

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2025  
7:30PM



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### THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*In darkness, fire is kindled.*

#### THE BIDDING AND BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE

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. **Amen.**

#### THE INSCRIPTION & BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*The Celebrant traces the cross, Alpha and Omega, and the year on the Paschal Candle, saying this prayer,*

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End.  
Alpha and Omega,  
His are the time and the ages.  
To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then places five grains of incense, on each into the four points and center of the cross on the Candle, saying,*

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

*Using a taper, the Paschal Candle is lighted from the New Fire, and the Celebrant says,*

May the light of Christ gloriously dispel the darkness of our hearts and souls.

*The procession enters the Church. The Celebrant pauses three times to raise the Paschal Candle, and sings, each time at a higher pitch,*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. The Cantor sings The Exsultet as the people's candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle.*

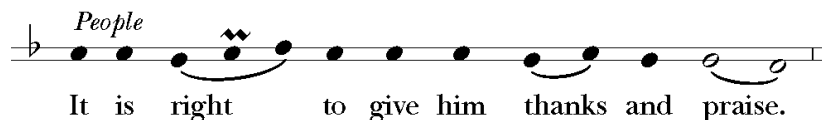
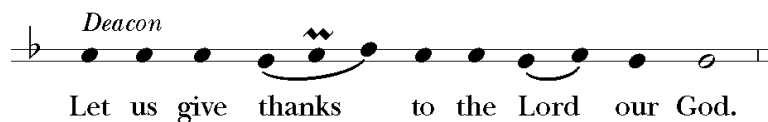
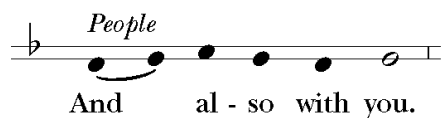
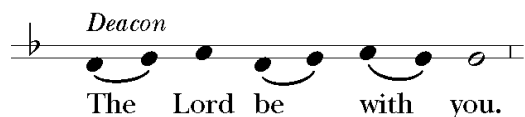
## THE EXSULTET

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.**



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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### *Celebrant*

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.

### ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

### *Reader*

A reading from the book of Exodus.

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."

*The people join in singing the antiphon at the beginning and end of the canticle.*



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.

*The people stand for the collect and are then seated for the reading that follows.*

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL

Isaiah 55:1-11

*Reader*     A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

## THE RESPONSE

The First Song of Isaiah, *Ecce, Deus*

S-213  
Tone III

*The people join in singing the antiphon at the beginning and end of the canticle.*



Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*The people stand for the collect and are then seated for the reading that follows.*

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant*      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. **Amen.**

## A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

*Reader*      A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

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, "Prophesy 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, "Prophesy 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.

## THE RESPONSE

MOTET—*Sicut Cervus*

G.P. de Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

*The people stand for the collect and are then seated for the reading that follows.*

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

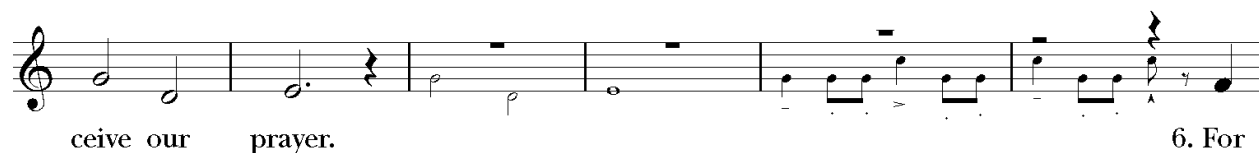
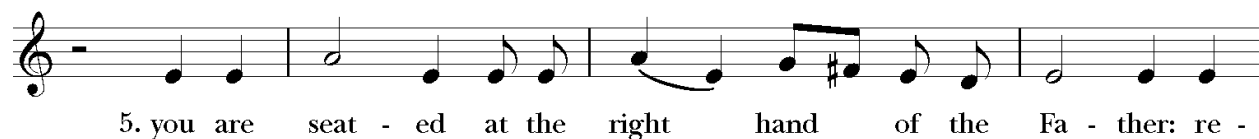
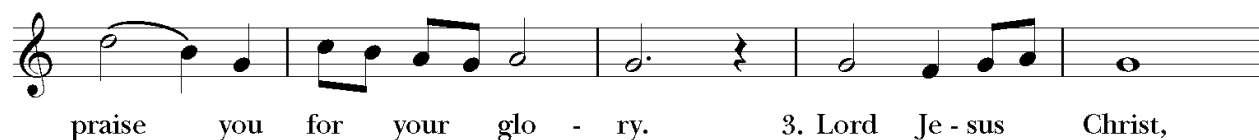
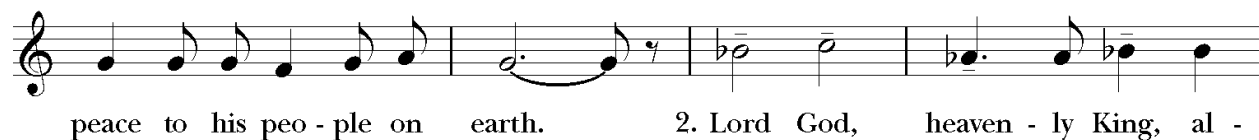
### THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.



