



CHURCH *of the*
INCARNATION

THE GREAT VIGIL &
FIRST EUCHARIST *of* EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021
AT 8 PM

THE GREAT VIGIL *of* EASTER

Musical Setting: *Mass of the Resurrection*, by Robert Lehman (b. 1960)

THE KINDLING OF THE NEW FIRE

The ministers assemble around the brazier in the narthex.

All stand and face the brazier.

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

DEARLY beloved: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church doth bid her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and in prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his most holy Word and celebrating his Holy Sacraments, we share in his victory over sin and death.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, through thy Son Jesus Christ, thou hast bestowed upon thy people the brightness of thine eternal light: Sanctify this new fire, we beseech thee, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure hearts and minds we may attain unto the feast of thine eternal brightness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Tracing the cross on the candle with a knife, the Celebrant says

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End.

Tracing the Alpha and Omega, the Celebrant says

The Alpha and the Omega.

Tracing the year, the Celebrant says

His are the times and the ages; to him be glory and dominion throughout all ages of eternity.

Placing the incense grains in the five points of the cross, the Celebrant says

Through his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord ever guard and preserve us.

As the Paschal Candle is lighted, the Celebrant says

May the Light of Christ, gloriously rising, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Deacon leads the procession into the church, pausing three times and saying

Deacon The light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE EXSULTET

The candles held by the congregation are lighted from the Paschal Candle. The Cantor 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 hath been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let thy holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of thy people.

All ye who stand near this marvelous, 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 liveth and reigneth with him, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Cantor continues

IT is very meet and right, at all times and in all places, with our whole heart and mind and voice, that we should praise thee, the Invisible, Almighty and Eternal God, and thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and delivered by his blood thy faithful people.

This is the night, when thou didst bring our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the shadow 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 thy mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, thou gavest a Son.

O happy fault: O necessary sin of Adam which gained for us so great a Redeemer!

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. It restoreth innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casteth out pride and hatred, and bringeth peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in thine honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knoweth no setting, find it ever burning: he who giveth his light to all creation.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to direct, sanctify and govern us thy servants, and all thy faithful family, with thy continual grace; that we may pass our time in peace and gladness, in the Festival of our redemption; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE PROPHECIES

The Celebrant says

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

All sit.

The First Prophecy: The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1–2:2

IN the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

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

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done.

Psalm 36:5-10

Sung by the choir

Plainsong, Tone II

THY mercy, O LORD, reacheth unto the heavens : and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.
Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains : thy judgements are like the great deep.
Thou, LORD, shalt save both man and beast; How excellent is thy mercy, O God :
and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house :
and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.
For with thee is the well of life : and in thy light shall we see light.
O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee :
and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, even thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All sit.

The Second Prophecy: Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22:1-18

GOD tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; and he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the ass; I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place The LORD will provide; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

Psalm 16:1-2, 7-11

Sung by the choir

Plainsong, Tone VIII

PRESERVE me, O God : for in thee have I put my trust.
O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD : Thou art my God; I have no good like unto thee.
All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth : and upon such as excel in virtue.
I will thank the LORD for giving me warning : my reins also chasten me in the night-season.
I have set the LORD alway before me : for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.
Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth : my flesh also shall rest in hope.
For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell : neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.
Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy :
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMMIGHTY God, who dost multiply the children of thy promise throughout the world by diffusing the Spirit of adoption and grace; Grant, we beseech thee, that all the peoples of the earth may look to thee and be saved, and be numbered among the offspring of Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All sit.

The Third Prophecy: Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10–15:1

WHEN Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and they were in great fear. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD; and they said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, in bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we said to 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.” And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work 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 be still.” The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go on dry ground through the sea. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

Then the angel of God who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness; and the night passed without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down upon the host of the Egyptians, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily; and the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel; for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” So Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its wonted flow when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled into it, and the LORD routed the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not so much as one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. And Israel saw the great work which the LORD did against the Egyptians, and the people feared the LORD; and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Canticle

Sung by the choir

Cantemus Domino

Plainsong, Tone II

I will sing unto the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation: this is my God and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his Name.

