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The Triduum—Part Three

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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Our Mission: To know Christ and to make Christ's love known to others



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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us today, whether you are doing so on-site or online. At Good Shepherd, we welcome you as you are, with all your joys, fears, doubts, and questions, with no strings or agendas. We welcome you for where you've been, with all the gifts and hurts you've received from other places and people in your life. God loves you ... no matter what. We welcome you into a community. We pray together. We gather every week to look and listen for God at work, to refuel for daily life, and to go back out to serve the world.

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THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

This is part three of the three-part liturgy called the Triduum ("Three Days").

On this night, we gather outside the doors of the church building. A fire is kindled.

The Opening Acclamation and Collect

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 Presider, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing

The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The congregation follows the Presider into the darkened space to take seats. The congregation's candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the Cantor, standing near the Candle, sings the Exsultet:

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.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presider: 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.

The people are seated.

The Story of Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:2)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

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.

Hymn: Psalm 104: Lord, Send Out Your Spirit (Ken Canedo)



- Bless the Lord, O my soul!
 O Lord, my God, you are great indeed!
 How manifold are your words, O Lord!
 The earth is full of your creatures. (Refrain)
- 2) If you take away their breath,
 They perish and return to their dust.
 When you send forth your spirit,
 They are created,
 And you renew the face of your earth. (*Refrain*)
- 3) May the glory of the Lord endure forever; May the Lord be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the Lord. *(Refrain)*

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Presider: 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.**

The Flood (Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:8-18; 9:8-13)

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Hymn: God Is Our Refuge and Strength (Alan Lynch)

The cantor sings the verses and leads all of us in singing the refrain.



- God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.
- Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea; *(Refrain)*
- Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold. *(Refrain)*
- There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.
- God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day. *(Refrain)*
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. (*Refrain*)

Presider: 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.**

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 14:10-15:1)

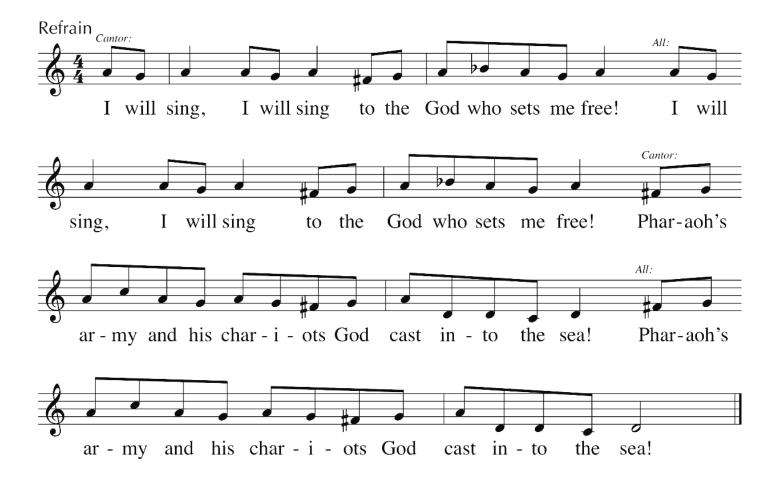
As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing 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 SpEgyptians; 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."

Hymn: Song of Moses (Gather, 3rd ed. #96)



Verses

- 1. The Lord is my strength, my protection and my shield; Pharaoh's army and his chariots God cast into the sea. Our God is a warrior whose name is "the Lord," God of might, God of victory!
- 2. The brave and the mighty, the pride of Pharaoh's army, God plunged them to the bottom of the sea like a stone. The hand of the Lord is magnificent in power; the Lord has crushed our foes!
- 3. O God who redeems, who delivers us from slavery, you set us on the mountain of your holy place. Your throne and your temple shall endure for all time; your reign shall never end!

