



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

MARCH 30, 2024

6:30 PM

The fire is kindled.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Dear friends in Christ:

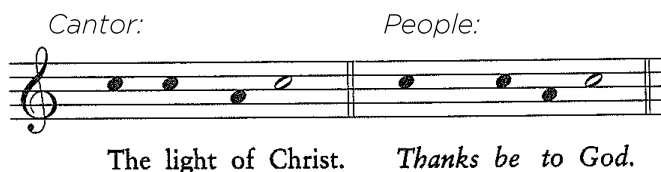
On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over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

Celebrant: 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 lighted from the newly kindled fire. The congregation follows the Paschal Candle into the Nave. Please light a candle as you enter the Nave. As the procession moves, the following is chanted three times.

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.**

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Cantor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Cantor: 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, 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 our 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 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.

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in

the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following antiphon is sung first by the choir, after which the congregation is invited to join. The antiphon is sung at the beginning and end of the Psalm or Canticle.

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of an antiphon. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic. The lyrics are: "Make our dark-ness light, O bright Morn-ing Star!". The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Silence

○ 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. **Amen.**

THE SECOND READING

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:

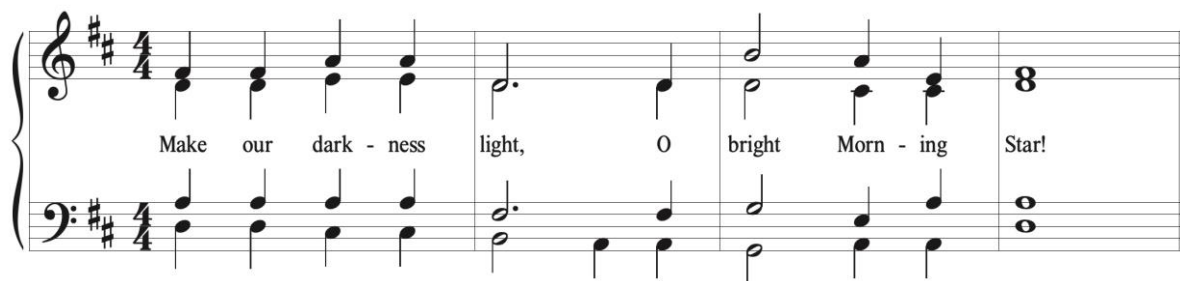
"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

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

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The antiphon is sung at the beginning and end of the Psalm or Canticle.



Celebrant: Let us pray.

Silence

○ 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.**

THE THIRD READING

Reader: A reading from the book of 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, "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.

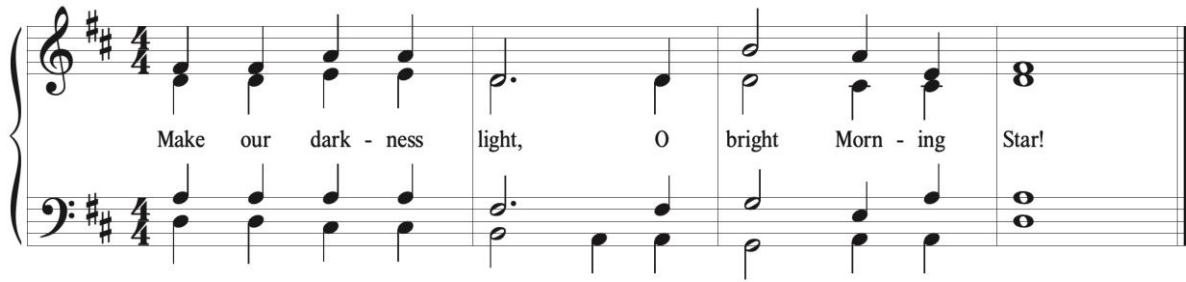
Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and 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.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The antiphon is sung at the beginning and end of the Psalm or Canticle.



Celebrant: 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 FOURTH READING

Reader: A reading from the book of Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The antiphon is sung at the beginning and end of the Psalm or Canticle.

Make our dark - ness light, O bright Morn - ing Star!

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Silence

○ God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following is said three times as the lights successively are lit.

