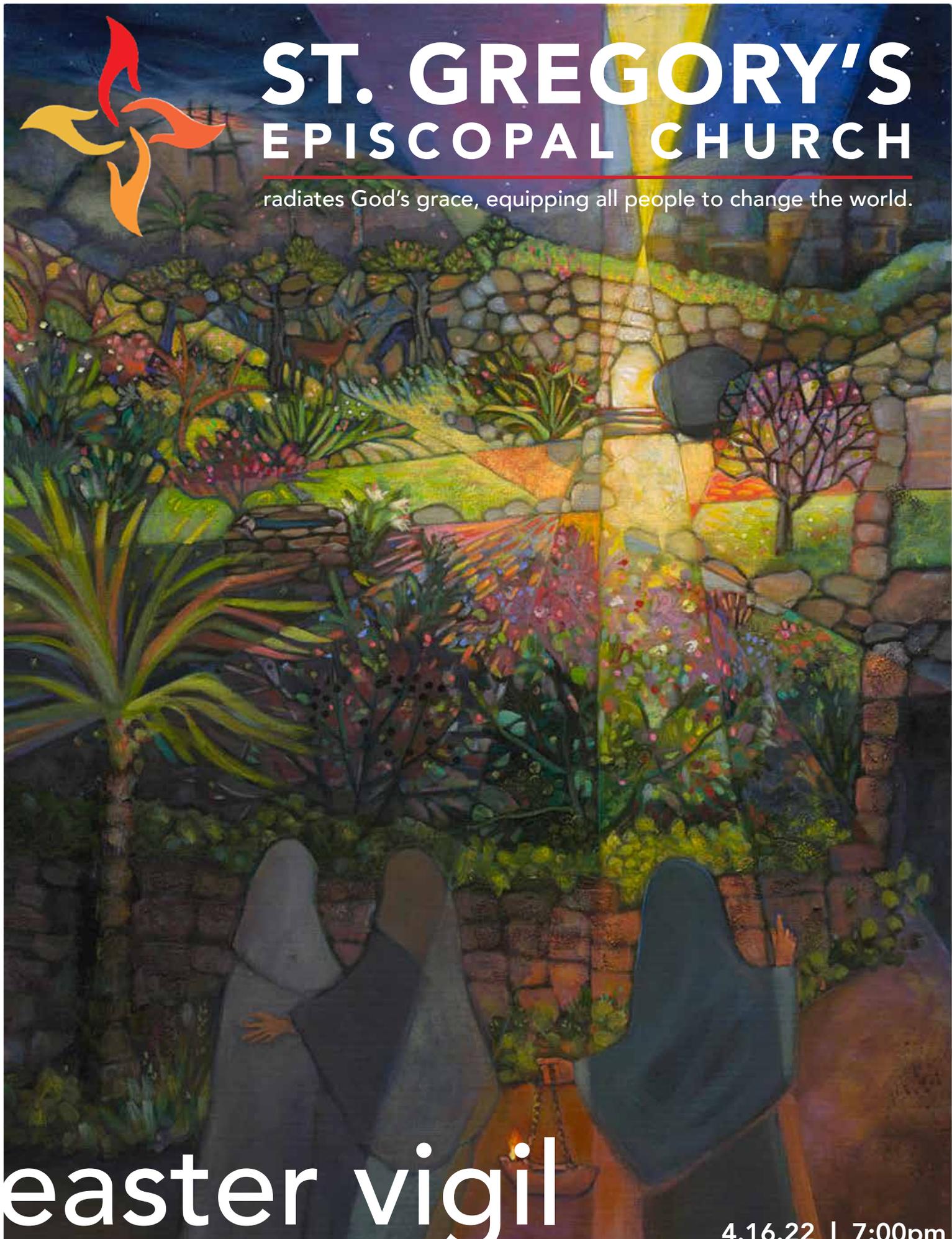




ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

radiates God's grace, equipping all people to change the world.



easter vigil

4.16.22 | 7:00pm



Welcome to St Gregory's

If you are visiting, we invite you to take a Welcome Card from the pew holder, and if you are willing, fill it out and put it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter so that we might thank you for worshipping with us. All are truly welcome to participate in worship, and we believe our community is made stronger by your unique presence as we join in prayer and communion.

We are honored to host our friends from St. Elisabeth in Glencoe, St. Lawrence in Libertyville, and Trinity in Highland Park for the final evening of our shared Holy Week procession. It is a privilege to worship with you, and strengthen the bonds of our collaborative partnership that we truly believe will better both our local communities and the world.