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Silence

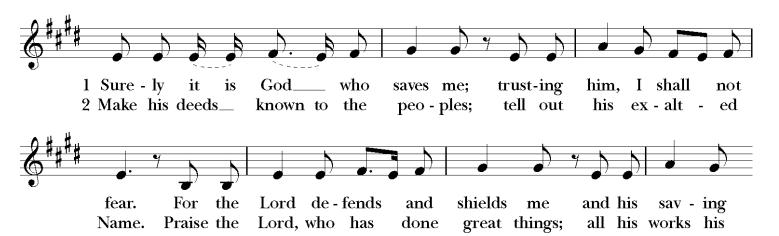
O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among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

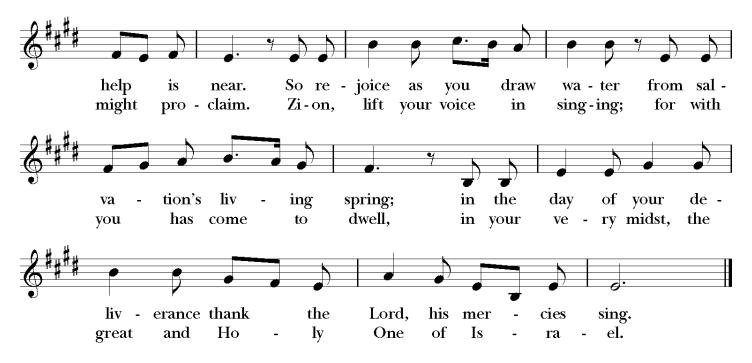
Salvation Offered Freely to All (Isaiah 55:1-11)

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 labor 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.

Hymn: Surely It Is God Who Saves Me (Hymnal #679)





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Presider: Let us pray.

Silence

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

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.

Anthem: As The Deer Moira Gaffney, soprano

As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after You. You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You.

Refrain:

You alone are my strength and shield. To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy-giver And the apple of my eye. (Refrain)

You're my friend and you are my brother, Even though You are a King. I love you more than any other, So much more than anything. (Refrain)

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Presider: 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)

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 around 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."

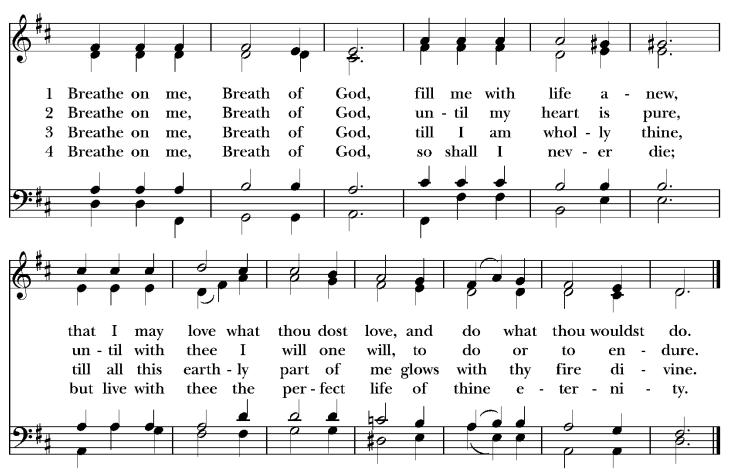
Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath 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.

Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God (*Hymnal* #508) Sung three times.



Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: Nova Vita, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

Presider: 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.**

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 judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. 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.



Are you ready to celebrate? There's a party on the way ... soon ... so soon!

Hymn: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns (Hymnal #73)



Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: St. Stephen, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence

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

The Easter Homily of John Chrysostom

This ancient sermon was first preached around the year 400. In many Christian communities around the world, especially in Eastern Orthodox churches, it is customary to hear it on this night.

Did you bring noisemakers to use to proclaim the coming of Easter? Toward the end of the homily, as you hear the noises begin, get on your feet! Get louder and louder! Join in joyfully!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Everybody shouts: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Everybody shouts: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Everybody shouts: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The lights burst on, and during the hymn, the candles are lit and the sanctuary is prepared to celebrate Easter. Stand up and sing!