At this time the Altar candles are also lit from the Paschal Candle, after which time you may extinguish your candles.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Gloria
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Robert Powell S-

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

○ 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. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE EPISTLE READING

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Romans.

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.

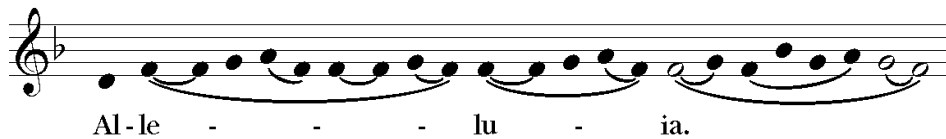
Romans 6:3-11

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Cantor sings The Great Alleluia, after which the congregation is invited to join.



THE GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Mark 16:1-8

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

Savage

The Reverend Brittany Sparrow

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance has ended, 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.

All stand.

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.

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

People: Amen.

Please kneel or stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the course of silence after each bidding, you are welcome to add your own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for...

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for...

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Diane our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and laity;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph, the president, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on [those in the prayers of this parish], and on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; especially our food ministries, the people of South Sudan, Holy Cross School, Ravine a l'Anse, Haiti, St. Paul's Day School, Gordon Parks School, and Citizens of the World Academy.

We invite your intercessions and petitions, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a Collect

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All sit.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The undesignated offering given this evening will be dedicated to support the Outreach Ministries of St. Paul's, including the St. Paul's Food Ministries & Pantry, our South Sudanese congregation, and our sister school in Ravine a'lanse, Haiti, as well as the Clergy Discretionary Fund.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY:

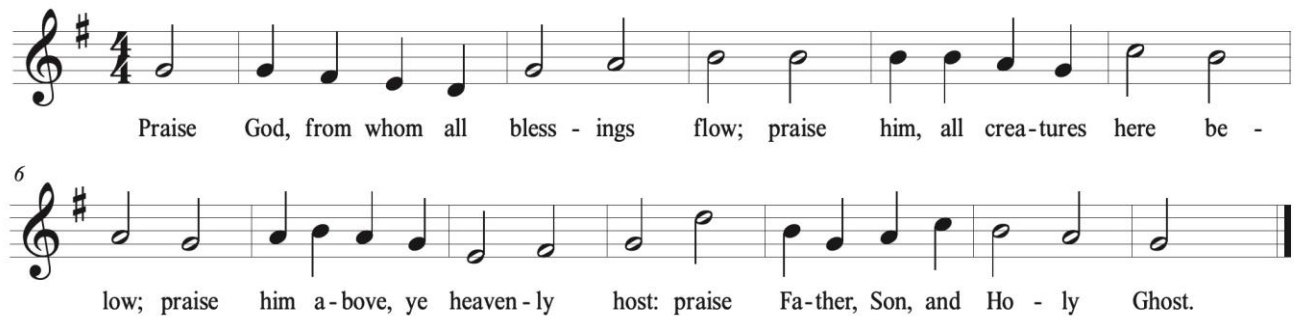
St. Paul's Choir

O God our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home.
Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame
From everlasting Thou art God to endless years the same.
A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.
Time like an ever rolling stream bears all its sons away,
They fly forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day.
O God our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guard while life shall last, and our eternal Home! Amen!

All stand.

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be -
low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

