLLECT (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES: Ezekiel 37:1-14

FIFTH RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God* (LEVAS 115)

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

COLLECT *(Please stand as you are able.)*

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.

At the Eucharist

The Celebrant now vests in the Chasuble for the celebration of the First Eucharist of Easter.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

The candles at the Altar are now lighted from the Paschal Candle.

The Celebrant announces to the people:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

CANTICLE FOR EASTER VIGIL S 278 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias)*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the reading.

EPISTLE: Romans 6:3-11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For

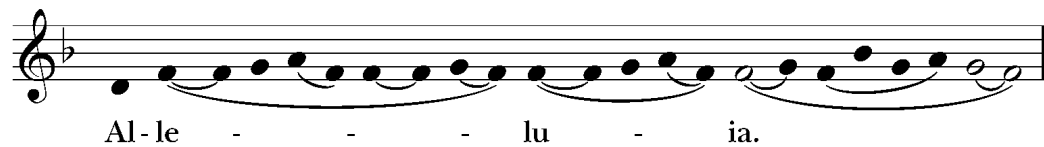
whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GREAT ALLELUIA S 70 *Great Alleluia*

All stand.

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: Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says:

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors We present *Garrett Robert Johnson and Juliet Grace Johnson* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks their parents:

Celebrant Do you desire these children to be baptized?

Erica & Matt We do.

The Celebrant asks Juliet and Garrett:

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Juliet And Garrett I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of Garret & Juliet and their parents:

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:

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

People **We will.**

The people's candles may be lit. The Celebrant then says these or similar words:

Aware that we are to carry always the light of Christ given to us at baptism, let us join with Juliet and Garrett as they commit themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

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

Celebrant

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

People

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,**

and the life everlasting.

Celebrant

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the 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 people's candles may be extinguished.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says to the congregation:

Let us now pray for Garrett & Juliet who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth, and for all of us who have renewed our commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions, with the People always responding.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send us into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says:

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

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Holy One, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant then pours water upon the candidates, Garrett Robert Johnson and Juliet Grace Johnson, saying:

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

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

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

The parents, godparents, and sponsors are invited to sign the cross on the newly baptized also.

A baptismal candle is lit from the Easter Candle and presented to the newly baptized as the Celebrant says:

Receive the Light of Christ! May you keep it always burning within you.

When these actions have been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over the newly baptized, saying:

Let us pray. Holy God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Garrett and Juliet the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

The Celebrant now sprinkles the people with water from the font, while all sing: H 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more (Engelberg)

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more._____
 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death._____
 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life._____
 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows._____

Em-braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;_____
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life._____
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God._____
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood._____

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy._____
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ._____
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One._____
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:_____

Final Ending

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Meter: 10 10 10 with Alleluias. Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.. Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE *Ephesians 5:2*

The Celebrant says:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

ANTHEM *O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire* by *Nikolaus Hermann*

¹ O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire,
redemption's only spring!
Creator of the world art thou,
its Savior and its King.

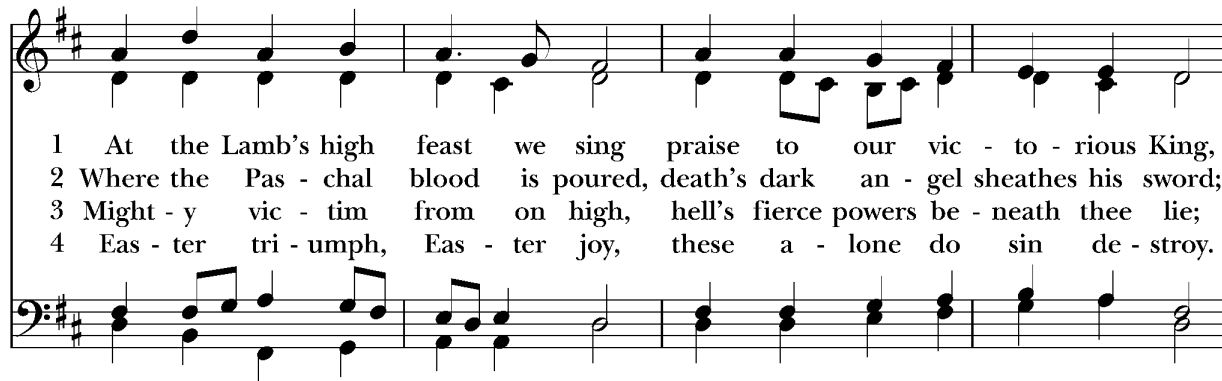
² How vast the mercy and the love
which laid our sins on thee,
and led thee to a cruel death,
to set thy people free.