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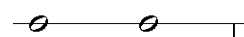
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## THE COLLECT



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



A - men.

## THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 6: 3-11

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

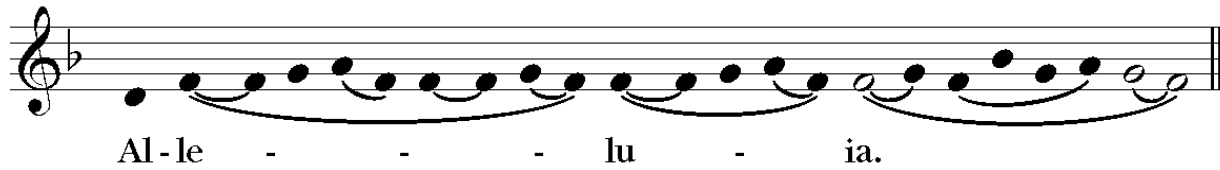
The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GREAT ALLELUIA

*Following the Epistle, this Alleluia is traditionally sung three times by the Celebrant or Cantor, at a successively higher pitch each time, the Congregation repeating it each time.*



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

*Gospeler*      The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*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.

*Gospeler*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege

*A few moments of silence for reflection follow the homily.*

# THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

## THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	We present Quinn Clover McMahan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will all of you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in Christ?
<i>People</i>	<b>We will.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*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 PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for Quinn who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

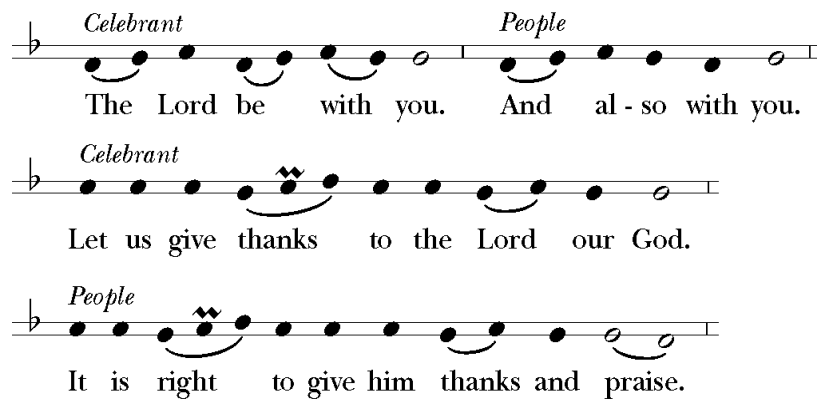
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER



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 with the Paschal Candle three times, praying*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM & CHRISMATION

*The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

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

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying*

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

*When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says*

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.**

## THE ASPERGING OF THE CONGREGATION

*The congregation is sprinkled with holy water as the choir sings the antiphon.*

ANTIPHON

*Vidi aquam*

Mode VIII

I saw water flowing out of the Temple, from its right side, Alleluia:  
And all to whom this water came were saved,  
And they shall say: Alleluia, Alleluia.

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People exchange a sign of peace.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

### ANTIPHON

The earth trembled and was still: when God arose to judgment, alleluia.

### ANTHEM

*I got me flowers* (from Five Mystical Songs)      Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

I got me flowers to strew thy way; I got me boughs off many a tree:  
But thou wast up by break of day, And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.  
The Sun arising in the East, Though he give light, and the East perfume;  
If they should offer to contest With thy arising, they presume.  
Can there be any day but this, Though many suns to shine endeavour?  
We count three hundred, but we miss: There is but one, and that one ever.

Words: George Herbert

*All stand and sing the Hymn.*

### HYMN 187

Through the Red Sea brought at last

*Straf mich nicht*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

*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.

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

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven 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 Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Jose, our Bishop, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember Quinn and all those who are baptized into your death and resurrection this night.

Remember those unable to eat at the Lord's Table or at any other table.

Remember the sick and the suffering, and all those who have entrusted themselves to our prayers.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People  
A-men.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

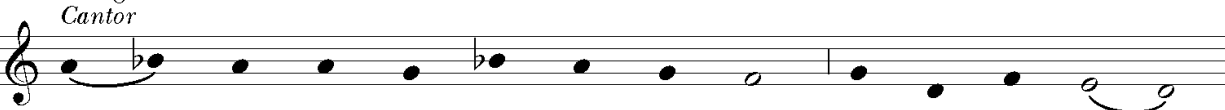
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## S 151

*The consecrated bread is broken; the Cantor and People then sing,*


*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Cantor*




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

*All*



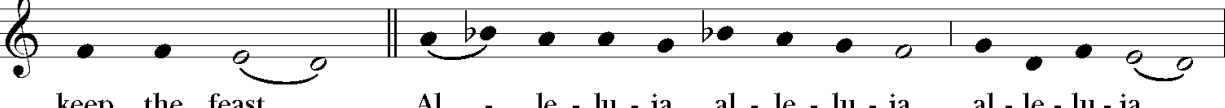
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor*