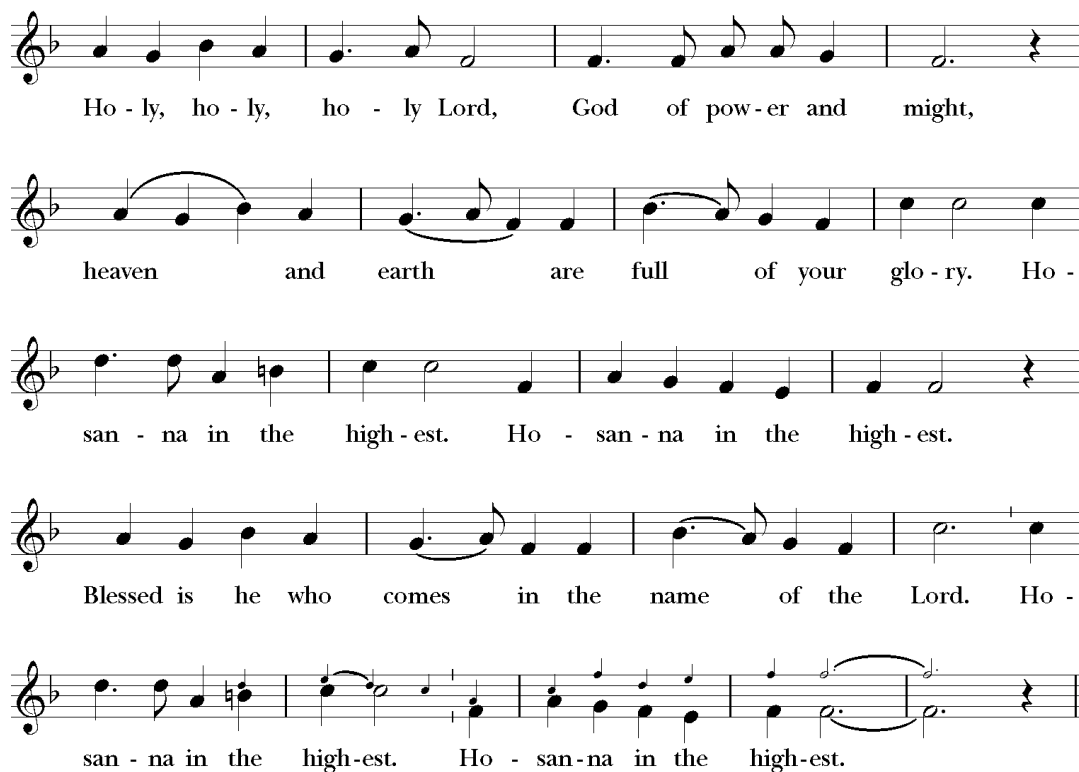
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:



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

Music: From *Missa Marialis*, Plainsong, Mode 5; Mass 9; adapt. and acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944) and Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

Please kneel or stand.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant & People: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

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

M. Martens S-167

This setting is not used in Lent.

*Antiphon
Cantor; then All*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who feel called by God are invited to the altar.
Those who wish only a blessing should come forward and cross their arms
in front of their chest while at the altar rail. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

All sit until dismissed by the usher to receive Communion.

Hymn 204 *Now the green blade riseth*



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), alt., from *The Oxford Book of Carols*, Copyright ©1964, Oxford University Press.
Music: *Noël nouvelet*, medieval French carol; harm. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971); based on "Variation sur un Noël" for organ Marcel Dupré
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Please kneel or stand.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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.**

THE BLESSING

Hymn 199 *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *St. Kevin*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE POSTLUDE

Fugue in E flat major "St. Anne"

J.S. Bach

Following the service please join us for a reception in the Tower Room

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD; AND

In loving memory of Viola Ransom and Pearl Crawford, our grandmothers, by Mary Kennedy and Steve Kapp.

In loving memory of Bob & Mary Clymer by Pat & Bill Rudy.

In thanksgiving for our friends and family by Bob & Sheri Wood.

In loving memory of Donna & Les Matthews, Jean & Kirwin Bowman, and in thanksgiving for Reas, Diana, and Sarah Bowman, by Melanie & Larry Bowman.

In thanksgiving for our children, Edward Vincent and Katherine Sloan by Zach and Amanda Riesselman.

In loving memory of Marsh Henderson by Alexandra Henderson Connors.

In thanksgiving for our many blessings by Ann & John Readey.

In loving memory of Dick Roeder, Jan Krahling, and David Bowser, and in thanksgiving for our parents, Zach, Kiersten, Sam, and Will, Andrew & Matt, & the Ziegelbein family by Chris & Deb Schneider.

In loving memory of our parents, and in thanksgiving for our children, our grandchildren, and our first great-grandson, Kai Alvin Avakyants, by Sterling & Donna Roath.

In thanksgiving for the St. Paul's Food Ministry by Randy & Cynthia Duty.

