



THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Great Vigil of Easter

April 11, 2020 ♦ 8:00 p.m.

The lighting of the New Fire.

The New Fire

The Presider blesses the fire.

Presiding Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presiding Priest Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your faithful people the brightness of your light: Now sanctify this new fire and grant that we may be so set on fire with heavenly desires by the Paschal journey, that we may come with pure hearts and minds to the feast of your eternal brightness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presider lights the Paschal Candle from the New Fire and the people light their candles at home. As the Paschal Candle is brought into the story and worship space, all sing the response:

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God

The Exultet is proclaimed.

SALVATION STORIES

Story of Creation

The Electronic Campfire

(Genesis 1:1-2:4)

My brothers and sisters,

Once there was nothing, and now we are all here: salmon, whale, eagle, coyote, human; rivers and mountains, forests and flowers; seasons, atoms, galaxies, all things seen and unseen. We exist because God desires that we exist. We are here now because God speaks us into being and cherishes us forever.

Let us pray

We give thanks to our gracious Creator, the Alpha and the Omega, our beginning and our end; and let us honor the precious gift of creation with reverence and delight. We pray fervently for all the people of the earth, and for ourselves, that we may repent of our careless and arrogant abuse of creation, and find our proper and constructive place within its fragile and balanced harmonies. Amen.

The Ark and the Flood *"We are all in this together."*

(Genesis 6:1-8:22)

Dear People of Faith,
God has made a covenant with creation,
a promise never to abandon us,
not even when our own folly and wickedness
threaten to undo the natural systems upon which life depends.

And God remains deeply committed to our story,
even when the flood of chaos washes away the ground beneath our feet.
God will not forget us, though we be sinking in a sea of grief and regret.

Let us pray

We pray for the victims of natural disasters; we pray for an end to our abuse of the earth; we pray for everyone whose lives are beset by chaos; we pray for those who are drowning in the dark waters of doubt and fear; we pray for all who cling to the precious ark of faith. And we pray that our own descent into the waters of baptism may produce lives wholly entrusted to the endless mercy of God. Amen.

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea *The Electronic Campfire*

(Exodus 14:1-15:21)

Song after the story

**Wade in the water, wade in the water, children
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water**

Dear companions of the Sacred Journey,
Tonight we leave Egypt behind: everything that oppresses, everything that enslaves, everything that binds us to the world of sin is left at the edge of the baptismal sea.
Once we enter the deep waters, we no longer belong to Pharaoh. We are marked as Christ's own forever.

Let us pray

We pray for the conscience and courage to renounce our own complicity in the workings of violence, privilege and oppression. We pray in solidarity with all who are despised, rejected, exploited, abused, and oppressed. We pray for the day of liberation and salvation. And we pray to be counted among the pilgrims of the Exodus, those who risk everything for the journey into God. Amen.

Song after the story

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who rescues me from death.**

Dear People of God,

There are those who tell our story as a history of defeats and diminishments, a narrative of dashed hopes and inconsolable griefs. But tonight we tell a different story, a story that does not end with a valley of dry bones, a story that inhales God's own breath and sings alleluia even at the grave.

The people respond

**By our baptism, we have been entrusted with this story,
to live out its great YES against every cry of defeat.
This is the night when the Spirit stirs!
This is the night when God's people are raised up in Christ!
This is the night we come home to God.**

**Let us rejoice in the infinite imagination of our Holy and Compassionate God!
Let us be filled with the breath of praise!
And let us pray that every member of the human family
may receive into their hearts the precious Word of life.**

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 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 the One through whom all things were made, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hallelujah (v. 3 and chorus)

Music: Leonard Cohen Text: Scott Lawrence

**Now instead of fear you feel
A love that time cannot steal;
No darkness can conceal the light within you.
This loving grace, this love divine,
Seeking all that's lost will find
The ever-living, singing Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelu—jah.**

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Presider addresses the people in these words

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Presiding Priest Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People **I do.**

Presiding Priest Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presiding Priest 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.**

Presiding Priest 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.**

Presiding Priest 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.**

Presiding Priest 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.**

Presiding Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presiding Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

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

After renewing our baptismal vows, we find our noisemakers and prepare to crescendo!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

(three times)

