



## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 7:00 P

APRIL 3, 2021

¶ In the darkness, a fire is kindled, after which the Celebrant addresses the people.

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

#### Celebrant 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.

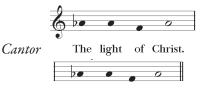
For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

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.

People Amen.

¶ The Paschal Candle is then lit from the newly kindled fire, and the light is passed to everyone as the following is sung.

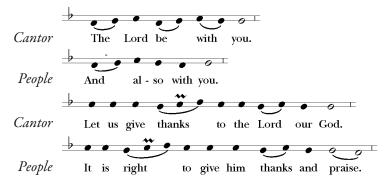


People Thanks be to God.

**9** All follow the Paschal Candle into the church, while the acclamation is repeated en route.

#### The Exsultet

Cantor 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.



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 forebears, 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 we are reconciled with God. Holy Father, accept the evening sacrifice, May it shine continually to drive away all darkness as we celebrate the glad solemnity of our redemption. 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 ....

*Deacon People* ... for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Liturgy of the Word

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

¶ All are seated.

#### The Lessons

#### ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

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

Lector 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 v 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." NRSV

The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

#### ¶ All remain seated.

#### Cantemus Domino

CANTICLE OF MOSES Choir 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. ¶ All stand.

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.

All Amen.

¶ All sit.

#### A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

# *Lector* Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

¶ All remain seated.

#### CANTICLE 9

The First Song of Isaiah

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Choir 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.

¶ All stand.

#### Celebrant Let us pray.

¶ Silence.

O 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.

All Amen.

¶ All sit.

#### THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Lector

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 30

Choir I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up \* and have not let my enemies triumph over me. O Lord my God, I cried out to you,\* and you restored me to health. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;\* you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \* give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,\* his favor for a lifetime. Weeping may spend the night, \* but joy comes in the morning. While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. \* You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, \* and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O Lord;\*

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?" will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;\* O Lord, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; \* you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \* O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

¶ All stand.

#### 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.

All Amen.

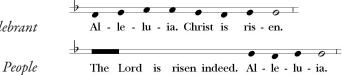
¶ All sit.

- *Celebrant* O 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 tranquillity 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; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
  - People Amen.

### First Eucharist of Easter

#### THE EASTER PROCLAMATION





¶ All immediately ring bells. Altar candles are lighted from the Paschal candle. The following is sung, all standing.

GLORIA



*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, your saving plan has brought us to the glory of this night. Slaves, we become your sons and daughters, poor, your mercy makes us rich, sinners, you count us among your saints. Bring us to know the place that is ours in the unfolding story of your purpose, and instill in our hearts the wonder of your salvation. Grant this through Jesus Christ, our passover and our peace, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

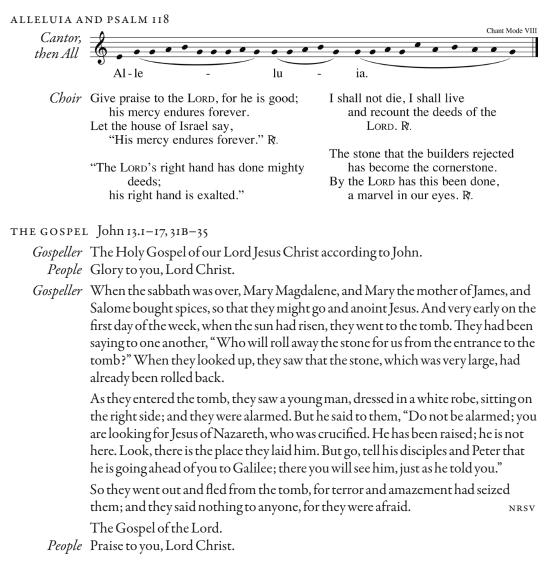
People Amen.

#### The Lessons

FIRST LESSON Romans 6:3-11

*Lector* 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. **9** All stand as The Great Alleluia is sung, first by the choir and then repeated by the congregation.



