



# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

ST. JAMES PARISH

SATURDAY 30 MARCH 2024

8:00 P.M.

## THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*In the darkness, fire is kindled.*

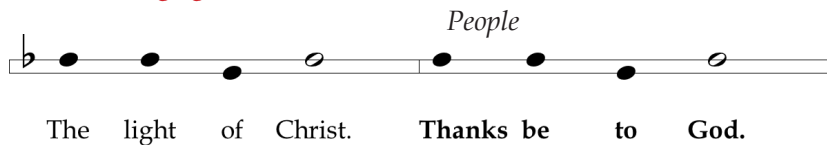
*Presider*

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 Priest, bearing the Candle, leads the procession, pausing three times and singing*



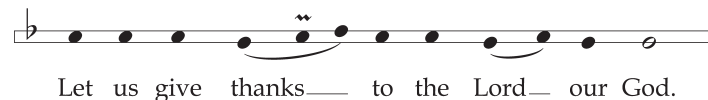
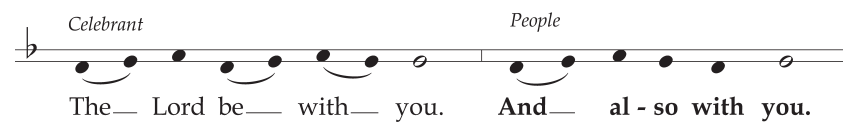
*Celebrant*

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.**



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.





the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

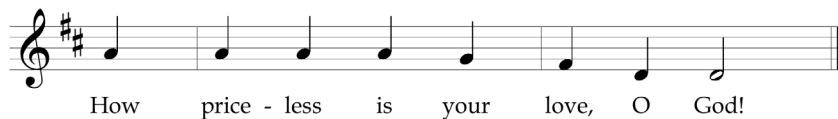
Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

### Psalm 36:5–10

*Remain seated*

**Antiphon** (The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)

*Dixit injustus*



**Psalm chant**



Your love, O LORD, reaches to the / **heavens**,\*  
and your faithfulness to the / **clouds**.  
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great / **deep**;\*  
you save both man and beast, O / **LORD**.

**ANTIPHON**

How priceless is your love, O / **God!**\*  
your people take refuge under the  
shadow of your / **wings**.  
They feast upon the abundance of your / **house**;\*  
you give them drink from the river of your de-/**lights**.

**ANTIPHON**

For with you is the well of / **life**,\*  
and in your light we see / **light**.  
Continue your loving-kindness to those who / **know you**,\*  
and your favor to those who are true of / **heart**.

**ANTIPHON**

*The people stand*

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**.

### Israel’s deliverance at the Red Sea — Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

*The people sit*

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***

"The Lord, I sing up lifted high"

*vv. 1 -3*

*Richmond*

*Sung by all, standing*

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.**

*The people sit*

## The Valley of Dry Bones — Ezekiel 37:1–14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

### Psalm 30

*Sung by the choir; remain seated.*

*chant:* John Fenstermaker

I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.  
O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.  
You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.  
Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.  
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
his favor for a lifetime.  
Weeping may spend the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.  
While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me  
as strong as the mountains.”  
Then you hid your face,  
and I was filled with fear.  
I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,  
“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?  
Hear, O LORD, and have mercy up on me;  
O LORD, be my helper.”  
You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.  
Therefore my heart sings to you with out ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Let us pray. *The people stand*

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *The people sit*

### God's presence in a renewed Israel — Isaiah 4:2–6

On that day the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and glory of the survivors of Israel. Whoever is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, once the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning. Then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over its places of assembly a cloud by day and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night. Indeed, over all the glory there will be a canopy. It will serve as a pavilion, a shade by day from the heat and a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

### Psalm 122

“Jerusalem: with what great joy”

*Danby*

*Sung by all, standing*

Je - ru - sa - lem: with what great joy I heard them  
Je - ru - sa - lem: a cit - y built To be a  
Je - ru - sa - lem: with - in your walls The thrones of  
Je - ru - sa - lem: pray for her peace: "May all who  
Je - ru - sa - lem: for com - rades' sake My prayers for  
say, "Let us go there!" And now at last we take our  
place of u - ni - ty; The tribes go up, the tribes of  
jus - tice serve God's will; The an - cient thrones of Dav - id's  
love you find suc - cess; Peace be to all with - in your  
you will nev - er cease; Be - cause God's house is stand - ing  
stand With - in her gates to make our prayer.  
God To praise God's Name e - ter - nal - ly.  
house Stand and u - nite God's peo - ple still.  
walls, And in your towers be qui - et - ness."  
here, I pray for - ev - er for your peace."