Our Worship

In the Episcopal Church, we often say that praying shapes believing, so how we worship in word and action shapes how we believe and respond to God. We are physical creatures made in God's image, and the physical nature of our worship helps us to connect more fully to God. Therefore, at St. Gregory's, we change our liturgy during each liturgical season to help us more fully embrace the theology and tone of the season.

Our sacred time of worship includes several different activities: singing, listening, praying, and feasting. This liturgy is enriched by the participation of everyone in the room. **All are invited to speak the bolded text aloud.** Some people choose to manifest prayers in physical ways to center their hearts and minds on God's presence in their lives and in the worship – we call these actions "manual acts," which are listed as follows throughout the bulletin:

(v) Bowing one's head at Jesus' name reminds us that Jesus is the King of Kings, ruling from a place of humility.

(+) There are several points during the liturgy, where many people cross themselves by touching their head, chest, and each shoulder (left then right) to remind themselves that God is in their head, heart, and in all of their actions in the world.

(+++) At the declaration of the Gospel, many people make the sign of the cross with their thumb on their forehead, lips, and heart as the Gospel is announced. This action is a prayer asking God's word to be in our minds, our words, and in our hearts.

Generally speaking, we stand to pray, kneel to confess, and sit to hear. Regardless of what others are doing, how you physically worship is up to you and how you experience God. Your presence and participation is what matters most to God.

A Note about Easter Vigil

The Great Vigil of Easter is the pinnacle of the Christian liturgical year. As Leonel Mitchell notes, "This ancient rite leads us from death to life with Christ through fire, light, word, water, bread, and wine. A new fire is kindled, a great candle is lighted, by its light the Bible is read, prayer and praise are offered, and we celebrate the Easter sacraments of baptism and eucharist." We hear the great stories that shape our faith as the people of God, and celebrate our release from bondage to death, and freedom to new life through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In this rite, the mystery of Easter comes alive, and we are a part in it.

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We begin our worship by observing a period of quiet (begun and ended with the ringing of a bell) to slow ourselves and rest in God's presence.

The people stand, as they are able.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus (v) 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 God's Word and celebrating the Sacraments, we share in Christ's victory over death.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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. (v) Amen.

Sung three times, each repetition pitched higher than the last.

Minister All

Christ our light. Thanks be to God.

The congregation returns to the pews, still standing as they are able.

EXSULTET

Rev. Bryan Cones, Trinity Church

Exult and sing, O heav'nly choirs of angels!
 Rejoice, all you powers in heaven and on earth!
 Jesus Christ our King is risen!
 Sound the trumpet, sing of our salvation!
 Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king!
 Lands that once lay covered by darkness, see Christ's glory filling all the universe!
 Rejoice, O mother Church, with all your children, resplendent in your risen Savior's light!
 Let our joyful voices resound this night!
 Let God's people shake these walls with shouts of praise!
 Rejoice, beloved friends and heirs with Christ, standing with me in this wondrous light!
 Join me in seeking from God's Holy Spirit grace to sing this Easter proclamation.

Minister All

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Minister All

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise. 1

The Exsultet is a special prayer for light that calls on the angels, the whole earth, and the church to rejoice in Christ's resurrection. It celebrates the mighty acts of Moses and Christ, and our participation in these acts through baptism and eucharist. This love song to the light is traditionally sung by the Deacon.



*It is truly right and just that with full hearts and minds and voices,
we should praise you, unseen God, almighty Father, and your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
For Christ ransomed us with his precious blood
and, by nailing to the cross the decree that condemned us,
he paid to you, eternal Father, the price of Adam's sin.
This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain,
whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.*

Cantor first, then all



This is the night. This is our pass - o - ver feast.

*This is the night when first you set the children of Israel free:
you saved our ancestors from slavery in Egypt and led them dry-shod through the sea.*

This is the night. This is our passover feast.

*This is the night when you led your people by a pillar of fire:
with your light you showed them the way and destroyed all the darkness of sin.*

This is the night. This is our passover feast.

*This is the night when Christians everywhere,
washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow in holiness.*

This is the night. This is our passover feast.

*This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death
and in triumphant glory rose from the grave.
What good would life have been for us had Christ not come as our Redeemer?
O God, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave, you gave up a Son!*

Cantor first, then all



Glo - ry and praise to you, O God!