Christ is ri-sen from the dead, tramp-ling down death by death, and on

those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

ALLELUIA

Sung by cantor, then all

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

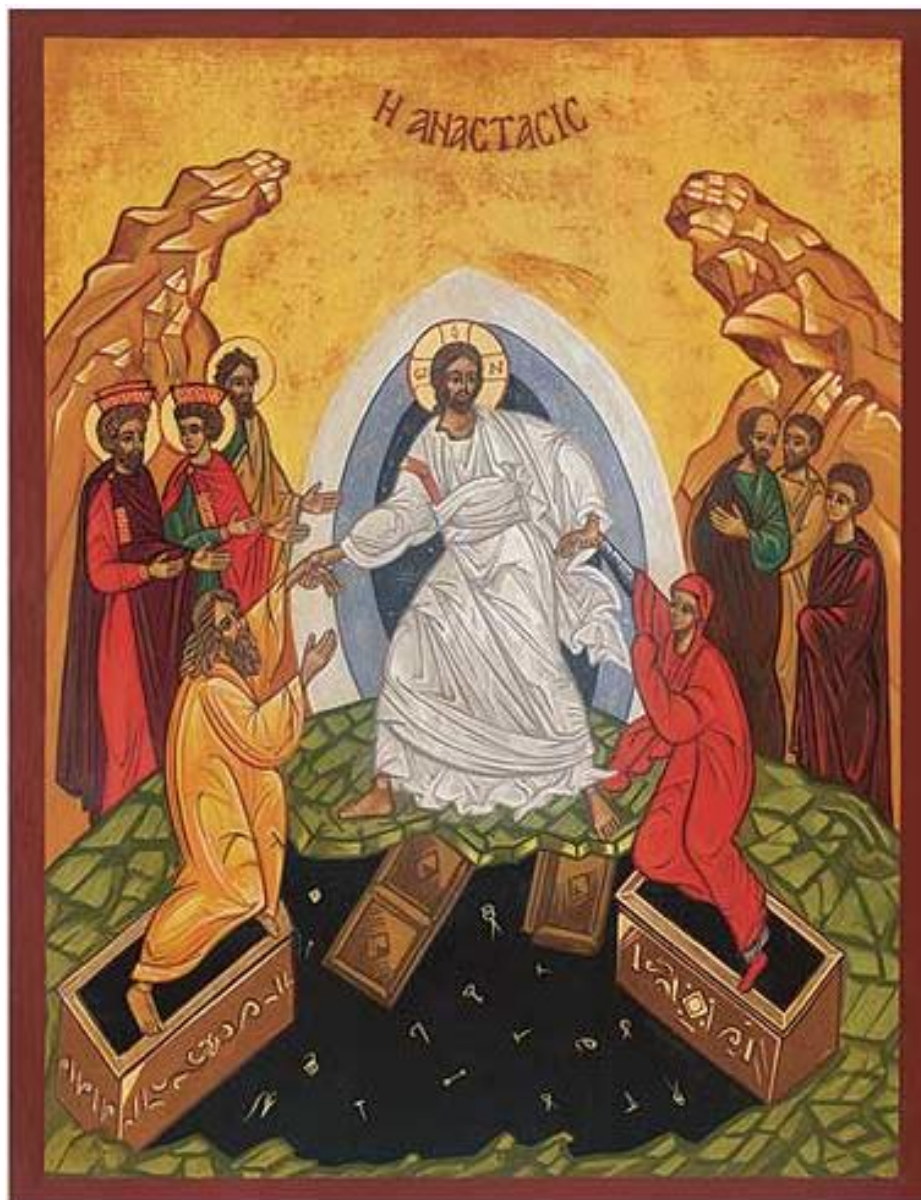
After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing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

Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE PEACE – *We greet one another with the Easter acclamation!*

Presiding Priest Alleluia, Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!



The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory song Verses 1 & 3

Song of the Body of Christ

Text: David Haas

Tune: Trad. Hawaiian

Refrain

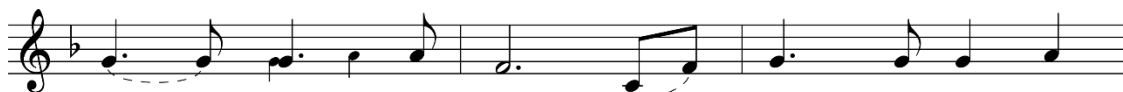


We come to share our sto - ry, we
come to break the bread, We come to
know our ris - ing from the dead.