ARE YOU STILL SITTING DOWN? Up! Up! Rejoice!!!

Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (Worship 4 #503)



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Presider: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Presider: 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.

The Epistle (Romans 6:3-11)

Lector: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

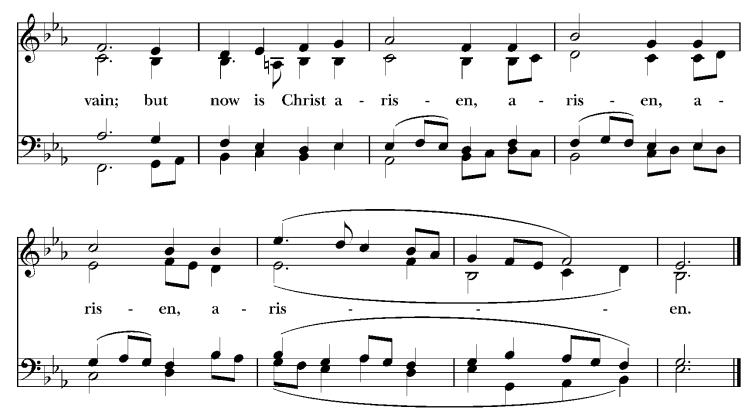
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been 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.

... Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

How do you imagine Jesus' face as he came out of the tomb? Draw it here!

Sequence Hymn: This Joyful Eastertide (The Hymnal 1982 #192)





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The Gospel (Mark 16:1-8)

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

People: Glory 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 Renewal of Our Baptismal Covenant

Although we have nobody to baptize tonight at Good Shepherd, all around the world new Christians are being welcomed into the Body of Christ. We pray for them as we renew our own baptismal vows.

Presider: Let us join with those around the world who are committing themselves to Christ through Holy Baptism and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? People: I do.

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.

Presider: Will cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: 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 congregation is sprinkled with water. A note to guests who may not be baptized: this sprinkling is not itself a baptism, but a reminder for those who are baptized. If you would like to explore the possibility of baptism, please seek out Pastor Josh at a later time.

Music at the Asperges: Springs of Water (Breaking Bread 2023, #175)

All sing refrain, cantor sings verses.



Springs of wa-ter, bless the Lord! Give him glo-ry and praise for-ev-er.



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FIVE-YEAR FLASHBACK: The Great Vigil of Easter 2019 and the baptisms of Eddie Drake, Leander Fenimore, Lillian Fenimore, and David Nnamdi.

The Prayers of the People

Every week we pray, using a variety of liturgies, for the world, the church, and those in need. We offer prayers of thanks, and we remember those who have died. We maintain two channels of organized petitionary prayer, the **Prayer List** and the **Prayer Chain**.

Prayer List: To have a name read aloud for prayer during our Sunday services on a temporary or ongoing basis, contact Diaconal Postulant Anna Lynn at anna@qoodshepherdfw.org. This list is published in Parishioner Resources for you to use in your private devotions; the link appears in the Shepherd's Crook email.

Prayer Chain: To have a name and a concern emailed to a small group of designated parishioners for one-time, immediate prayer, contact Alisa Johnson at <u>alisajohnson@hotmail.com</u>.

Diaconal Postulant or Priest: O Risen Christ, meet us at your empty tomb. Baffle and astound us with your love, most especially in the places we would never dream of seeing you. Invite us live our whole lives as a prayer, that when we see you again in all your glory, we will know you by the sound of your voice.

Intercessor: We pray for your church throughout the world. Gather us back together in your love, reorienting us to the ways of self-giving and reconciliation that it is the church's mission to share with the world. We pray for those those who are preparing to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church at Cathedral Day on April 27—Alisa, Ania, Anita, Ayishah, Bruce, Nancy, Ray, Rick, and Sharon—and we pray for their catechists and sponsors. We also pray for the nominees to be the next bishop of the Diocese of Olympia—Phil, Hillary, Jordan, and Kate—and we ask you to guide the minds of the delegates who will elect one of them on May 18 to oversee all the Episcopal congregations in Western Washington.