*O necessary sin of Adam, destroyed by the death of Christ!
O happy fault, which gained for us so great a Redeemer!*

Glory and praise to you, O God!

*O night truly blest! O night chosen above all others to see Christ rise in glory from the dead!
This is the night of which the Scripture says:
"Even darkness is not dark for you, and the night will shine as clear as the day!"*

Glory and praise to you, O God!

*How holy is this night, which heals our wounds and washes all evil away!
A night to restore lost innocence and bring mourners joy!
A night to cast out hatred!
A night for seeking peace and humbling pride!*

Glory and praise to you, O God!



O truly blessed night when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Glory and praise to you, O God!

*Therefore, Father most holy, in the joy of this night,
receive our evening sacrifice of praise,
the solemn offering of your holy people.
Accept this Easter candle, a flame divided but undimmed,
a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God.
Let it mingle with the lights of heaven and continue bravely burning
to dispel the darkness of this night!
May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning.
Christ is that Morning Star, who rose to shed his peaceful light on all creation
and lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.*



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how God saved God's people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The people sit.

THE STORY OF CREATION

GENESIS 1:1-2:2

Presented by the children of StGs

Before God created the world, there was nothing at all – except God.

On the first day of creation, the wind of God blew.

Whish! Whoosh! Swoosh!

God said, "Let there be light!"

Crackle! Boom! Bang!

There was light. God saw that the light was good. Then,

Spilllllllittttt!

God divided the light and the darkness into day and night.

On the second day, God said, "Let there be a sky!"

Pillow! Billow! Puff!

There was a sky. God saw that the sky was good.

On the third day, God said, "Let there be water and dry land!"

Drip! Drop! Kerplunk!

There was water.

Crackle! Crunch! Snap!

There was dry land.



God saw that the water and land were good.

Then God said, "Let there be plants and trees!"

Rumble! Rustle! Pop!

There were plants and trees.

God saw that the plants and trees were good.

On the fourth day, God said, "Let there be a sun and a moon and stars!"

Glimmer! Shimmer! Shine!

There was a sun and a moon and thousands of stars.

God saw that the sun and the moon and stars were good.

On the fifth day, God said, "Let there be sea animals that swim and birds that fly!"

Wiggle! Splish! Splash!

There were sea animals.

Flutter! Putter! Tweet!

There were birds.

God saw that the sea animals and birds were good.

On the sixth day, God said, "Let there be animals of every kind on the earth!"

Growl! Prowl! Snort!

There were animals with fur.

Skitter! Skatter! Creep!

There were bugs.

Slither! Slink! Hop!

There were reptiles.

God saw that the animals and bugs and reptiles were good.

Then God said, "Let there be people on the earth!"

Blink! Wink! Hiccup!

There were people on the earth. God saw that the people were very good.

On the seventh day, God said, "It is time to rest!"

Whew! Pshew! Ahhh!

God and all of creation rested.

PSALM 36:5-10

Sung by the cantor

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
Oh God, you save humans and animals alike,
How precious is your steadfast love!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
You give them drink from the river of your delights.*

Psalms are hymns or poems that cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.



*For with you is the fountain of life;
and in your light we see light.
O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!*

Let us pray.

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. **(v) Amen.**

THE FLOOD

GENESIS 7:1-5,11-18; 8:8-18; 9:8-13

Presented by the children and youth of
St. Gregory's, Trinity, St. Lawrence, and St. Elisabeth
"The Flood" by Jacobus Revius

High and long,
Thick and strong,
Wide and stark,
Was the ark.
Climb on board,
Said the Lord.
Noah's kin
Clambered in.
Cow and moose,
Hare and goose,
Sheep and ox,
Bee and fox,
Stag and doe,
Elk and crow,
Lynx and bear,
All were there.
Stork and frog,
Skunk and hog,
Ape and snail,
Stoat and quail,

Flea and hound,
Could be found.
Lark and wren,
Hawk and hen,
Finch and kite,
Flew inside.
Dog and cat,
Mouse and rat,
Fly and vole,
Worm and mole,
Creatures all,
Large and small.
Good and mean,
Foul and clean,
Fierce and tame,
In they came,
Pair by pair,
Gross and fair.
All that walked,
Crawled or stalked

On dry earth
Found a berth.
But the rest,
Worst and best,
Stayed on shore,
Were no more.
That whole host
Gave the ghost.
They were killed
For the guilt
Which brought all
To the Fall.
Later on
It was done:
Back on land
Through God's hand,
Who forgave,
And did safe.
The Lord's Grace
Be the praise!

