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**The Great Vigil of Easter
April 19, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

Welcome – The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson

The Kindling of the New Fire

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words:

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

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The inscription on the paschal candle is traced.

P: Christ, yesterday and today,	✙
the beginning and the ending.	A Ω
To Christ belongs all time	2
and all the ages;	0
to Christ belongs glory and dominion	2
now and forever.	5

C: Amen.

THE PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH



The presiding minister lights the paschal candle, using a stick or taper from the fire. The candles of the congregation are also lit, and the Paschal candle is processed into the church, pausing 3 times to sing:



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand and the congregation sings:



1. Sound sal - va - tion's might - y trum - pet! An - gels, in glad cho - rus sing!
2. Sing, ex - ult, O ho - ly peo - ple, on you shines the Ris - en One!
3. On this night the He - brew peo - ple passed from slav - 'ry through the sea;
4. On this night God's bound - less mer - cy t'ward the hu - man fam - i - ly
5. Lord, re - ceive this East - er can - dle, flame un - dimmed by giv - ing light;



1. All that lives, pro - claim in joy now: Je - sus is our Ris - en King!
2. With full hearts, and minds and voic - es praise the ev - er - last - ing Sun.
3. on this night the bap - tized faith - ful share in Je - sus' vic - to - ry.
4. shows the fault of our first par - ents hap - py in its rem - e - dy.
5. when your Son re - turns in glo - ry, may he find it burn - ing bright.



1. Earth, re - joice in shin - ing splen - dor, all cre - a - tion bathed in light!
2. Ask we now for one an - oth - er grace to — pray this East - er song,
3. Had he not come as re - deem - er, worth - less would our lives have been;
4. On this night the Star of — Morn - ing, Christ, is — ris - en from the dead;
5. May the fire that Je - sus kin - dled spread to — earth's re - mot - est part;



1. Christ has con - quered, glo - ry fills you, ra - diance o - ver - comes the night.
2. faith in Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion, hope and love for - ev - er strong.
3. but his blood has paid our ran - som, free - ing us from chains of sin.
4. rec - on - ciled is all cre - a - tion, and to heav - en earth is wed.
5. may the Star of Morn - ing find it still a - blaze in ev - 'ry heart.

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Music: HYMN TO JOY, 87 87 D, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



The Introduction

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

The people are seated.

In THE BEGINNING



The Story of Creation – Genesis 1:1-2:3 – *told by Paul Amendt*

Acclamation



And God saw _____ that it was good, _____ and there was
eve - ning, and morn - ing. _____

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Refrain



We praise you, O Lord, for all your works are won-der-ful.
We praise you, O Lord, for - ev - er is your love.

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Silence follows.

Collect

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Salvation Offered Freely to All – Isaiah 55:1-11 – read by Allison Johnson

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song Response – # 679 – “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”



1. Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not
2. Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex-alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his



sav - ing help is near. So re - jice as you draw
works his might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in



wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the
sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell, in your



day of your de - liv - rance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1944- ; para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*.
Music: THOMAS MERTON (87. 87. D), Ray W. Urwin, 1950-

Silence follows.

Collect

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

The Valley of Dry Bones – Ezekiel 37:1-14 – read by *Richard Lemmer*

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, prophecy, 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 prophecy, 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Song Response – “Shout for Joy”



1 Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song! To the Lord
2 By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade, na-ture's won -
3 Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came for us all— not the righ -
4 Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, and his Spir - it is giv'n to all those

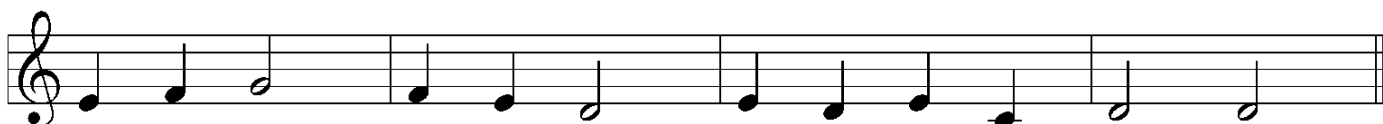


we be - long: chil-dren of our mak - er, God the great life giv - er.
ders dis-played, we to rule cre - a - tion from its first foun - da - tion.
teous to call— by his cross and pas - sion, bring - ing us sal - va - tion.
un - der heav'n who now walk be - side him, though they once de - nied him.