Let us pray.

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.**

### RECEPTION AND CONFIRMATION

*When there are others to be presented, the Bishop says*

The Candidates will now be presented

*Presenters* I present Hayley Beth Upton Cook for Confirmation.

*Presenters* I present Nathaniel Howard Cook to be received into this Communion.

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil.

*Candidate* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.



*After all have been presented, the Presider addresses the congregation, saying*

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

*People* **We will.**

*The Presider then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

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*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

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

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

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

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

*Presider* 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.**

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

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*The Bishop says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Silence may be kept*

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Defend, O Lord, your servant Hayley, with your heavenly grace, that she may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Nate, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

**The Easter Acclamation** *Spoken three times, with bells ringing*

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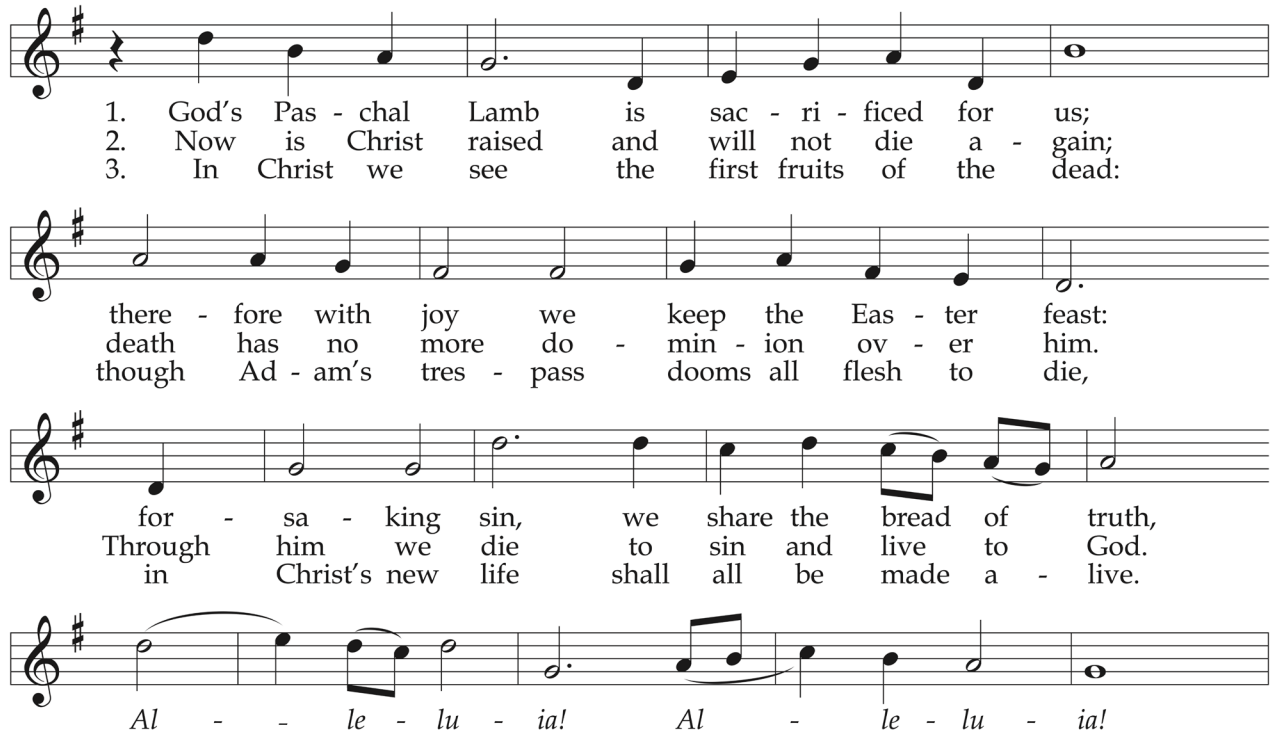
Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

