

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday 16 April 2022

AT 8:00 P.M.



THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

In the darkness, fire is kindled.

Celebrant

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 Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon, bearing the Candle, leads the procession, pausing three times and singing

People

Musical notation for the People's response. It consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The notes are: a quarter note (B-flat), a quarter note (D), a quarter note (F), a quarter note (A), a half note (B-flat), a quarter note (D), a quarter note (F), a quarter note (A), and a half note (B-flat).

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Cantor

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.**

Celebrant *People*

The— Lord be— with— you. And— al - so with you.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks— to the Lord— our God.

People

It is right— to give God 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,

People

and who lives and reigns ...for ever and ev - er. **A - men.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant

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.

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea — Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: 'I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

Canticle 8, *The Song of Moses* (paraphrase)

Richmond

1 The Lord I sing, up - lift - ed, high, and
2 My strength, my re - fuge, Sa - vior, Lord, the
3 For - ev - er now our God shall reign, the

pow - er - ful to save; he hurled the rid - er
God whom I ac - claim, a war - rior strong, my
Lord whom we a - dore; all glo - ry to the

and his horse be - neath the Red's Sea's wave.
peo - ple's God, and Yah - weh is his Name.
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it ev - er - more.

Let us pray.

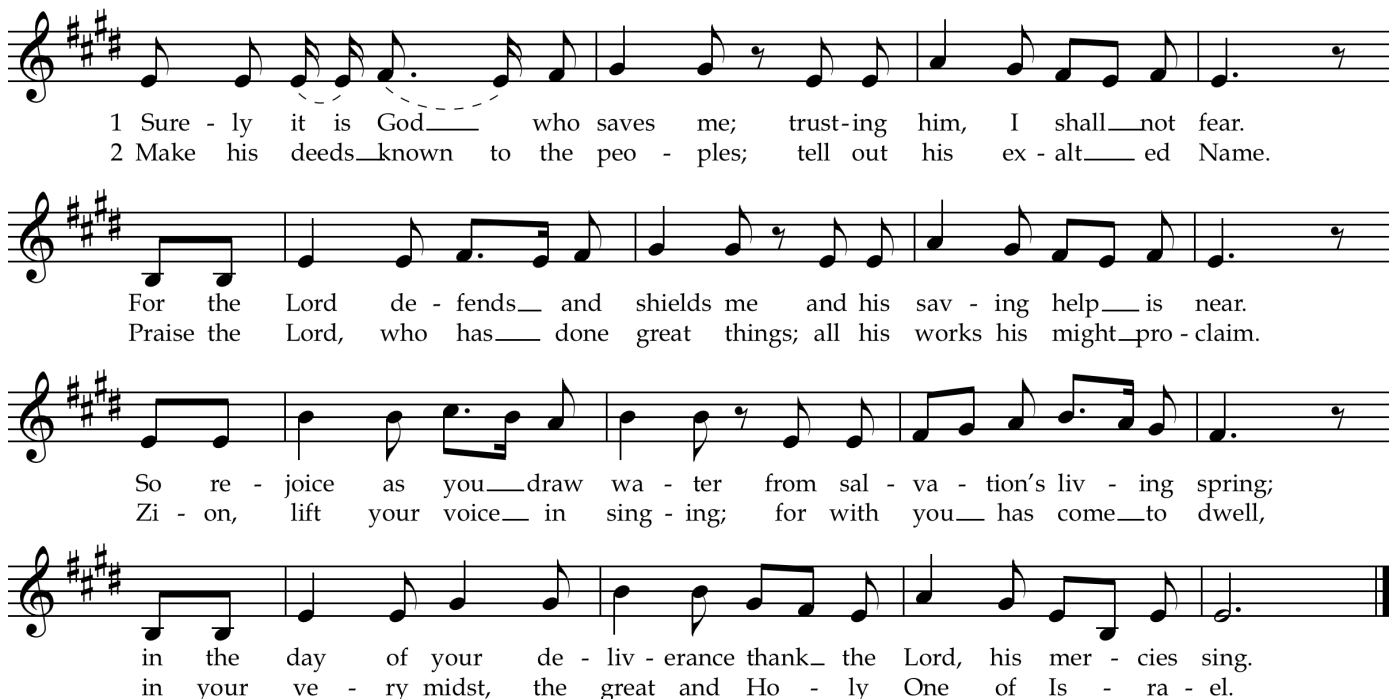
O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A new heart and a new spirit — Ezekiel 36:24-28

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

Canticle 9, *The First Song of Isaiah*

Thomas Merton



1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not fear.
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt ed Name.

For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing help is near.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might pro - claim.

So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring;
Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell,

in the day of your de - liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
in your ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Let us pray.