Pause for additional prayers

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ, *People:* **For your word is truth.**

Intercessor: We pray for our nation, a troubled place struggling to remember its highest ideals. Where we have splintered into factions, reassemble us into a people eager to share generously the bounty of which we are capable. Where we have hardened ourselves in fear and given ground to the forces of cruelty, call us to repentance, that all who live here can be welcomed and celebrated.

Pause for additional prayers

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ, *People:* **For your word is truth.**

Intercessor: We pray for our world, your first gift of joy and wonder to all your earthly creatures. In a time of dryness and disillusionment, reenchant us, that in eagerness we may respect the dignity of every human being and gladly give of ourselves that all may thrive in the glory of your love.

Pause for additional prayers

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ,

People: For your word is truth.

Intercessor: We pray for our community of Federal Way and all the communities from which we hail. In a transient society of lost and isolated people, help us reidentify as those who depend on one another to share fulfillment and happiness. Give us good work to do, that we may serve the common good with joy.

Pause for additional prayers

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ,

People: For your word is truth.

Intercessor: We pray for those who suffer and those in any need or trouble, including those here among us today.

The Diaconal Postulant or Priest shares the names of those on our prayer list and invites additional names.

Intercessor: We pray for those who have died, trusting that for them now, there is no more appropriate word than "Hallelujah."

The Diaconal Postulant or Priest shares the names of those who have died and invites additional names.

Intercessor: Just as you returned from the grave to reassure your friends, O Christ, send us out to reengage in community and bear one another's burdens, that in you all our grief and despair may be healed.

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ,

People: For your word is truth.

Presider: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

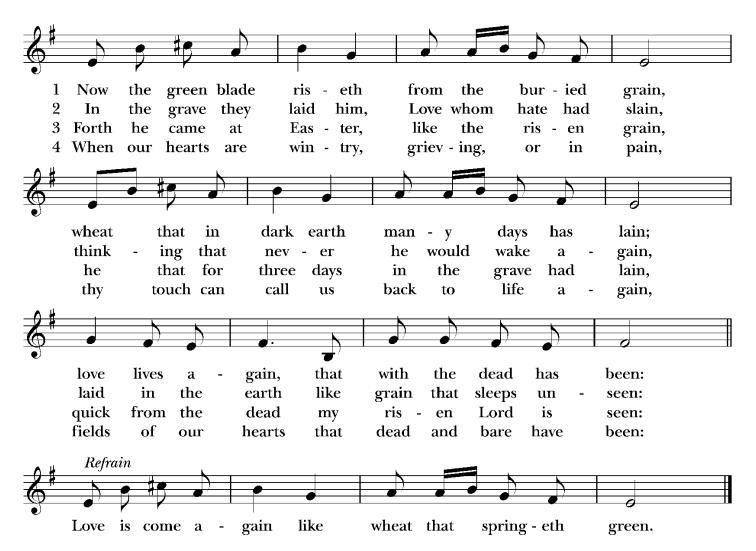
The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: Now the Green Blade Riseth (Hymnal #204)