PSALM 46

Sung by the cantor

*God is our refuge and our strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river that makes glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city;
and it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
When nations are in uproar, he utters his voice, the earth melts.*



*The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease
to all of the ends of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among nations, and in the earth."
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

Let us pray.

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. **(v) Amen.**

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

EXODUS 14:10-15:1

Presented by the congregation
of St. Lawrence

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 the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

CANTICLE 8

Sung by the cantor

*I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted;
the horse and rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge;
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him,
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior;
Yahweh is his Name.
He hurled the chariots of Pharaoh into the sea;
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might;
your right hand has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods?
who is glorious in holiness and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand;
the earth swallowed them up.
With constant love you led the people to your dwelling.
You will plant them on the mount of your possession.
Over this sanctuary and this resting-place,
O Lord, you shall reign for ever and for ever.*

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. **(v) Amen.**



SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL

ISAIAH 55:1-11

Presented by the combined choirs of
St. Gregory's, Trinity, St. Lawrence, and St. Elisabeth
"The Invitation" by Craig Courtney
feat. Tobin Schindler, cello

*Come!
Come, you who thirst, come to the water,
And you who have nothing, come buy and eat.
Come, come to me!*

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 me while I may be found.
Call on me while I am near.
Come, all who thirst, come to the water,
And you who have nothing, come buy and eat.
Come, come to me!*

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.

CANTICLE 9

Sung by the cantor

*Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and never fear.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water from the springs of salvation.
Give thanks to the Lord and call on his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for he in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

Let us pray.

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



THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

Presented through storytelling
by Jennifer Ould from Trinity

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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy 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 cantor

*I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let foes rejoice over me.
I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
You restored me to life.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."
By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a mountain;
you hid your face, and I was dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cried,
"What profit is there in my death?
Will the dust praise your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.*



Let us pray.

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. **(v) Amen.**

The homily is meant to help us make the Word of God a living and transforming reality of our lives today.

HOMILY

The Rev. Kristen Saylor, Rector of St. Lawrence

The people stand, as they are able.

PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

We proclaim Christ's resurrection with joy and enthusiasm three times, increasing in volume each time!

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

*"Alleluia"
by Kurt Sander*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
Death no longer has dominion over him.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

We are invited to pray, and then the collect collects our prayers together in a single concluding prayer. During the Easter season, the collects remind us of the joy of resurrection, and our continual salvation through God's amazing love.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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, **(v)** who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

One of our lessons is usually a reading from one of the New Testament Epistles (or letters), though occasionally from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation. They teach us about the formation of the church and instruct us on how to live into our role as followers of Christ.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.



We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand, as they are able. Children are invited to join the procession in the aisle for the reading of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE vs1 & 2 before the gospel, verse 3 after

"The Strife is O'er"

[Antiphon]

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his

has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia! [Antiphon]
tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia! [Antiphon]



During the Holy Eucharist, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions. The deacon or priest proclaims the Gospel in the midst of the people to represent the Good News that Jesus has come among us, and we all turn toward it.

The Easter Vigil was the traditional time of Baptism in the early church. As Jim Turrell says, it "stresses the theme of the Lord's resurrection, into which we are baptized, and it embeds the newly baptized in the entire narrative of salvation history." We consider Baptism to be a life-changing decision, so adult candidates are presented individually and asked if this is something they desire. Because infants can't speak for themselves, parents and godparents promise to raise the child in Christian faith and life.

GOSPEL

LUKE 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ. (+++)

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit, and children return to their seats.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present Allison to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Do you desire to be baptized?
Allison I do.

Presider The other Candidate will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents We present Whitney to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents We will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents We will, with God's help.

The Presider addresses the Candidate and Parents and Godparents.



Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Candidates I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Candidates I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Candidates I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Candidates I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Candidates I do.

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Candidates I do.

The people stand, as they are able.

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
All **We will.**

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

The congregation is asked to respond, not only on our behalf, but also on behalf of the entire Body of Christ, to support these newly baptized persons in their life of Christ.

Together we affirm the ancient faith of the creeds, and are reminded of what it means to live out our baptisms by renewing our promises with those who make them for the first time.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.



Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for Allison and Whitney, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver Allison and Whitney, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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.**

The people sit. Children are invited to come to the font for the Baptism.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed

The waters are blessed by evoking scriptural examples of the power and strength of water throughout our spiritual history.



by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

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

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

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

THE BAPTISM

Candidates are baptized with abundant water as a reminder that we are baptized into life and death. They are then anointed with abundant chrism (special blessed oil) and sealed by the Holy Spirit. This follows the ancient pattern of initiation.

