

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

## Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



## The Great Vigil of Easter

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The Rev. Carol Arney – Celebrant and Preacher

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## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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

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.

*The Celebrant may say the following prayer*

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. **Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon (the Celebrant if there is no deacon) bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying*

The light of Christ.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

*Then the Deacon, or other person appointed, standing near the Candle, sings or says the Exsultet, as follows*

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.**

The Lord be with you.

*People*    **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*    **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

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 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 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 man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture readings in these or similar words*

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.

*After each Lesson, the Psalm or Canticle listed, or some other suitable psalm, canticle, or hymn may be sung. A period of silence may be kept; and the Collect provided, or some other suitable Collect, may be said.*

**A reading from the book of Exodus** (14:10-31; 15:20-21 Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea)

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

*Reader*            Hear ends the reading.

**Canticle 8    The Song of Moses**    *Cantemus Domino (Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)*

*Congregation read in unison*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.    *Silence*

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. **Amen.**

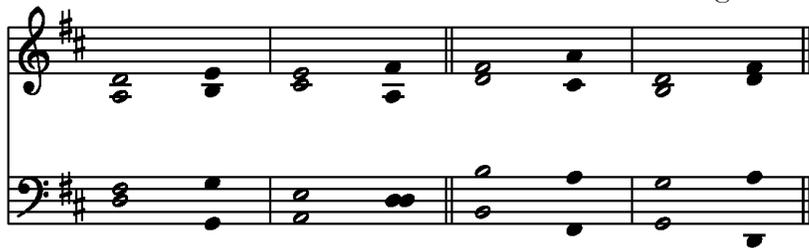
**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah** (4:2-6 God's Presence in a renewed Israel)

On that day the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and glory of the survivors of Israel. Whoever is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, once the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning. Then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over its places of assembly a cloud by day and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night. Indeed over all the glory there will be a canopy. It will serve as a pavilion, a shade by day from the heat, and a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

**Psalm 122** *Laetatus sum*

*Sung in unison*



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- 1 I was glad when they said to *me*,  
“Let us go to the house of the *LORD*.”
- 2 Now our feet are *standing* \*  
within your gates, O *Jerusalem*.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a *city* \*  
that is at unity with *itself*;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the *LORD*, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the *LORD*.
- 5 For there are the thrones of *judgment*, \*  
the thrones of the house of *David*.
- 6 Pray for the peace of *Jerusalem*: \*  
“May they prosper who love *you*.”
- 7 Peace be within your *walls* \*  
and quietness within your *towers*.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

*Celebrant* Let us pray. *Silence*

O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel** (37:1-14 The valley of dry bones)

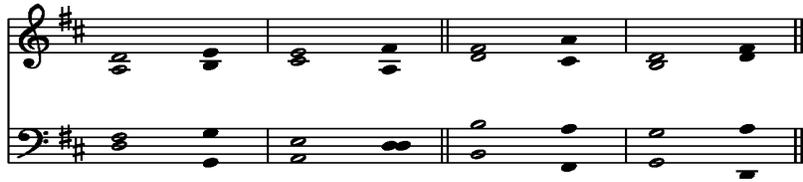
The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

Psalm 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*



- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have lifted me *up* \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph *over me*.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to *you*, \*  
and you restored me to *health*.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the *dead*; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the *grave*.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of *his*; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his *holiness*.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an *eye*, \*  
his favor for a *lifetime*.
- 6 Weeping may spend the *night*, \*  
but joy comes in the *morning*.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,  
“I shall never be *disturbed*. \*  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the *mountains*.”
- 8 Then you hid your *face*, \*  
and I was filled with *fear*.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, *saying*,
- 10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the *Pit*? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your *faithfulness*?”
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy *upon me*; \*  
O LORD, be my *helper*.”
- 12 You have turned my wailing into *dancing*; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with *joy*.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without *ceasing*; \*  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for *ever*.

*Priest* Let us pray. *Silence*

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.**

*The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle. (bells are rung)*

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*All standing*

*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, 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.

*Celebrant* 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.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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. ***Amen.***

*The Celebrant says to the people*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the collect*

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans** (6:3-11)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*



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- 1 Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of *Egypt*, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange *speech*,
- 2 Judah became God's *sanctuary* \*  
and Israel his *dominion*.
- 3 The sea beheld it and *fled*; \*  
Jordan turned and went *back*.
- 4 The mountains skipped like *rams*, \*  
and the little hills like young *sheep*.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you *fled*? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned *back*?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like *rams*? \*  
you little hills like young *sheep*?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the *Lord*, \*  
at the presence of the God of *Jacob*,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of *water* \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing *spring*.

## Sequence Hymn

*Christ lay in death's strong bands*

Hymnal 186



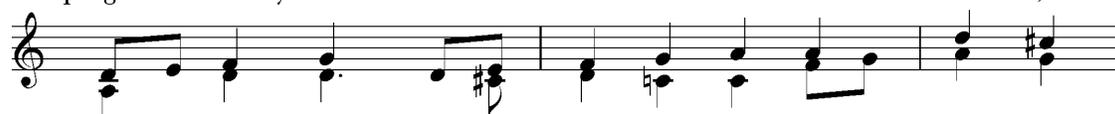
1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for  
 2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when  
 3 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to  
 4 Then let us feast this ho - ly day on



our of - fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right  
 life and death con - tend - ed; the vic - to - ry re -  
 which the Lord in - vites us; Christ is him - self the  
 the true bread of hea - ven; the word of grace hath



hand he stands and brings us life from hea - ven;  
 mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed;  
 joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us;  
 purged a - way the old and wick - ed lea - ven;



there - fore let us joy - ful be, and sing to  
 stripped of power, no more he reigns, an emp - ty  
 by his grace he doth im - part e - ter - nal  
 Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our



God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of al - le -  
 form a - lone re - mains; his sting is lost for  
 sun - shine to the heart; the night of sin is  
 meat and drink in - deed: faith lives up - on no



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 end - ed! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 o - ther! Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (24:1-12)

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

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

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Carol Arney

## Prayers of the People

## The Great Vigil of Easter

*Celebrant* Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day. Alleluia! So let us pray to our Lord, saying, "To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!"

