



*The Great Vigil of Easter, or the Paschal Vigil, is an ancient liturgy structured in part from the exhortation in Hebrew Scripture to observe the Passover at twilight. The Vigil is the culmination of the Triduum, the three-day observance of Jesus' Passion beginning on Maundy Thursday. The service always begins in darkness sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and dawn on Easter morning. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, and we wait with him in darkness until Jesus' Resurrection bursts forth in brilliant light.*

## THE LIGHTING OF NEW FIRE

*Those who wish may gather outside around the worship leaders. If you prefer, have a seat in the Church; the worship leaders are wearing microphones so that you will be able to hear everything.*

*In the darkness, fire is kindled after which the Celebrant says*

Beloved 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 linger in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord in which, by virtue of our baptism into his death, into the hope of his resurrection, we celebrate the New Life we have received by his Mercy, awaiting the time when we may gather again around your holy altar.

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 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. The fire is passed from the Paschal candle to acolytes who will pass the flame to all the people outside. During the processions acolytes will pass the flame to those sitting on the aisle who should then pass it down the row.*

*The Celebrant bears the Candle and leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.*

## The Exsultet

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Please remain standing as able. The Celebrant, standing near the Candle, sings*

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.**

*Deacon*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And al - so with you.

*Deacon*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him 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 ancestors, 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 we are reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice of this candle in your honor. May Christ, the light of the world, bring us healing. May Christ, your light in us, drive away darkness and fear. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find our faith ever burning, our love of mercy and justice ever



14-15 God spoke: "Lights! Come out!  
Shine in Heaven's sky!  
Separate Day from Night.  
Mark seasons and days and years,  
Lights in Heaven's sky to give light  
to Earth."  
And there it was.

16-19 God made two big lights, the larger  
to take charge of Day,  
The smaller to be in charge of Night;  
and he made the stars.  
God placed them in the heavenly sky  
to light up Earth  
And oversee Day and Night,  
to separate light and dark.  
God saw that it was good.  
It was evening, it was morning—  
**Day Four.**

24-25 God spoke: "Earth, generate life!  
Every sort and kind:  
cattle and reptiles and wild animals—  
all kinds."  
And there it was:  
wild animals of every kind,  
Cattle of all kinds,  
every sort of reptile and bug.  
God saw that it was good.

26-28 God spoke: "Let us make human beings  
in our image,  
make them reflecting our nature  
So they can be responsible for the fish in  
the sea,  
the birds in the air, the cattle,  
And, yes, Earth itself,  
and every animal that moves on the  
face of Earth."  
God created human beings;  
he created them godlike,  
Reflecting God's nature.  
He created them male and female.

20-23 God spoke: "Swarm!  
Ocean, with fish and all sea life!  
Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!"  
God created the huge whales,  
all the swarm of life in the waters,  
And every kind of flying bird.  
God saw that it was good.  
God blessed them: "Prosper!  
Reproduce! Fill Ocean!  
Birds, reproduce on Earth!"  
It was evening, it was morning—  
**Day Five.**

God blessed them:  
"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth!  
Take charge!  
Be responsible for fish in the sea  
and birds in the air,  
for every living thing  
that moves on the face of Earth."

29-30 Then God said, "I've given you  
every sort of seed-bearing plant on  
Earth  
And every kind of fruit-bearing tree,  
given them to you for food.  
To all animals and all birds,  
everything that moves and breathes,  
I give whatever grows out of  
the ground for food."  
And there it was.

31 God looked over everything he had made;  
it was so good, so very good!  
It was evening, it was morning—  
**Day Six.**

2:1 Heaven and Earth were finished,  
 down to the last detail.

2-4 By the seventh day  
 God had finished his work.  
 On the seventh day  
 he rested from all his work.  
 God blessed the seventh day.  
 He made it a Holy Day  
 Because on that day he rested from his work,  
 all the creating God had done.

This is the story of how it all started,  
 of Heaven and Earth when they were created.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Response Hymn**

*Morning has Broken*

H 8

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
 blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
 Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
 like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
 sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
 born of the one light Eden saw play!  
 Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
 God's re-creation of the new day!