Homily The Rev. Channing Smith, *Rector* 

# Holy Baptism

	¶ The ministers move to the font.	
Descentet	· ·	
	n and Examination of the Candidates The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented by their	(p.301)
Answer	parents and godparents. I present < <i>N</i> . > to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.	
	<b>9</b> When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents.	
	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? I will, with God's help.	
Celebrant	Parents and Godparents will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? I will, with God's help.	
Question	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? I renounce them.	
-	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? I renounce them.	
Question	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? I renounce them.	
Question Answer	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? I do.	
Question Answer	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? I do.	
Question Answer	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? I do.	
	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ? We will.	
Celebrant	Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.	
The Baptisn	nal Covenant	(p.304)
	Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.	
	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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.	

		the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,	
We pray for those	-	the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,	
In need of comfort		and the life everlasting.	
Sharon Kathryn and John Laurie		Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.	
Debbie Horne Andrew Baker Bradley Benton Echo Steinke	Celebrant	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.	
Lucy Annie Frank Terhune Tyler Hairston	Celebrant All	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.	
Sandy Molock Hattie		Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.	
Jessica Watson Elizabeth Lowman Paul White Kathy		Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.	
Jim Prentice June Rector	Prayers for the Candidate (P.305		
Peter Fuller Ernie Dean Ann Whiting Sam Perry	Celebrant Celebrant	Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Open their hearts to your grace and truth.	
Mollie Shands Tom Paul	Celebrant	Fill them with your holy and life giving Spirit. Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.	
William Julie Harrington		Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. Send them into the world in witness to your love.	
Melissa Coleman Horton Anne	Celebrant Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. People With their family and friends beside them.		
Harriet Rutland Michael Taylor McAllister family		<i>Celebrant</i> 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.	
Jones family Plaisance family	People	Amen.	
Loveless family	Thanksgiving over the Water (P.306		
Badger family Gray family Steinke family	People	The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
Hall family Holford family		It is right to give him thanks and praise.	

Celebrant Doyou believe in God the Holy Spirit? All I believe in the Holy Spirit,

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

Celebrant 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 everlastinglife.

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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.

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

People Amen.

#### The Baptism

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- ¶ Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying
- *Celebrant* <*N*.>, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *People* Amen.
  - ¶ The Priest then marks the newly baptized's forehead with chrism oil, making the sign of the cross.
- *Celebrant* <*N*.>, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
  - People Amen.
    - ¶ After the Baptism the Priest gives to the newly baptized, a candle lighted from the Paschal Candle.
- Celebrant The light of Christ. People Thanks be to God.
- Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this 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 inquiring and discerning hearts, 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.

People Amen.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All* We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

#### The Peace

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

#### 7:00 pm [13]

Expecting the birth of a child Blair Nelson Courtney Schlegel Kristen Dillavou Kathryn Richter Meagan Hunter Sara Oswalt Amy Rogers Paige Tiemann Ellie Spears Walker Meredith Spears Katherine Jones Atkinson Abby Burke Henderson

#### Births

Patrick James Starley, Jr. Henry Harrison Clayton

#### **Baptism Candidates**

Marietta Kerstin Freundt Leland Wolf Henson Wells Hasie Netherton

#### Deaths

Nancy McAllister Macie Huckabay Walter Hall

#### Serving in the armed forces

Caleb Hayen Staton Jobe Shay Archer Connor Downing Alexandra Mauro Michael Hart Nico Barrangan Joseph Turner Davis Brown Brandon Sharp Clayton Baker Jim Lively Andrew Gray Claten Bechtol Zachary Pierce

## The Holy Communion

#### The Offertory

ANTHEM Sicut Cervus

G.P. da Palestrina

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Preface of Easter (P.379)

#### The Great Thanksgiving



#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father...

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

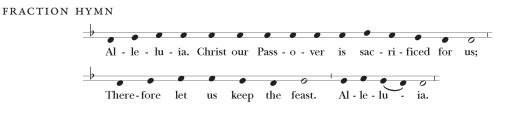
#### GREAT AMEN

*Celebrant* 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.

#### People AMEN.

All 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.



#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM O Sons and Daughters

Sir Henry Walford Davies

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#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

#### Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance,

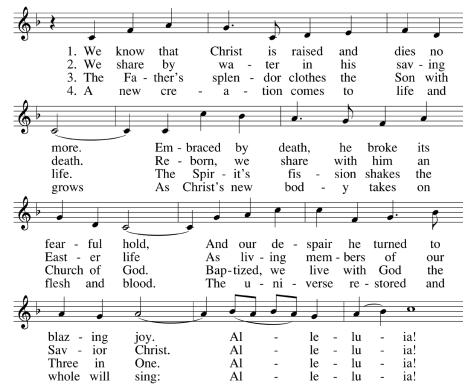
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever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

#### THE SOLEM BENEDICTION

- Celebrant Almighty God, who has redeemed us through the resurrection of his Christ and has brought us out of slavery to sin into everlasting freedom, give you joy and peace in faith, and bring you to your eternal inheritance, and the blessing of God Almighty, + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever..
  - All Amen.

[16] The Liturgy of Light

5 We know that Christ is raised



#### DISMISSAL

¶ May be sung.

*Celebrant* Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. *People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### Postlude

Improvisation on 'Victimae Paschali Laudes' Chris Oelkers