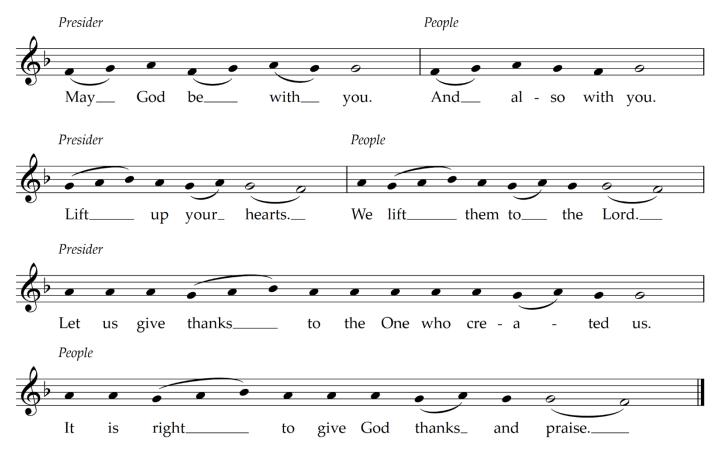


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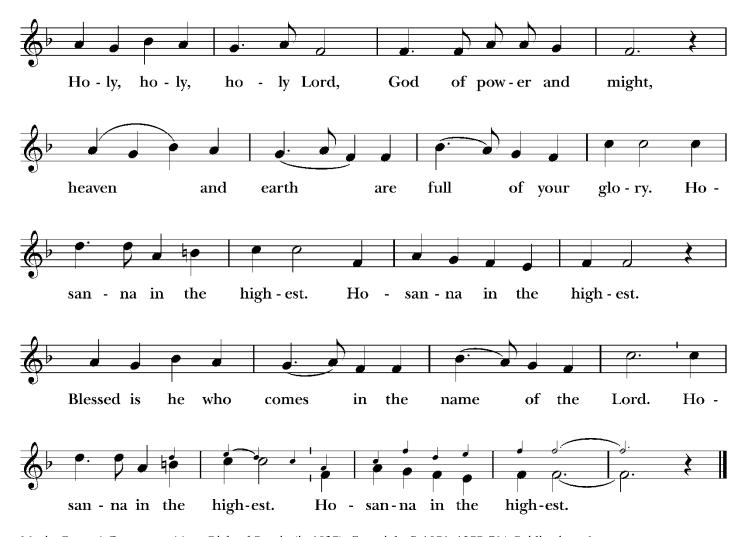
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D (inclusive language version, approved by Bishop Melissa for trial use)



It is truly right to glorify you, O God, our Refuge and Strength, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Sanctus (Hymnal #S-125)



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We acclaim you, Holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, given the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might dwell as faithful companions with all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Gracious God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom, to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for the One who died and rose for us, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, the first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; offered thanks and 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."

Most Blessed One, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All: We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, the Rock of our Salvation.

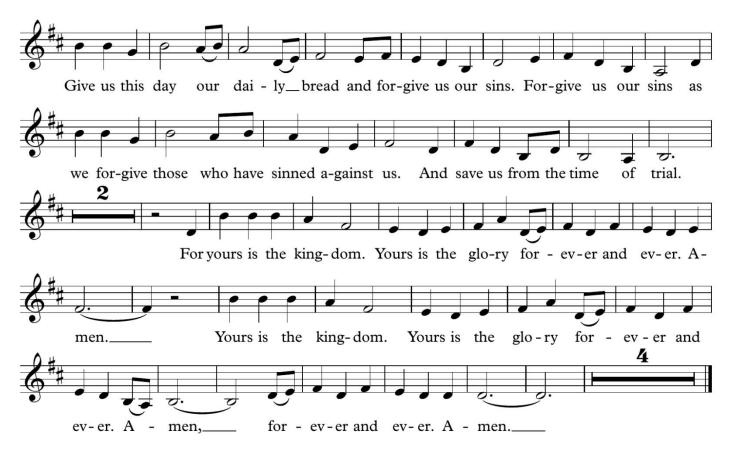
We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, O God, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Eternal God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and forever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

The Lord's Prayer





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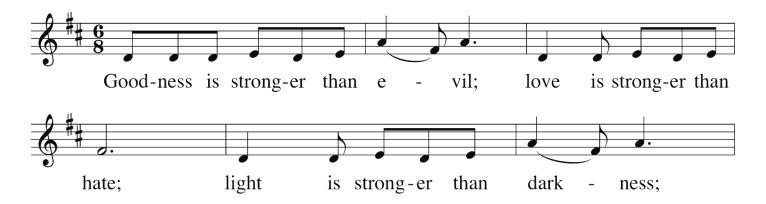
The Breaking of the Bread