Refrain



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!



God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

Text: David Mowbray, b. 1938

Music: PERSONENT HODIE. *Piae cantiones*, 1582

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Silence follows.

Collect


P: 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.

C: Amen.


THE GOSPEL OF EASTER

Celebrant



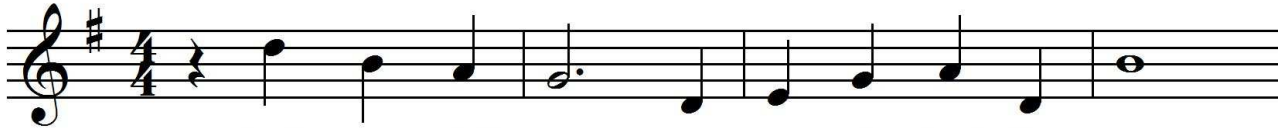
Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ri - sen!

Congregation




The Lord is ri - sen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.


Hymn of Praise – “God’s Paschal Lamb” (Daw/SINE NOMINE)




1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead;



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of — truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to — God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



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

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Collect for the Vigil of Easter

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson – Romans 6:3-11 – *read by Maurice Hill*

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel – John 20:1-11 – *read by Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson*

D: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

C: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.

D: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily – The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson



Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

P: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented by their Parents and Godparents, as follows:

Parents and Godparents (P&G):

I present Hazel Noelle Meyer to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented, the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:

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

P&G: I will, with God's help.

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

P&G: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:

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

P&G: I renounce them.

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

P&G: I renounce them.

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

P&G: I renounce them.

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

P&G: I do.

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

P&G: I do.

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

P&G: I do.

After the presentation and examination, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying,

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

C: **We will.**

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

The Baptismal Covenant

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

C: **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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

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

C: **I will, with God's help.**

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

C: **I will, with God's help.**

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

C: **I will, with God's help.**

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

C: **I will, with God's help.**

- P: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
C: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate



- P: Let us now pray for Hazel Noelle Meyer who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
LEM: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- LEM: Open her heart to your grace and truth.
C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- LEM: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- LEM: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- LEM: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- LEM: Send her into the world in witness to your love.
C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- LEM: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P: 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 for ever.
C: **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water:

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



The Celebrant continues.

P: 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 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.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:

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.

C: Amen.

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying:

P: Hazel Noelle Meyer, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

After the candidate is baptized, the following is sung:

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal -
- le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu -
jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

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Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying:

P: Hazel Noelle Meyer, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: **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 Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem – “Wounded Alleluia” (J.M. Martin/C. Courtney)

Tonight's offering goes to support the work of the Tri-Counties Anti-Defamation League:

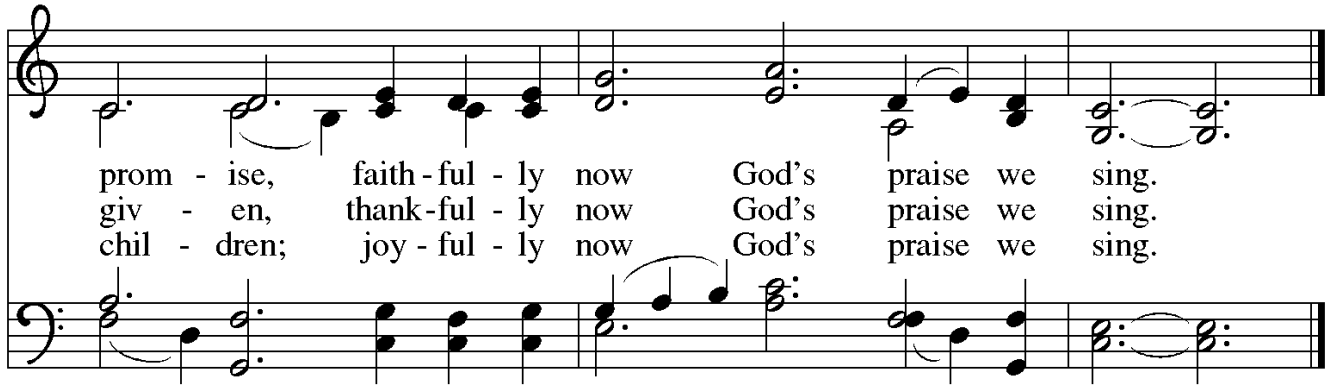
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Presentation Hymn – # 693 (WOV) – “Baptized in Water”