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

**Exodus 14:10 – 15:1**

*Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea*

*from The Message by E. Peterson*

<sup>14:10-12</sup> As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up and saw them—Egyptians! Coming at them!  
 They were totally afraid. They cried out in terror to God. They told Moses, "Weren't the  
 cemeteries large enough in Egypt so that you had to take us out here in the wilderness to die?  
 What have you done to us, taking us out of Egypt? Back in Egypt didn't we tell you this would  
 happen? Didn't we tell you, 'Leave us alone here in Egypt—we're better off as slaves in Egypt than  
 as corpses in the wilderness.'"

- 13 Moses spoke to the people: “Don’t be afraid. Stand firm and watch God do his work of salvation for you today. Take a good look at the Egyptians today for you’re never going to see them again.
- 14 God will fight the battle for you.  
And you? You keep your mouths shut!”
- 15-16 God said to Moses: “Why cry out to me? Speak to the Israelites. Order them to get moving. Hold your staff high and stretch your hand out over the sea: Split the sea! The Israelites will walk through the sea on dry ground.
- 17-18 “Meanwhile I’ll make sure the Egyptians keep up their stubborn chase—I’ll use Pharaoh and his entire army, his chariots and horsemen, to put my Glory on display so that the Egyptians will realize that I am God.”
- 19-20 The angel of God that had been leading the camp of Israel now shifted and got behind them. And the Pillar of Cloud that had been in front also shifted to the rear. The Cloud was now between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. The Cloud enshrouded one camp in darkness and flooded the other with light. The two camps didn’t come near each other all night.
- 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and God, with a terrific east wind all night long, made the sea go back. He made the sea dry ground. The seawaters split.
- 22-25 The Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground with the waters a wall to the right and to the left. The Egyptians came after them in full pursuit, every horse and chariot and driver of Pharaoh racing into the middle of the sea. It was now the morning watch. God looked down from the Pillar of Fire and Cloud on the Egyptian army and threw them into a panic. He clogged the wheels of their chariots; they were stuck in the mud.
- The Egyptians said, “Run from Israel! God is fighting on their side and against Egypt!”
- 26 God said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea and the waters will come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots, over their horsemen.”
- 27-28 Moses stretched his hand out over the sea: As the day broke and the Egyptians were running, the sea returned to its place as before. God dumped the Egyptians in the middle of the sea. The waters returned, drowning the chariots and riders of Pharaoh’s army that had chased after Israel into the sea. Not one of them survived.
- 29-31 But the Israelites walked right through the middle of the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall to the right and to the left. God delivered Israel that day from the oppression of the Egyptians. And Israel looked at the Egyptian dead, washed up on the shore of the sea, and realized the tremendous power that God brought against the Egyptians. The people were in reverent awe before God and trusted in God and his servant Moses.
- 15:1 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to God, giving voice together,  
I’m singing my heart out to God—what a victory!  
He pitched horse and rider into the sea!

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Response Hymn

Wisdom freed a holy people

VF 155, verse 1, 3, & 4

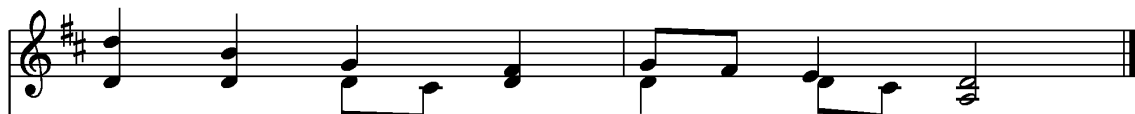
*Please stand or sit as best helps you to sing.*



1 Wis - dom freed a ho - ly peo - ple, blame - less, from op -  
3 Through the Red Sea safe - ly brought them, led a - long the  
4 For sal - va - tion, Lord, the right - eous praised your name with



pres - sor's sword, and with - stood, with signs and won - ders,  
wat - ers steep, but their en - e - mies she swal - lowed,  
one ac - cord: song - filled tongues of new - born peo - ple



ru - lers' dread, to serve the Lord.  
o - ver - whelmed them in the deep.  
ut - tered Wis - dom's migh - ty word.