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

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant Allison the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

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

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant Whitney the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

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

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand, as they are able.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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



The sprinkling of the holy water of baptism is a tactile reminder of our own baptism, and reminds us of the importance of the vows we just renewed.

ASPERGING RITE

All echo each phrase sung by the cantor at an interval of one measure.

I saw wa-ters flow-ing, flow-ing from the tem-ple,
 flow-ing from the right side, Al-le-lu-ia!
 All to whom the wa-ters came, they were saved and shall pro-claim,
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The Peace has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The congregation greets each other in the peace of Christ.

The people sit.

The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to the Lord as our initial act of thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Alleluia"
by Randall Thompson

This choral piece, whose only lyric is "Alleluia," was written by Randall Thompson in July 1940. Hearing the news about the war in Europe and the recent fall of France to the Nazis just weeks before, Thompson felt writing an overly festive piece was inappropriate. But even with that, the piece's restrained, mystical elegance of expression brings a complexity and depth of meaning to the oft sung word "Alleluia" (translated as 'praise ye the Lord').

Offering plates are at every entrance. All offerings collected at this service will go towards the joint refugee resettlement ministry of our congregations.

Incense is one of the most ancient accompaniments to prayer. It is a physical sign of prayers ascending to heaven, and the sights and smells evoke our senses to be fully present in our own prayers together and as a congregation. We immerse our whole selves in our prayer.



The Eucharist, or Communion, is the act of offering, breaking bread, and sharing in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. It also reminds us that we are Christ's body in our world today.

As Episcopalians, the Eucharist is the principal act of worship, in which we always have a full proclamation of the heart of the Gospel. Celebrating Eucharist is something we do together, so we all take part in the prayers.

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand, as they are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here be - low;
Praise God a - bove ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise, O God, source of life and breath. Because in Jesus Christ (v) you have received us as your children and made of us a royal priesthood, giving us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with the Saints of every age who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Glorious are you, Triune God. You separated the waters from dry land in the beginning and spared Creation from the Flood; Your Spirit came to the Jordan River and proclaimed Christ Beloved, **(v)** that we might hear this voice and be transformed into his likeness.

But in our weakness we stumbled and would not see our common humanity, we desecrated your good creation, and consumed with greed what was given to be shared. Again, you call us to the water's edge to renew our bonds of unity with all who believe that the tomb of Jesus' death to sin might become the womb of new life for the world.

On the night that he was betrayed and given over to die, our Savior Jesus Christ **(v)** was at supper with his friends. He took bread, gave you thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and shared it with them, saying: "This is my blood of the New Covenant which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink of it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering the gift and sign of Christ's life, his death, resurrection and ascension, awaiting his coming in glory, we offer you these gifts, fruits of the earth and our own labor.

**We praise you, we bless you,
We give thanks to you,
And we pray to you, O Lord our God.**

Send your Spirit upon us, **(+)** and upon these gifts, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your son our Savior Jesus Christ. **(v)** Grant that all who share in these sacred mysteries may become one, as you are One. Remember your church throughout the world, and unite us in bonds of service and love; remember the world you created, and continue the work of redemption for all creation; remember all who suffer any need or want, and remember those who have died by violence or disaster, and those whom we love and see no longer, as well as the saints in ages past.

And at the last, give us rest with all your saints in that realm where pain is no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, praise, honor, glory and blessing be to you, God Most High, forever and 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Christ our pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us,
there-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

The Great Amen is the only word in our Book of Common Prayer that is in all capital letters. It emphasizes that we all join together in asking Jesus to be present in the bread and wine, in boldly affirming our desire to receive God. It is appropriate to say this with enthusiasm!

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist.

The Fraction recalls Jesus breaking the bread at the Last Supper to share with the disciples, and reminds us that Jesus' body was broken on the cross for us to be shared with the world. Therefore we keep a moment of silence for prayers of awe and gratitude.



INVITATION

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free bread is available; please ask the clergy. Receiving the bread only is full communion in the body of Christ, so if you choose to not receive the wine, you may cross your arms over your chest as you pass the Eucharistic Minister, or take a cup of consecrated juice.

To receive communion, hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. Then take a cup of wine or juice from the Eucharistic Minister, move to the next tray, consume the bread and wine there, put the empty cup in the tray, and replace your mask before returning to your seat.