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

*All*



keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says an invitation to Communion.*

## MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*To receive the sacrament, extend your hands so that the priest may place the bread in the palm of your outstretched hands. Gluten free wafers are available. For those who desire to receive the wine that follows, guide the chalice toward your lips to drink from the cup. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the priest.*

*For those unable to receive the sacrament this day, we offer this prayer:*

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

## MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

### ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia:  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### HYMN 183

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

*Vicimae Paschale laudes*



## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The Celebrant and people say together,*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE EASTER BLESSING

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.**

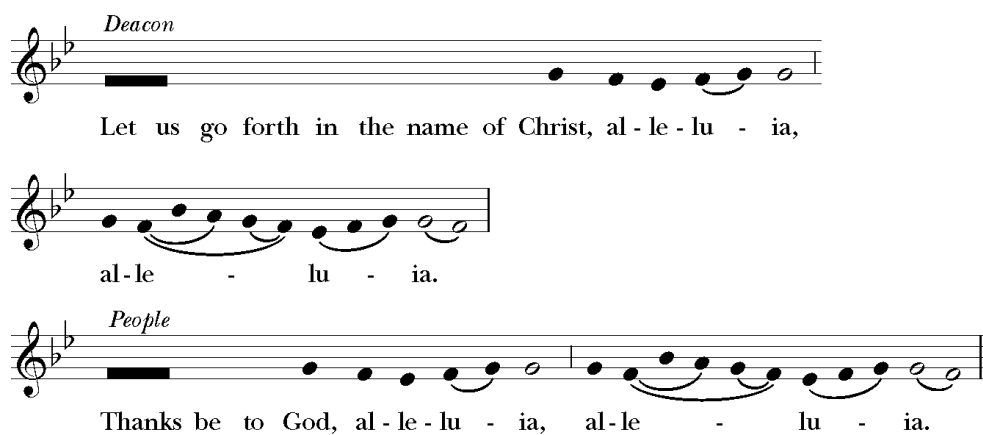
## HYMN 174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

*Salzburg*

## THE DISMISSAL


*Deacon*



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The setting of the Mass Ordinary is by William Mathias (1934-1992).

Kathryn Santiago, Caroline Goforth, Trey Stauffer  
*Cantors*

Thomas McNeil  
*Soloist for Offertory Motet*

## **EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN:**

-In honor of our children Booker, Rebecca, and Elizabeth as well as our grandson Hudson  
– Peter & Valerie Purcell

-In memory of Clementi & Randolph Holder and Eric & Walter Turnbow – Marjory Holder

-In memory of Nancy Hutcheson  
– Sterling Hutcheson

-In memory of Grayson Harris Rehm  
– Pete & Sally Page

-In honor of our Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors – Mark & Michelle Curry

-In honor of Lewis & Kathleen Thompson  
– Katy Thompson

-In honor of Katy Thompson – John Carlson

-In memory of Ed, Dorothy, Peggy and Sally Carlson  
– John Carlson

-In memory of Joe Doswell  
– Katy Thompson & John Carlson

-In honor of Blair, Oliver, and William Sudderth  
– Elizabeth Sudderth

-In memory of Marion and Horst Galke, and Virginia and Bob Fogelsonger – Doug & Mary Galke

-In honor of our loved ones – Rick & Beth Lawler

-In honor of Margaret and John Merrill – Will Merrill

-In memory of Ted Bell – Lynne Bell

-In honor of the St. Mary of the Hills Community  
– Paul & Karen Smiley

-In memory of Mary and Vince; in honor of Griffin & Kaylee – Leslie Billingsley

-In memory of James Edward Gibson, Kathryn Setzer Gibson, Robert Bruce Gibson, Peggy Wingate Gibson, John Baptist Talton, Jessie Smith Talton, Frances Lorraine Talton, John William Sanders III, Barbar Weedon Page  
– James E Gibson Jr & Joyce Talton Gibson

-In memory of our loss  
– Cary James & Dayton Pruett

-In memory of our mothers Clyde & Carrie  
– Bob & Anne Jones

-In memory of Henry William Rogers Sr., Martha Wilkinson Rogers, James Frankin Bullard Louse Mizelle Bullard – Bill & Jorgann Rogers

-In honor of Jamie, Molly, and Andy MacMartin; David and Mary Miles Brice; Sue Sweeting; Jane Meyers – Bill & Jorgann Rogers

-In memory of Olga Miller and Phylis Spink  
– Daryl Mathias

-In memory of Bill and Erma Smallwood, and Dale and Gladys Schilson – Terry & Susan Schilson

-In memory of Maria and Mijail Skibo – Luba Skibo

-In memory of Catherine Fleet – Jim Brooks

-In memory of Randy Hege, Bobby Schroeder, Susan Schroeder, Chuck & Nancy Veneman  
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