*Celebrant*

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.

*People*

**Amen.**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*The Valley of Dry Bones*

*from The Message by E. Peterson*

- 37:1-2 GOD grabbed me. GOD's Spirit took me up and set me down in the middle of an open plain strewn with bones. He led me around and among them—a lot of bones! There were bones all over the plain—dry bones, bleached by the sun.
- 3 He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"  
I said, "Master GOD, only you know that."
- 4 He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones: 'Dry bones, listen to the Message of GOD!'"
- 5-6 GOD, the Master, told the dry bones, "Watch this: I'm bringing the breath of life to you and you'll come to life. I'll attach sinews to you, put meat on your bones, cover you with skin, and breathe life into you. You'll come alive and you'll realize that I am GOD!"
- 7-8 I prophesied just as I'd been commanded. As I prophesied, there was a sound and, oh, rustling! The bones moved and came together, bone to bone. I kept watching. Sinews formed, then muscles on the bones, then skin stretched over them. But they had no breath in them.
- 9 He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath. Prophesy, son of man. Tell the breath, 'GOD, the Master, says, Come from the four winds. Come, breath. Breathe on these slain bodies. Breathe life!'"

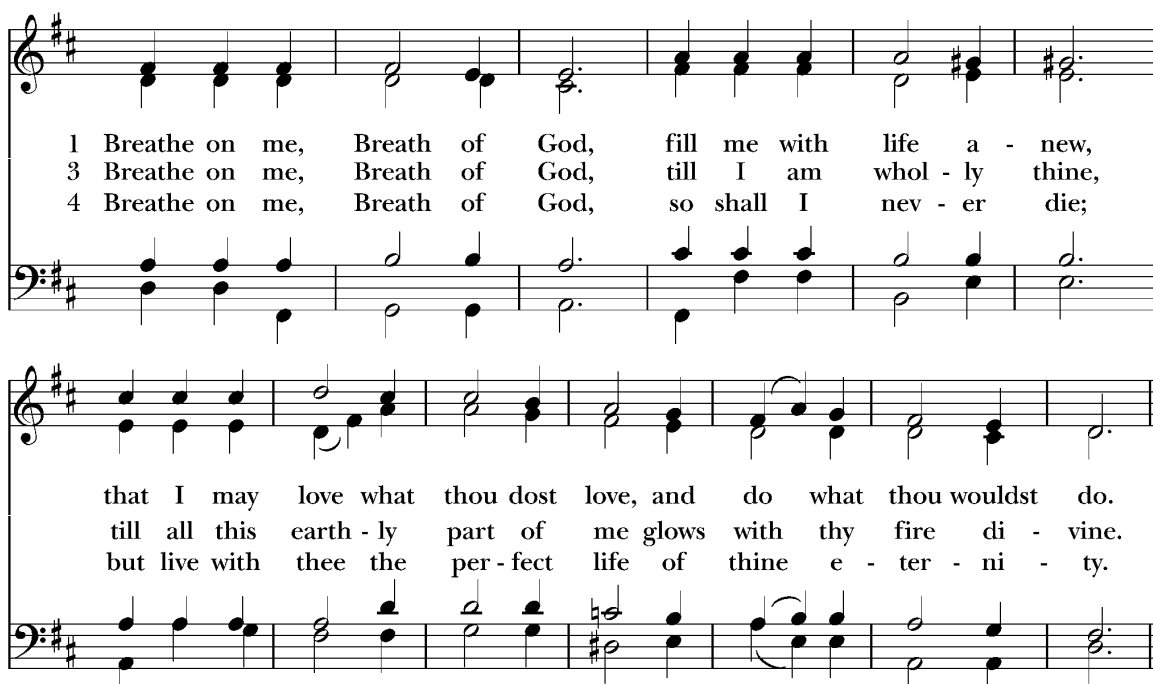
- 10 So I prophesied, just as he commanded me. The breath entered them and they came alive! They stood up on their feet, a huge army.
- 11 Then God said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Listen to what they're saying: 'Our bones are dried up, our hope is gone, there's nothing left of us.'
- 12-14 "Therefore, prophesy. Tell them, 'GOD, the Master, says: I'll dig up your graves and bring you out alive—O my people! Then I'll take you straight to the land of Israel. When I dig up graves and bring you out as my people, you'll realize that I am GOD. I'll breathe my life into you and you'll live. Then I'll lead you straight back to your land and you'll realize that I am GOD. I've said it and I'll do it. GOD's Decree.'"