³ But now the bands of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
and thou art on thy Father's throne,
in glorious robes arrayed.

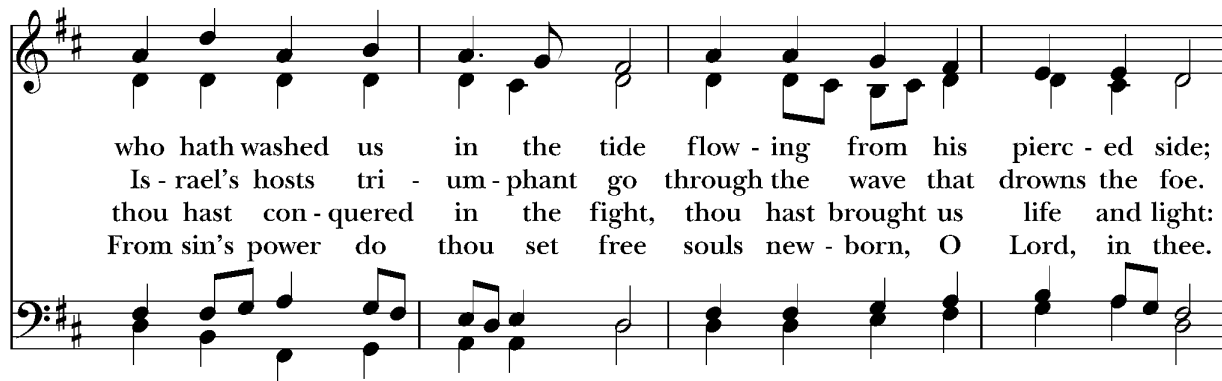
⁴ O may thy mighty love prevail
Our sinful souls to spare,
O may we come before thy throne
And find acceptance there.

⁵ O Christ, be thou our lasting joy,
our ever great reward!
Our only glory may it be
to glory in the Lord.

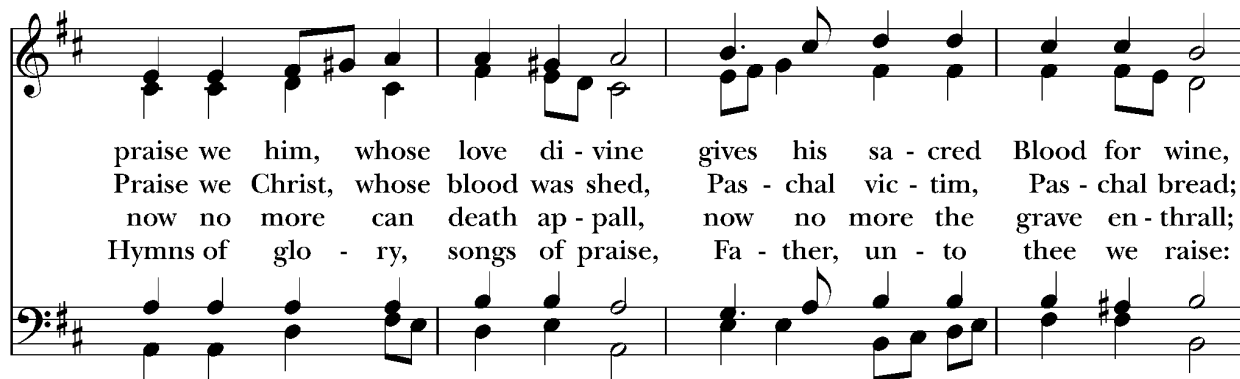
OFFERTORY HYMN *At the Lamb's high feast we sing (Salzburg) (H 174)*



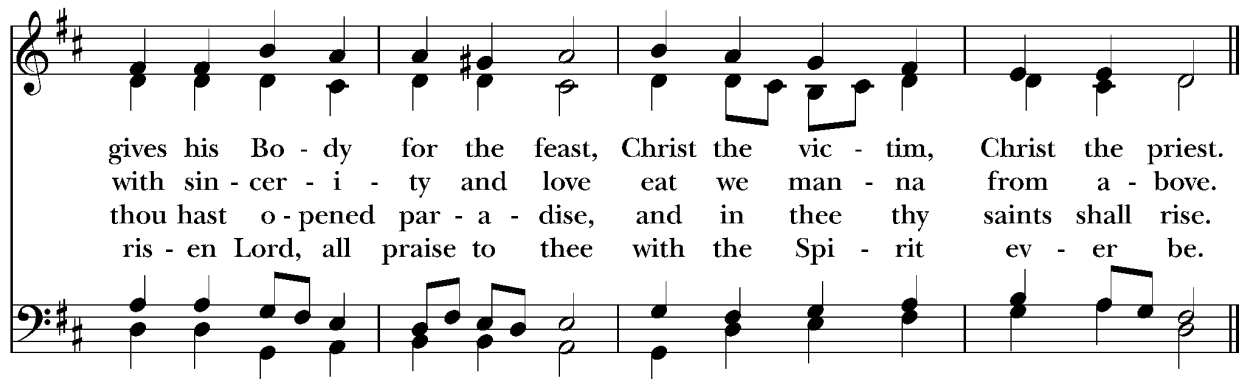
1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