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.**

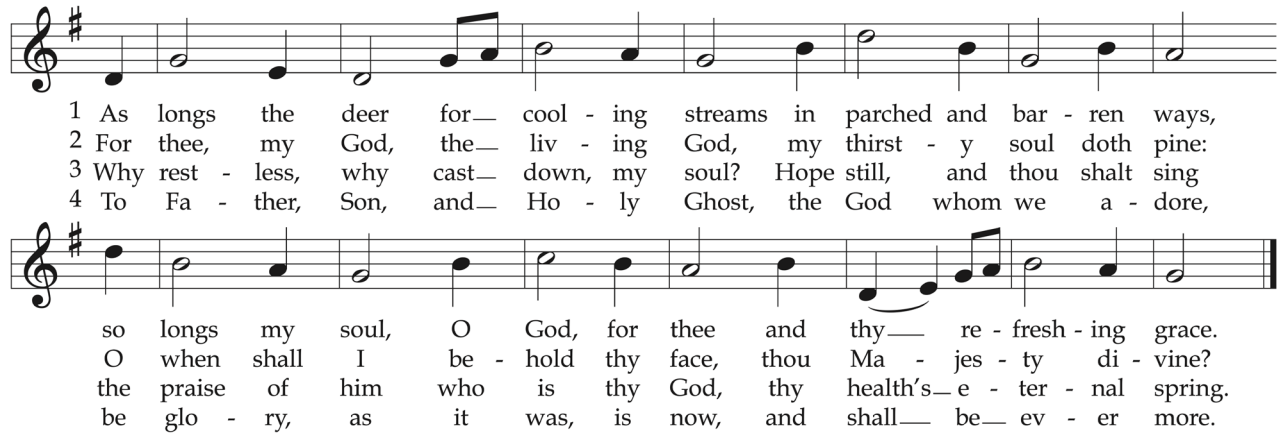
Salvation offered freely to all — Isaiah 55:1-11

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. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 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. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 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. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 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. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my

ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 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, 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.

Psalm 42:1 – 7 (paraphrase)

Martryrdom



1 As longs the deer for— cool - ing streams in parched and bar - ren ways,
 2 For thee, my God, the— liv - ing God, my thirst - y soul doth pine:
 3 Why rest - less, why cast— down, my soul? Hope still, and thou shalt sing
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and— Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom we a - dore,
 so longs my soul, O God, for thee and thy— re - fresh - ing grace.
 O when shall I be - hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
 the praise of him who is thy God, thy health's— e - ter - nal spring.
 be glo - ry, as it was, is now, and shall— be— ev - er more.

Let us pray.

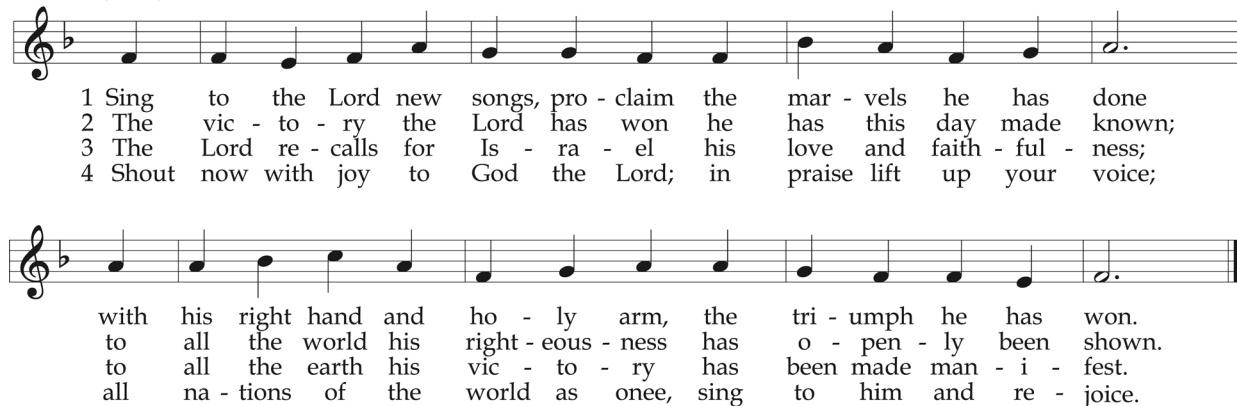
O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The gathering of God's people – Zephaniah 3:12-20

For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD—the remnant of Israel; they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths. Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid. Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. 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 as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. 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. 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.

Psalm 98 (paraphrase)

St. Flavian



1 Sing to the Lord new songs, pro - claim the mar - vels he has done
 2 The vic - to - ry the Lord has won he has this day made known;
 3 The Lord re - calls for Is - ra - el his love and faith - ful - ness;
 4 Shout now with joy to God the Lord; in praise lift up your voice;
 with his right hand and ho - ly arm, the tri - umph he has won.
 to all the world his right - eous - ness has o - pen - ly been shown.
 to all the earth his vic - to - ry has been made man - i - fest.
 all na - tions of the world as one, sing to him and re - joice.