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*         **Thanks be to God.**

**Response Anthem**

*Breathe on me breath of God*

H 508, verses 1, 3, & 4



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;  
 that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.  
*You may stand.*

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

**Easter Acclamation**

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

*All the people stand as able and ring bells, jingle keys, and blow noisemakers! Please extinguish your candles.*

**Anthem**

*Glory to God*

MHSO 117, three times

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;  
 Glo - ry to God; Praise to the  
 Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.  
 Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

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

*All the people ring bells, jingle keys, and blow noisemakers again!*

### The Collect of The Day

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

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### Psalm 114

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,  
 the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

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

The sea beheld it and fled;  
 Jordan turned and went back.

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

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?  
 O Jordan, that you turned back?

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

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

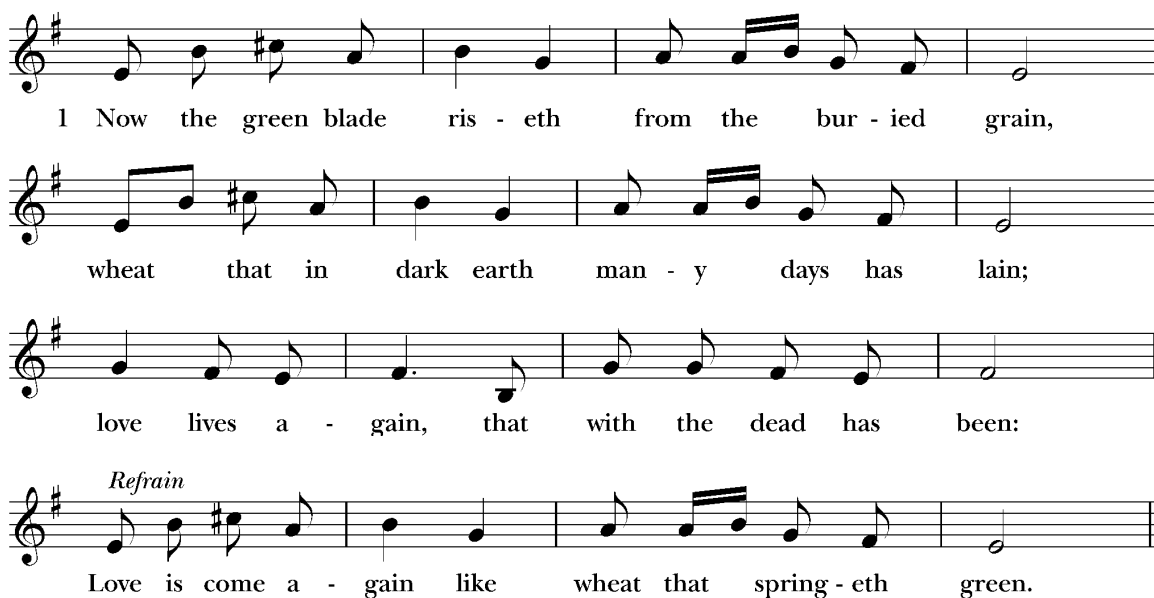
**Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

**Sequence Hymn**

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

H 204, verse 1

*Please stand or sit as best helps you to sing.*



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,  
wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
*Refrain*  
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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 worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Celebrant* 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 ending, 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.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*People* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

*1 Chronicles 29:11*



*The Offertory is when we make a sacred gift to God as part of our worship. You can give by putting cash or checks in the offering plate as it comes by or make an electronic offering by texting Trinitytowson to 73256 or using the QR code provided.*