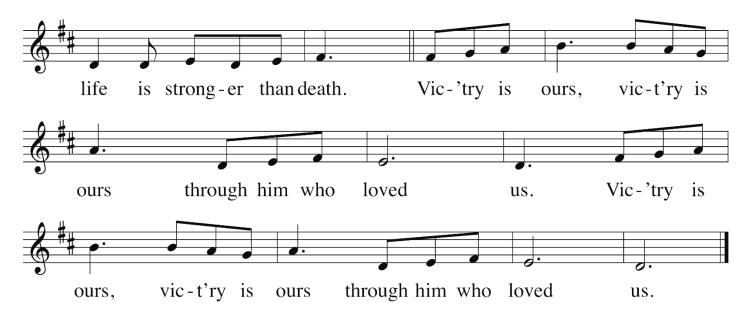
Silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem: Goodness is Stronger than Evil (Gather 3 #528) Sung twice through





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Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Holy Communion is Christians' weekly participation in the death and resurrection of Christ. As such, it properly flows from the vows made at our baptism. Even so, all are invited to the table: the baptized of any Christian denomination who have committed to follow Jesus Christ, and any guests at Jesus' table. If you are not baptized and would like to begin to explore the possibility, please reach out to Pastor Josh.

If you require gluten-free bread, tell the priest when he comes to you and it will be provided.

Data about potential COVID-19 transmission via the Common Cup is scant. You may certainly abstain; it has always been our understanding that those who receive communion in only one kind have received communion in the fullest sense. To abstain from either the Bread or the Wine, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would prefer that the priest bless you.

Communion Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia (Hymnal #178)



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A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those who cannot be with us on-site to receive Holy Communion may wish to add this private prayer:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united with you and with the Body of Christ. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and to your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me; may I live and die in your love. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

Presider: 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.**

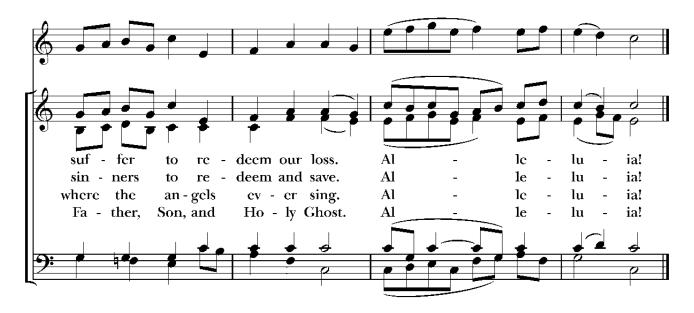
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

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: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (Hymnal #207)





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The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The livestream ends here, but the party continues on-site. **Alleluia! Rejoice with us!** And if you're still thirsty, join us tomorrow morning at 8:00 or 10:30 a.m., on Zoom or on-site.



FIVE-YEAR FLASHBACK: The Day of Easter 2019.

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The Rev. Josh Hosler, Rector (rector@goodshepherdfw.org)

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Presider/Preacher: The Rev. Josh Hosler Deacon: The Rev. Ken Grabinski Diaconal Postulant: Anna Lynn

Organist/Pianist: Alan Lynch

March 30	8:00 p.m.
Tech Team	Bob Neal, Deb Smith
Zoom Usher	Gay Neal
On-Site Usher	Linda Butcher
Lectors	Carole Loudenback, Roberta Kelly, Dilcia Brent, Alisa Kincade, Jim
	Donahe, Sarah Hosler, Judith Perkins
Intercessor	Carole Loudenback
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Aronen, Alisa Johnson
Altar Guild	Altar Guild Team
Flowers	Easter Lilies
Coffee Hour	Fellowship Team

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