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.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. **Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**

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 God, now and for ever.

AMEN.



THE LORD'S PRAYER S 150 *The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (Hurd)*

People and Celebrant

Unison or harmony

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The first measure contains a triplet of quarter notes (G4, A4, B4) followed by a half note (C5), a quarter note (D5), and a half note (E5). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a common time signature. The first measure contains a triplet of quarter notes (G2, A2, B2) followed by a half note (C3), a quarter note (D3), and a half note (E3). The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The first measure contains a half note (C5), a quarter note (D5), and a half note (E5). The bass staff has a bass clef and a common time signature. The first measure contains a half note (C3), a quarter note (D3), and a half note (E3). The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The first measure contains a triplet of quarter notes (G4, A4, B4) followed by a half note (C5), a quarter note (D5), and a half note (E5). The bass staff has a bass clef and a common time signature. The first measure contains a triplet of quarter notes (G2, A2, B2) followed by a half note (C3), a quarter note (D3), and a half note (E3). The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,

The fourth system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The first measure contains a half note (C5), a quarter note (D5), and a half note (E5). The bass staff has a bass clef and a common time signature. The first measure contains a half note (C3), a quarter note (D3), and a half note (E3). The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The first measure contains a half note (C5), a quarter note (D5), and a half note (E5). The bass staff has a bass clef and a common time signature. The first measure contains a half note (C3), a quarter note (D3), and a half note (E3). The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

COMMUNION HYMN H 204 *Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain (Noel nouvelet)*



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.***

BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

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

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies us, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn) (H 207)*

Descant

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

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

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

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

DISMISSAL S 175A Dismissal Easter

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Serving today:

Ministers of Music: Eric Vinciguerra, Choir, Ethan Kindle, Nancy Hartshorne

Lectors: Derek Rivard, Mary Stewart Kiesgen, Sr. Linda-Susan Beard

Prayers: Pat Thurston **Greeters:** Ford & Pamela Dingman

Presider: Rev. Diane Stier **Assistant:** Rev. Jessica Hart **Camera:** Jerry May

Acolytes: Matthew Kinney, Adam Baker, DJ Proctor



Please join us in the Parish Hall for a light reception.



Easter Flowers were contributed by...

- ❖ Pat and Jim Thurston – In memory of Michele Tucker
- ❖ Paul and Sandy Rose – In Thanksgiving of the Rose and Nickels Families
- ❖ David, Nancy, and Matthew Kinney – In Memory of Michael and Emma Herman, Thomas Kinney, and Nancy G. Kinney
- ❖ In Memory of Bill Pung
- ❖ C.J. Ozment – In Memory of Jack Lomken
- ❖ Olivia Ohler – In Memory of Bob and Glenn
- ❖ In honor of all the Music Ministers and the Altar Guild

We pray this week...

For Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Anne, our Assisting Bishop, our diocese and its Standing Committee; for Bonnie, Bishop of Michigan; and for Rayford, Bishop of Northern Michigan.

For Moisés, Bishop of the Dominican Republic

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Anglican communion

For Yehiel, Bishop of ELCA.

For The Anglican Church of Melanesia

For Donald, our President; Gretchen, our Governor; and all national leaders

For Diane, our Rector; Jess, our Deacon; Eric, our Choirmaster; Ethan, our Organist

For all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, especially Christi

For our lay ministers, lectors, choir, acolytes, greeters, and hospitality hosts

For all non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors serving in our congregations

For all the staff in our parishes

For D.R.E.A.M. Partnership in the Dominican Republic

For Grace Church, Traverse City – James Perra, Rector

For St. Barnabas, Portage – Mike Wood, Priest-in-Charge

For the members of St. John's, especially: Nancy, Tim, Jacob, and Roger

For those on the Prayer Group's list, especially: Lois, Candi T., Patricia, and Gary

For all who have died.

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