Anyone who has not been baptized, or for other reasons desires to receive a blessing instead of Communion is invited to come forward, and cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing. If you seek a deeper relationship with Christ through baptism, please speak with a priest after the service.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Woman, Why Weepest Thou"

by Rob Gardner

Cameo Humes, tenor; Tobin Schindler, cello

*Woman, why weepest thou? Know ye not that angels now surround thee?
Woman, why seekest thou the living among the dead? He is not here, for He is risen!
Woman, why sorrowest thou? Know ye not that heaven's eyes are on thee?
Woman, whom seekest thou? He lives! The Redeemer lives!
O child, why weepest thou? Know ye not the Shepherd's arms that hold thee?
O child, what seekest thou? Be still, and know that I am God.*

COMMUNION HYMN

"Alleluia, Jesus is Risen"

Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the
Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je -
sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; break - ing our bread, giv - ing us
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb. Riv - er of life, saints and arch -
ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
an - gels, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!



The Prayer for Spiritual Communion articulates a hunger for unity with Jesus Christ when you cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ. This prayer connects the one(s) praying with the reception of Holy Communion. Those worshipping online are invited to say this prayer as those onsite receive Communion.

After Communion, we give thanks for being part of the communion of God's life and for being fed so that we may go out to feed and serve others in our world.

One of the roles of the priest is to declare the eternal truth of God's ever-present blessing to God's people.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those worshipping remotely)*

In union, gracious God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, O Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

The people stand, as they are able.

Let us pray.

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; (v) and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Child, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. (v) To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's children through the resurrection of Jesus, (v) bestow upon you the riches of God's 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.



EXIT HYMN

"Hail, the day that sees Him rise"

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 There for Him high tri - umph waits; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 See He lifts His hands a - bove; Al - - le - lu - ia!

To His throne a - bove the skies! Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - - le - lu - ia!
 See! He shows the prints of love; Al - - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 He hath con- quered death and sin; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - - le - lu - ia!

En - ters now the high - est heav'n! Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Bless-ings on His Church be - low. Al - - le - lu - ia!

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond,

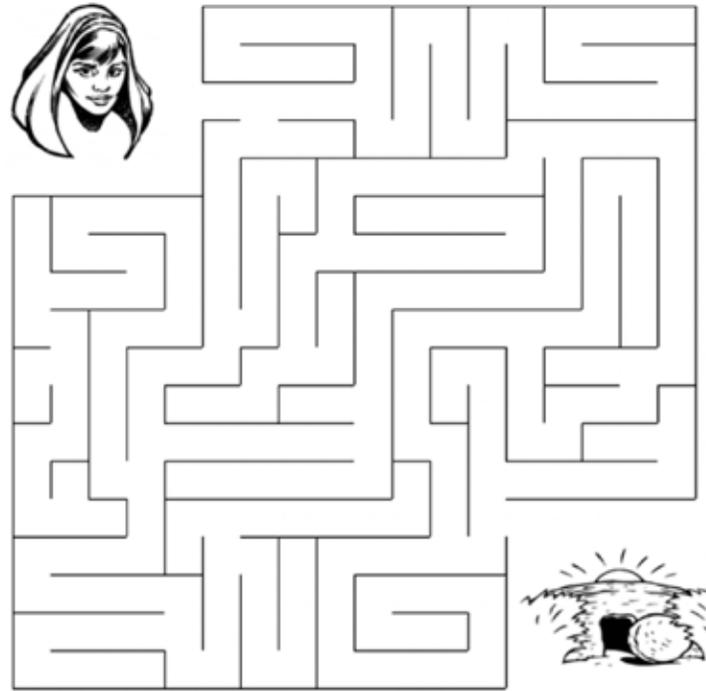
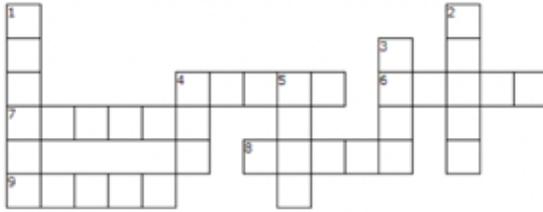
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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ACROSS

- 4. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers
- 6. Not dead
- 7. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
- 8. To have nothing inside
- 9. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

DOWN

- 1. Messengers from heaven
- 2. The color of snow; the opposite of black
- 3. The woman who found the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb
- 4. To produce tears; to weep
- 5. A grave or a room where someone is buried

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