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system has three lines of lyrics, and the second system has three lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A from *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 361)

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

[Here a proper preface is sung or said.]

P: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Al - le - lu - ia.
Heav'n and earth your glo - ry fills; Al - le - lu - ia.
Bless - ed comes the One Di - vine, Al - le - lu - ia,
in the bread and in the wine, Al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Robert Williams, LLANFAIR (77. 77 with Alleluias).

The people stand or kneel.

P: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

C: **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.

Fraction Anthem

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of two main sections: a Refrain and a Verse. The Refrain is marked with a double bar line and a repeat sign, and includes the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give Praise to his Name." The Verse is marked with a double bar line and includes the lyrics: "Bless - ed are those _____ who are _____ called, called to the Sup - per of the _____ Lamb. Al - le -". The score ends with a double bar line and the instruction "D.S. al Fine".

Music: Donald Fishel, ALLELUIA No. 1 (8 8 and refrain); arr. Betty Pulkingham.

The Invitation

P: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come forward to the two stations for Communion at the direction of the ushers. Receive the wine by drinking from the chalice as it is offered to you, or by retaining the wafer, and a Lay Eucharistic Minister will dip it in the wine and place it back in your hand. If you are not receiving, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing. If you are unable to physically come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like to receive Communion at your seat.

Post-Communion Prayer

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



Solemn Prayer over the People and Easter Blessing

P: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn – “Christ, Be Our Light”

Verses

1. This is the night of new be - gin - nings.
2. This is the night Christ our re - deem - er
3. Now will the fire kin - dled in dark - ness
4. Sing of the hope deep - er than dy - ing.
5. In - to this world morn - ing is break - ing.

1. This is the night when heav - en meets earth.
2. rose from the grave tri - um - phant and free,
3. burn to dis - pel the shad - ows of night.
4. Sing of the pow'r strong - er than death.
5. All of God's peo - ple, lift up your voice.

1. This is the night filled with God's glo - ry,
2. leav - ing the tomb of e - vil and dark - ness,
3. Star of the morn - ing, Je - sus our Sav - ior,
4. Sing of the love end - less as heav - en,
5. Cry out with joy, tell out the sto - ry,

1. prom - ise of our new birth! _____
2. emp - ty for all to see. _____
3. you are the world's true light! _____
4. dawn - ing through - out the earth. _____
5. all of the earth re - joice. _____

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. _____

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude – Brett Hanley, organ

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April 20

Camarillo United Methodist Church - 9:15 a.m.

(in person and livestreamed)

Share in this season's message of love, hope and transformation.

Easter Egg Hunt and reception to follow.

<https://camarilloumc.org/>

Mount Cross Lutheran Church - 9:30 a.m.

(in person and livestreamed)

Celebrate the joy of the resurrection with festive worship,
an Easter Egg Hunt for the children, and Easter breakfast for all, before or after worship.

Bring a flower for the cross.

www.mountcross.com

St. Columba's Episcopal Church - 9:30 a.m.

(in person and livestreamed)

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Festive Coffee Hour
and Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Bring a flower for the cross.

2:00 Easter potluck with Fr. Michael and his family.

www.stcolumbaca.com

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!