**Psalm 122**

“God’s Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us”

*Sine Nomine*



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
2. Now is Christ raised and will not die a - gain;  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:  
there - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast:  
death has no more do - min - ion ov - er him.  
though Ad - am's tres - pass dooms all flesh to die,  
for - sa - king sin, we share the bread of truth,  
Through him we die to sin and live to God.  
in Christ's new life shall all be made a - live.  
Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Presider* 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** *The people sit*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*Standing*

1 Through the\_\_\_ Red Sea brought at last, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Like the\_\_\_ cloud that o - ver - head, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 3 In that\_\_\_ cloud and in that sea, Al - - le - lu - ia!



E - gyp't's\_\_\_chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! deep and wide  
 through the\_\_\_ bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb  
 bur - ied\_\_\_ and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night



flows the tide sev - ering us\_\_\_from bond-age past, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 brought us light which is ours\_\_\_e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

**The Gospel — Mark 16:1–8**

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

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But 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. But 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." So 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Right Reverend Henry Nutt Parsley, Jr.  
 The Tenth Bishop of Alabama (Ret)

**Prayers of the People***The response to each petition:*

...We humbly praise you, Almighty God,

**Alleluia! Amen!****The Peace**

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*Presider*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

tune: *Lux eoi*, Arthur Sullivan

arr. R. Shephard, J. Sullivan

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts and voices heavenward raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He, who on the cross a victim,  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken,  
Christ from death to life is born,  
glorious life, and life immortal,  
on this holy Easter morn.  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer  
by his mighty enterprise:  
we with him to life eternal  
by his resurrection rise.

Christ is risen, Christ, the firstfruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield:  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine  
from the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia! to the Savior  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia! to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

*Christopher Wordsworth*

### Presentation Hymn

*Standing*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*



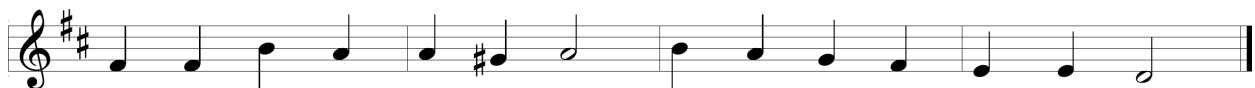
1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3. Migh - ty vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
4. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin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





The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever



A-MEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

### The Lord's Prayer

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Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses, 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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



*People* There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

### Jesus, Lamb of God

*Agnus Dei*

Sullivan

*Organ:* Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. *All sing:* Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

## The Communion of the People

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.*

Communion is central to our worship at St. James Episcopal Church. All baptized Christians— regardless of age or denominational affiliation—are welcome to receive.

1. **Wait for guidance from the ushers.** At the appropriate time, an usher will invite the people in your pew to rise and follow the line to the Communion rail or stations. *Those with limited mobility may request that Communion be brought directly to their pew.*
2. **Kneel or stand.** Most people kneel at the rail to receive Communion, but standing is also appropriate, especially if kneeling is difficult.



3. **Receive the bread.** As the minister approaches with the bread, extend your hands with palms open and facing up. You may consume the bread immediately or wait to dip it in the wine.
4. **Receive the wine.** The wine is served in a large chalice as a sign of unity. Assist the lay minister by guiding the chalice to your lips, holding it by the base, and take a small sip. If you would rather not drink directly from the chalice, you may dip your bread gently into the wine, careful not to put your fingers in the wine or touch the rim.
5. **Return to your pew.** Return to your pew, kneel if you like, sing with the congregation, or offer your silent prayers to God.



If you are unbaptized or would prefer not to receive the bread or wine for any reason, cross your arms over your chest at the rail. This signifies to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing instead.

## Hymn 178

*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*

## Hymn 335

“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*

## Postcommunion Prayer

365

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

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 207

“Jesus Christ is risen today”

*Easter Hymn*



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!

## The Dismissal



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



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



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*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon*  
*Assisting Priests: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.*  
*The Reverend Cheryl Brainard*  
*Director of Music: John Sullivan*

## EASTER DAY

6:30 AM

Sunrise Tower Service

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

~ 10:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt

11:15 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;  
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers  
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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