In loving memory of Meghan Lampo, Tom Welsch, Gina Compton, and Pat Robinson, and in thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren, and our St. Paul's community by Jane Lampo & Rick Welsch.

In loving memory of Geraldine Wankowski by Edward Wankowski.

In loving memory of Albert R. Lea and Mr. & Mrs. Ray D. Jones by Helen Lea.

In loving memory of Paul Chaney by Jeff & Katie Chaney.

In loving memory of Marjorie Elliott by Jeff & Katie Chaney and Clif Elliott.

In loving memory of Richard Radcliffe, William C. Ellis, William C. Ellis II, and Martha Ellis, and in thanksgiving for Emma and Kathy by Kathy & Brewster Ellis.

In thanksgiving for Colin, Jeremy, Samantha, Nolan and Malcolm by Erik & Bev Elving.

In loving memory of Eugene and Mary Ann Butler, and in thanksgiving for my mother, Eviell Severe, by Carol Dale.

In loving memory of William Bell and Myrtice Bell Farris, Howard and Margaret Buckner, Stuart Bell, Amoreena Bell, and Melissa Kirkpatrick, and in thanksgiving for Linda by Loretta Birkenmeier.

In thanksgiving for Jim, Carrie, Tommy, Emily & Will and Julie & Patrick by Pam & Buzz Willard.

In loving memory of Allen R. Seaton III, Grandma Lange, and Grandma Fuller, and in thanksgiving for Caryn Seaton, by the Seaton Family.

Continued...

In loving memory of Billie Beam, and in thanksgiving for our children, Jackson & Sadie, and our parents, Larry (Herb) Beam and Tim & Beverly Jackson by Joe & Gabe Beam.

In thanksgiving for our parents and children by Steven & Rebecca Burnett.

In loving memory of Clifford and Doris Johnson by the Collier Family.

In loving memory of Jean and John Leamon by Julia Leamon.

In loving memory of my parents, my brother, and my sister-in-law, and in thanksgiving for my son, Reece, by Janet Jones.

In loving memory of Donald & Norma Moeller, John & Phyllis King, and Michael Moeller by Dennis & Teresa King and family.

In thanksgiving for their children, Carrie & Rob, and their grandchildren, Teddy, Tommy, & William, and Katie, Bobby, & Maggie, by Bob & Joan Kissick.

In loving memory of Edgar & Shirley Landmann and Robert Seitter by Karen & Scott Seitter.

In loving memory of Rolla Platter, Helen Platter, David Stroman, Velma Stroman, and Jo Simmons by the Platter Family.

In thanksgiving for our Children's Ministry leaders Mother Brittany, Pat Rudy, Ellen King, Ann Readey, Jessica Kerrigan, Wade Kerrigan, Cameron Sparrow Savage and Catie Brouse, and all the children of St. Paul's by Beth and Paul Herbers.

In thanksgiving for our children Alice, Bradley, Margaret, Theresa, Janette, JJ, Tim, and Lynn and our grandchildren, Connor, Abbey, Simon, Linus, and Sly by Beth and Paul Herbers.

In thanksgiving for Emma, Alice, & Oliver Foster by Gene & Linda Voigts.

In loving memory of Mrs. Angela E. Madroñero Vargas by Russ, Luisa, Russell and Olivia Waitman.

In thanksgiving for the life of Lyman Boursaw by Nicole Lux.

The Paschal Candle is given in loving memory of
Floyd & Janet Doubleday, Joan Watt and Florence & Webb Strain
by Pam & Buzz Willard and Mike Doubleday.

Preacher: The Reverend Brittany Sparrow Savage
Celebrant: The Reverend Steven King
Music Director: Sam Anderson
Organist: Kurt Knecht
Cantor: Anna Hoard
Readers: Nancy Franklin
Loretta Birkenmeir
Larry Hamel
Nancy Day
Donn Harrison
Prayers of the People: Jessica Kerrigan
Chalice: Nancy Day
Sterling Roath
Ushers: Paul Herbers
Ed Schultz

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Gabe Beam, Senior Warden
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PRAYER LIST

Merciful God, we bring before you those who seek our prayers.