*Leader* Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go. *Silence*

*Leader* To you we offer praise eternal;

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Incarnate Love, where hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, call forth new life by your touch. Bring forth life in the barren places of this world. *Silence*

To you we offer praise eternal;

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Author of Life, you are the ruler of creation. All things created on earth sing to your glory.  
From the death of the winter, raise the fair beauty of earth. *Silence*

To you we offer praise eternal;  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Living Savior, you hold the future. You bless and restore our families, our communities, our world with babies and children. Though they face uncertain days, we trust them to the certainty of your endless and eternal love. *Silence*

To you we offer praise eternal;  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Jesus, the health of the world, pour out your balm on our souls and the souls of all in pain or sorrow. Be the source of life for all people. *The congregation may add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence*

To you we offer praise eternal;  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Purify us, O Lord, from all evil that we may rightly see you in the eternal light of your resurrection. By your victory, bring us from death to life eternal. *Silence*

To you we offer praise eternal;  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever, **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

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

# The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

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*

## Offertory Hymn

*Surely it is God who saves me*

**Hymnal 769**

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 sav - ing  
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his  
 help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with  
 va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the  
 liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. Once the altar is prepared the following Doxology may be sung.*

*Ho'ōnani i ka Makua mau*

**Nā Hīmeni o Ka 'Ekalesia 1**

Ho - 'o - na - ni i ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke Kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne nō,  
 Ke A - ku - a mau ho - 'o - mai - ka - 'i pu, Ko ke - ia ao, ko ke - la ao. A - me - ne.

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

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:

*Celebrant and People then sing*

*Sanctus*

Hymnal S 129

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.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has 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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Ministration of Communion**

*The people are seated. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive the Holy Communion regardless of age or Christian tradition. Anglicans believe in the "Real Presence" where, in the Bread and Wine, Christ is made "real" and "present." The nature of this grace is that Christ received even if one of the elements is received alone. During this time of pandemic as case numbers decline, vaccinations increase, and treatments improve, we are again distributing the Bread and the Wine in Communion. Communing from the common cup is optional, based on your personal judgment. The chalice on your left (facing the altar) will be for intinction; the chalice on the right is for those who wish to drink from the cup. Please refrain if you are not feeling well. Those who are not baptized may receive a blessing; please join in the movement to the altar and cross your arms over your heart; this will alert the Celebrant of your desire to receive a blessing.*

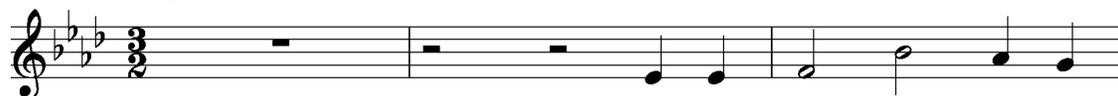
*Faith @ Home: Prayer/ Act of Reception for those who cannot receive the Sacrament  
(from St. Augustine's Prayer Book, Order of the Holy Cross)*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

Communion Hymn

*As we gather at your table*

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1. As we gath - er at your  
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to



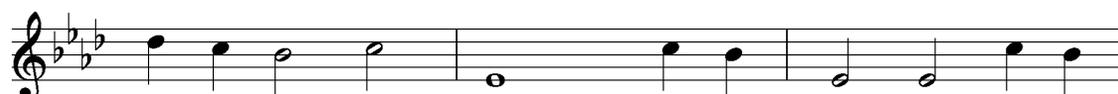
Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us  
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us



know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be  
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is



stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we  
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -



claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly  
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your



ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
im - age in the world you died to save. *to verse 3*



3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us



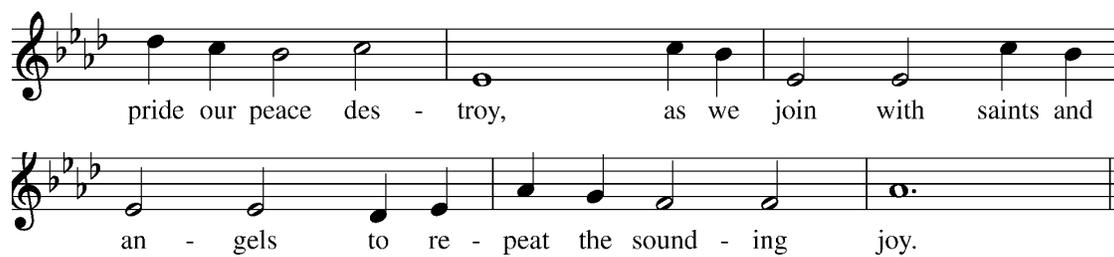
sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -



um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and



least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will



## Postcommunion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*Celebrant blesses the people*

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. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.  
 People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude**



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