Let us pray.

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 tranquillity 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

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.**

Celebrant

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

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

The Opening Acclamation

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

Hymn: "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Easter Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

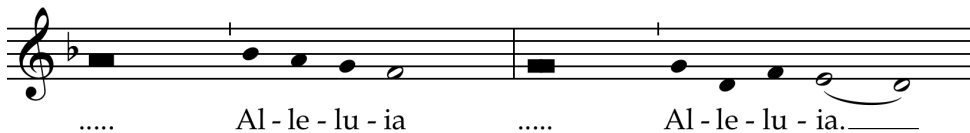
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

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.**

The Epistle – Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 114 (*The Cantor will sing each verse, then all join in singing each "Alleluia".*)



Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, * (*Alleluia*)
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, (*Alleluia*)

Judah became God's sanctuary * (*Alleluia*)
and Israel his dominion. (*Alleluia*)

The sea beheld it and fled; * (*Alleluia*)
Jordan turned and went back. (*Alleluia*)

The mountains skipped like rams, * (*Alleluia*)
and the little hills like young sheep. (*Alleluia*)

(*The Psalm continues overleaf.*)



What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? * (*Alleluia*)
 O Jordan, that you turned back? (*Alleluia*)

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * (*Alleluia*)
 you little hills like young sheep? (*Alleluia*)

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, * (*Alleluia*)
 at the presence of the God of Jacob, (*Alleluia*)

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water * (*Alleluia*)
 and flint stone into a flowing spring. (*Alleluia*)

The Gospel – John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Homily

The Right Reverend Henry Nutt Parsley, Jr.
 the 10th Bishop of Alabama

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten-free wafers are available — please request at altar rail)

Offertory Hymn (Sung by all, standing)

Alleluia No. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain*
Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*
We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. *Refrain*
Come let us praise the Living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

Eucharist Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also 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

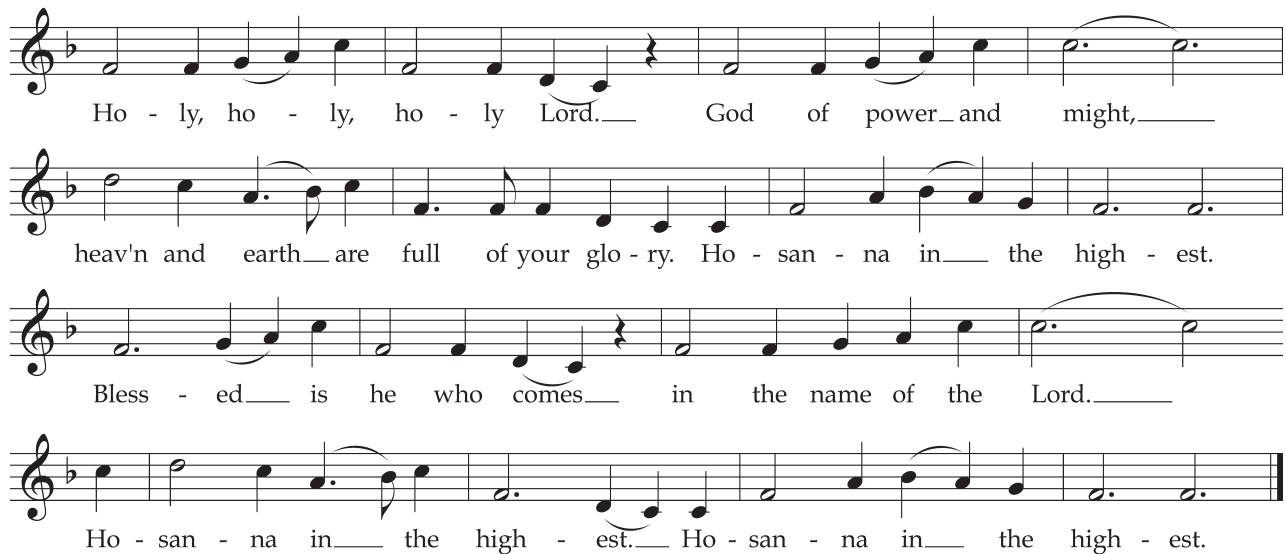
The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

Land of Rest



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

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The 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 Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: "I am the bread of life"

I Am the Bread of Life

*I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up
And I will raise them up on the last day.*

The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread, they shall live forever, they shall live forever. *Refrain*

Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you, you shall not have life within you. *Refrain*

I am the resurrection, I am the life.
They who believe in me even if they die, they shall live forever. *Refrain*

Yes, Lord we believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God who has come into the world. *Refrain*

The Dismissal

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

EASTER DAY

6:30 AM

Sunrise Tower Service

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
and the Flowering of the Cross

10:15 AM

Easter Celebration on the Lawn

11:15 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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