We ask that you would look with compassion on the whole human family, and guide, guard and protect all people who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life. Lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God. Amen.

Scott, Michael, Carmen, Carly, William, Jesse, Wilbur, Paul, Karen, Kathy & Jim, Mamaw Palmer, Mary, Lonnie, Tom, Courtney, Stephanie, Lyman, and John

UPCOMING EVENTS

Embracing Easter: Hope, Love, and Resurrection in Today's World

What difference does Easter make today? Join us during the Sundays in Easter for a series of insightful forums exploring the profound impact of the Easter season in our modern lives. Whether through war and violence, illness, or any other troubles, we know that as followers of Jesus, hope, love, and joy always find a way. Together, let's reflect on embodying these promises amidst the woes of today's society.

David von Drehle Author Talk: The Book of Charlie

Join us on Friday, April 26th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM for a special event featuring renowned author and journalist David Von Drehle. He'll be discussing his heartwarming book, "The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-Year-Old Man."

Why is this event special?

- Local Connection: Charlie, the book's central figure, was a beloved parishioner at St. Paul's! This is a unique opportunity to hear his story and how it's intertwined with our church community.
- Meet the Author & Get Your Book Signed: Mingle with David Von Drehle and get your copy of "The Book of Charlie" signed at the reception following the discussion. Rainy Day Books will be on-site selling copies.

Praise for "The Book of Charlie": The Wall Street Journal calls it "an original and highly readable account of a splendid American life" that explores the secrets to living a long and happy life. Grab a copy at Rainy Day Books!

About David Von Drehle: Mr. Von Drehle is a deputy opinion editor and columnist for The Washington Post, where he writes about national affairs and politics from a home base in the Midwest. He joined The Post in 2017 after a decade at Time magazine, where he wrote more than 60 cover stories as editor-at-large. During a previous stint at The Post, Von Drehle served as a writer and editor on the National staff, in Style, and at the magazine. He is the author of a number of books, including the award-winning bestseller "Triangle: The Fire That Changed America."

CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT ST. PAUL'S

EVERY SUNDAY

Children in Worship

People of all ages are welcome to worship in the Nave. In the narthex, you can find children's bulletins and a support shelf with resources for adults, youth, and children that can aid in engaging in the liturgy. There is also a listening pew, located at the front row on the left side for families with young children to have more space for movement.

Nursery

Children four and under are welcome in the nursery, professionally staffed by two licensed childcare providers. Conveniently located near the nave, off the tower door. Just follow the blue signs. The nursery operates from 9 a.m. until the end of the Sunday service.

Children's Worship

Children 5 through 8 years of age are also welcome to attend Children's Worship. Children's Worship uses an adapted liturgy of the word that includes a conversational sermon. During the passing of the peace, children will come into the Nave for the second half of the service called the liturgy of the table.

Please ask an usher to help guide you to the nursery or the Children's Chapel.

UPCOMING THIS SUMMER

- **Episcopal Mega Camp** | June 2-8 | 3rd through 12th grade
 - The Diocese of West Missouri is excited to partner with the Diocese of Kansas to provide Camp for Children and Youth. Camp Wood features a variety of activities such as horseback riding, archery, climbing tower, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, water slide, mud slide, arts and crafts, and sports. The volunteer Episcopal staff provides solid Christian education featuring worship, music, small group discussions, and prayer. Use the QR code to learn more and sign up!
- **VBS at St. Paul's | Linked by Love** | July 15-19 | 1st through 5th grade
 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Summer in the City are excited to offer a VBS specialty camp Linked by Love. God's love can be experienced in so many different ways. Over the week, kids 1st-5th grade will explore Bible stories, sing songs, play games, and engage in service projects, inviting kids to reflect on how God's love links us to one another and God. VBS will run from 9 am to noon. However, the Summer in the City staff has graciously allowed us access to early drop off at 7:45 am and lunch, which will be served at the school at 12. Use the QR code to learn more and sign up!

Would you like to Volunteer, Participate, or ask Questions?

Use the QR code to visit our website and reach out to Mtr. Brittany.