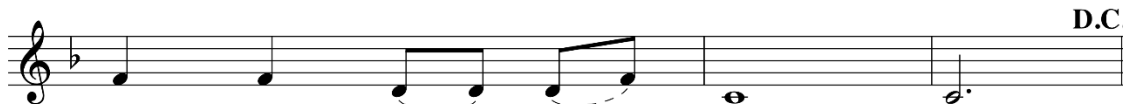
Verses



1. We come as your peo - ple, we
2. We are called to heal the bro - ken, to be
3. Bread of life and cup of prom - ise, in this
4. You will lead and we shall fol - low, you will
5. We will live and sing: "A - lo - ha," "Al - le -
(live and sing your prais - es,)



come as your own, u - nit - ed with each
hope for the poor, we are called to feed the
meal we all are one. In our dy - ing and our
be the breath of life; liv - ing wa - ter, we are
lu - ia" is our song. May we live in love and



oth - er, love finds a home.
hun - gry at our door.
ris - ing, may your king - dom come.
thirst - ing for your light.
peace our whole life long.

D.C.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth

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

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:

Presider and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Presider gives thanks for God's work in creation and for the salvation of the world through Christ and prays over the bread and wine.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father. . . .

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.

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

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.

The Bread is broken.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

The Presider and People pray the prayer of St Alphonsus de Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion of the People and post-communion prayer

Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we who drink his cup, bring life to others. we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole world live to praise your name. Amen.

THE SOLEMN BLESSING

May Almighty God, whose daughters and sons you are by adoption and grace, make you a new creation, fulfilling in you the promise of eternal life. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has joined you with Christ's death and resurrection, fill you with the holiness and joy of the risen life. **Amen.**

May God, who has set you free in the power of the Holy Spirit, bring you home to your inheritance with all the saints in light. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, the all-holy and undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN Verses 1 & 3 (sung by all, next page)

The strife is o'er

(HYMNAL 208)

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

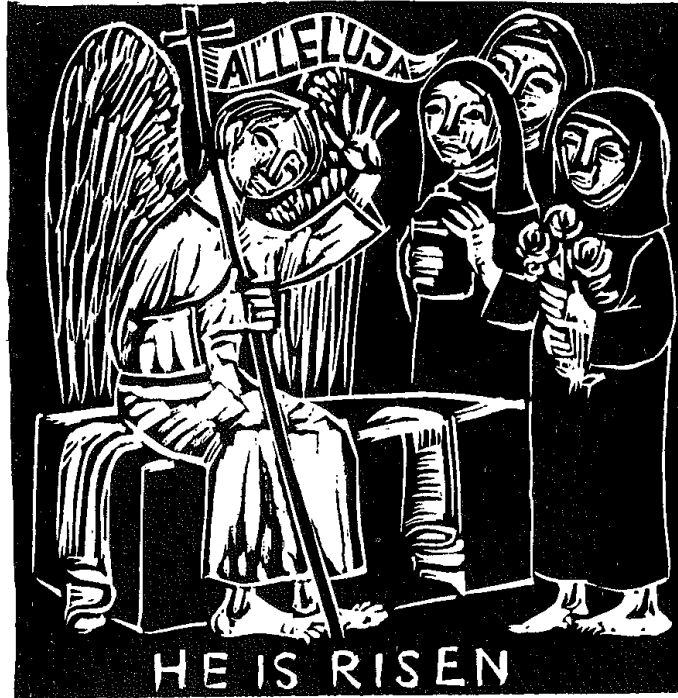
1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Wherever you are in this moment,
 wherever you may be in the days to come:
 let your life be radiant with resurrection!

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

Postlude: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Paul Roy, organ; Allan Anderson, trumpet
And the voices of the St. Barnabas Community



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presiding Priest
Assisting Priest & Videographer
Organist & Choirmaster
Trumpeter
Story Tellers

The Rev. Karen Haig
The Rev. Jim Friedrich
Paul Roy
Allan Anderson
Angela Lloyd & Jim Friedrich

Thanks to all who helped ring in Easter with "Christ is Risen!"

Join us for Easter Sunday Services at either the [National Cathedral](#) at 8:15am, Presiding Bishop Curry preaching or [St Marks Cathedral](#) at in Seattle at 11am, Dean Thomason preaching.