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

WHOSE mighty works of old enlighten even our present generation; and who hast delivered by the power of thy mighty arm thy chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a people chosen to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: grant now, we beseech thee, to them that thirst for thee, the waters of life, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in thy glorious kingdom and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All sit.

The Fourth Prophecy: The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

THE hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me round among them; and behold, there were very many upon the valley; and lo, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, thou knowest." Again 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: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon 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 was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And as I looked, 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, son of man, 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.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great host. Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, says the LORD.'"

Psalm 30:1-5

Sung by the choir

Plainsong, Tone 1

I WILL magnify thee, O LORD, for thou hast set me up : and not made my foes to triumph over me.
O LORD my God, I cried unto thee : and thou hast healed me.
Thou, LORD, hast brought my soul out of hell : thou hast kept my life that I should not go down into the pit.
Singing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his : and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.
For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life :
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably upon thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence, carry out the work of men's salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

All sit.

THE SERMON

Father Chase Skorburg

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The People remain seated.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present Hannah Marie Woehr to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the candidate

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The People stand and the Celebrant addresses them, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People We will.

The Baptismal Covenant

The Celebrant then invites the People to renew their promises made at Baptism.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker 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; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

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

The Celebrant continues with the Baptismal Covenant; the People respond to each question

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

The Deacon then offers prayers for our parish family and the one who is to receive the Sacrament of New Birth.

Each petition concludes

Lord, in thy mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

As the procession moves to the font, the choir sings the following motet.

Motet

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)

SICUT cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

Psalms 42: 1

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Prayer of Blessing over the water. The Prayer concludes
... with thee and the same Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

All sit.

The Baptism

The Priest pours water upon the candidate, saying

Hannah, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

People Amen.

The Priest marks on the candidate's forehead the sign of the cross and says

Hannah, thou art sealed by the Holy Ghost in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People Amen.

After the baptism, a candle is presented by the clergy to the baptized, the Deacon saying

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *Amen.*

All stand and the Celebrant says a prayer of thanksgiving.

The Celebrant then says to the People

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

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.

As the procession returns, the Celebrant sprinkles the people with Holy Water while the choir sings:

I saw water proceeding out of the temple,
from the right side thereof;
and all they to whom that water came were healed.

THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION of EASTER

All remain standing.

The candles at the Altar are lighted from the Paschal Candle.

The people extinguish their candles.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant proclaims three times in a loud voice

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People SHOUT **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

The organ plays a fanfare.

The people ring their bells and do so throughout the Gloria.

Gloria in excelsis*Sung by the choir*

GLORY be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high ✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst make this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in thy Church that Spirit of adoption which thou didst bestow upon us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship thee in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All sit.

THE LESSONS**The 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? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 194

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

St. Albinus

All stand.

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AFTER the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Hail!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition concludes

Deacon Lord, in thy mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Anthem

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

LET all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

The church with Psalms must shout.
No door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.

George Herbert (1593–1633)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface, which concludes

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sung by the choir

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel.

THE CANON OF THE EUCHARIST

The Celebrant continues

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy ✠ grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

Communion Devotions

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

People and Celebrant

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei *Sung by the choir*

OLAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Please remain kneeling. Holy Communion will be brought to you in your pew.

Instructions for Holy Communion

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are welcome to do so on this occasion.

Communion is received in the following way: a priest places the Bread in the palm of your hand, which you then consume. If you do not wish to receive Communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Please feel free to consult with a member of the clergy if you have more questions.

Anthem

French traditional, arr. Simon Lindley (b. 1948)

NOW the green blade riseth from the buried grain. Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lies again, that with the dead has been: *Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.* In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain, thinking that never he would wake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: *Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.* Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain. He that for three days in the grave had lain. Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: *Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.* When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: *Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

John M.C. Crum (1872–1958)

CONCLUDING RITES

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Pontifical Blessing

The Rector alone stands and gives the Pontifical Blessing.

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People From this time forth for ever-more.

The Bishop continues

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The people ring their bells throughout the final hymn.

Hymn 210

The day of resurrection!

Ellacombe

Organ Voluntary

Grand chœur dialogué

Eugène Gigout (1844–1925)