*If you give electronically, please participate in the liturgy by placing one of the e-giving cards found in your pew into the plate. Even if you can't make a financial contribution, you can acknowledge your offering of time and talent to Trinity by using one of the "I give my heart to God" cards found in the Narthex (lobby) of the Church.*

### Offertory Anthem

*Now Christ is Risen*

by J.S. Bachj

### Doxology

*Glory to God*

MHSO 117, once

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;  
Glo - ry to God; Praise to the  
Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.  
Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

### The Great Thanksgiving

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

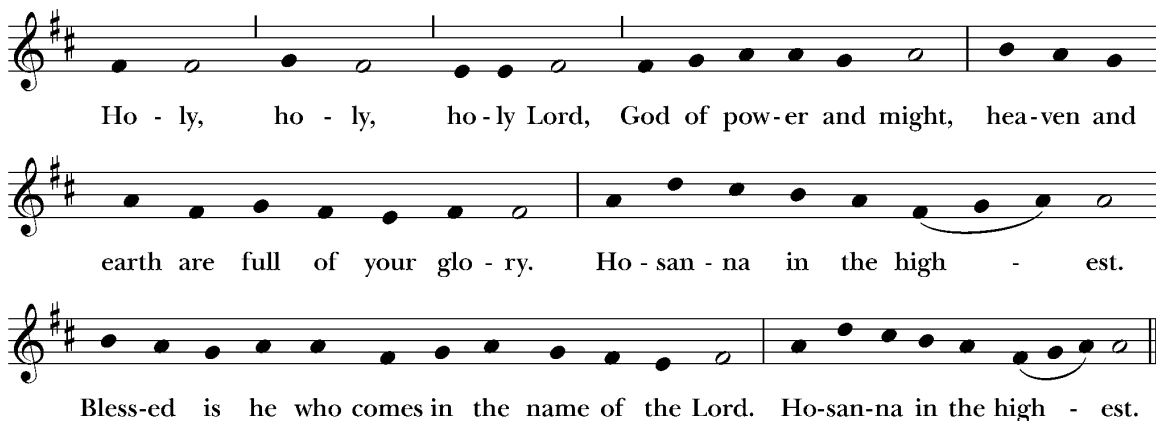
*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

### *Holy, Holy, Holy*

S 124



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

*Celebrant* On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world around us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*People* **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
*All* **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant raises the bread, breaks it, and following a period of silence*

*Celebrant* **Alleluia!** Christ our passover is sacrificed for us!

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

*The Celebrant continues*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is the Table not of the Church but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have fallen short. Come, for it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who wish to meet him should find him here.

## Distribution

*In the Episcopal Church we distribute both the Bread and Wine of the Holy Communion, but receiving the Bread only is a full and valid communion. Please ask for a gluten-free wafer if you need one. Our normative practice is to drink from the deeper common cup, but you may also dip your wafer in one of the shallow chalices. If you would prefer not to receive communion, we invite you to come forward with your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. The sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, but **here at Trinity no one who comes forward to receive communion is ever turned away.***

**Communion Hymn**

*Jesus is Lord of All the Earth*

H 178

*Descant*

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

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

| 1-4 | *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Blessing

*Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.

### Closing Hymn

*At break of day*

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*Please stand or sit as best helps you to sing.*



1 At break of day three wo - men came to find where Christ was laid.  
2 O Ma - ry, see your Son a - gain, in re - sur - rec - tion joy.  
3 Come ce - le - brate the death of death! Come share e - ter - nal life!



With myrrh pre - pared to anoint His corpse, they wept and mourned the dead.  
Shine, shine Je - ru - sa - lem, for Christ is risen in ma - jes - ty.  
Come leap and praise the liv - ing God who o - pens Par - a - dise!



But now the stone is rolled a - way, they wor - ship in full day,  
Lift up your eyes, look round and see, re joic - ing strong and free,  
For dawn is come all shin - ing bright, to show sal - va - tion's might



Then run to take the good news back and share their ho - ly joy.  
Your child - ren come to find their home for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
To break the tomb, burst through the gloom, and flood the world with light.

### Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

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