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The Marys at the Sepulchre, William Sharp (1749-1824)

Easter Vigil

Saturday 4, April 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

First Mass of Easter

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional
territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The service begins at the back of the Church. People are welcome to move to the back of the Church prior to the beginning of the service.

In the darkness, fire is kindled.

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The celebrant sprinkles the fire with Holy Water and blesses it with incense.

The Preparation of the Candle

After the blessing of the new fire, the celebrant takes the candle, cuts a cross in the wax and traces the Greek letter alpha above the cross, the letter omega below, and the numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross.

Christ yesterday and today *(as the celebrant traces the vertical arm of the cross)*

the beginning and the end *(the horizontal arm)*

Alpha **Α** *(alpha, above the cross)*

and Omega **Ω** *(omega, below the cross)*

all time belongs to him *(the first numeral, in the upper left corner of the cross)*

and all the ages *(the second numeral in the upper right corner)*

to him be glory and power *(the third numeral in the lower left corner)*

through every age for ever. **Amen.** *(the last numeral in the lower right corner)*

The celebrant lights the candle from the new fire.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The people return to the pews. As the Procession moves into the church, the candles that the people received on entering the Church are lit. The Deacon, bearing the Pascal Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing:

Celebrant: The light of Christ. *Please kneel.*

All: **Thanks be to God.** *Please rise.*

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The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the Deacon, standing near the Candle, sings:

The Exsultet

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices

we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord;

For he paid the price of Adam's sin, pouring out his own dear blood to wash away our sinfulness.

For this is the Passover feast, when Christ the true Lamb of God is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all God's people.

This is the night when first you saved our ancestors, freeing Israel from her slavery, and leading her dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell, broke the chains of death, and rose triumphant from the grave.

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin, restored to grace and holiness, to share the victory of Christ.

O truly blessed of all nights! O crowning glory of all feasts!

When evil and hatred are put to flight, sin is washed away, lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

When hatred is cast out, peace and justice find a home, heaven is joined to earth, and all creation reconciled to you.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.

May this flame mingle with the lights of heaven, and be found still burning by the Morning Star, Christ your Son, who sheds his peaceful light on all the world, who lives and reigns for ever and ever! **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Story of Creation: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is *gra-cious*: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*.
- 2 O give thanks unto the God of all gods: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*.
- 3 O thank the Lord of *all* lords: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*.
- 4 **Who only doeth great *won-ders***: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*.
- 5 Who by his excellent wisdom made the *hea-vens*: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*.
- 6 **Who laid out the earth above the *wa-ters***: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*.
- 7 Who hath made great *lights*: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*;
- 8 **The sun to rule the *day***: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the *night*: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*.
- 23 **Who rememberèd us when we were in *trou-ble***: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*;
- 24 And hath deliverèd us from our *en-e^mies*: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*.
- 25 **Who giveth food to *all* flesh**: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*.
- 26 O give thanks unto the God of *hea-ven*: / for his mercy *endur-eth* for *ev-er*.

Now follows a time of silent reflection.

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Flood: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-20; 9:8-13

Then the Lord said to Noah, ‘Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.’ And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six-hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with

him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 GOD IS our hope and *strength*, / a very present *help* in trou-ble.
- 2 **Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be *chang-èd*, / and though the hills be carried into the *midst* of the sea;**
- 3 Though the waters thereof rage and *swell*, / and though the mountains shake at the *tem-pest* of the[^]same.
- 4 **The Lord of hosts is *with us*; / the God of Jacob *is our re-fuge*.**
- 5 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of *God*, / the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.
- 6 **God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be *mov-èd*; / God shall help her, and *that right ear-ly*.**
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are *mov-èd*; / but God uttereth his voice, and the *earth* doth melt a[^]way.
- 8 **The Lord of hosts is *with us*; / the God of Jacob *is our re-fuge*.**
- 9 O come hither, and behold the works of the *Lord*, / what wonders he hath *wrought* up-on the[^]earth.
- 10 **He maketh wars to cease in all the *world*; / he breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the *cha-ri*[^]ots in the[^]fire.**
- 11 Be still then, and know that I am *God*; / I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be ex-*alt*-ed in the[^]earth.
- 12 **The Lord of hosts is *with us*; / the God of Jacob *is our re-fuge*.**

Now follows a time of silent reflection.

Prayer

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful

resurrection; through the merits of him who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac: Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, ‘By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.’

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Conserve me, Domine.

I.1.



¹ PRE-SERVE me, O God, / for in thee *have* I püt my[^]trust.

² I have said unto the Lord, ‘Thou art *my* God: / I have no *good* a-pärt from[^]thee.’

³ All my delight is upon the saints that are in *the* earth, / and upon such as ex-cel/ in vür-tue.

⁴ **But they that run after ano-*ther* god / shall *have* great tröu-ble.**

⁵ Their drink-offerings of blood will I not *of-fer*, / neither make mention of their *names* with-in my[^]lips.

⁶ **The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of *my* cup: / thou *shalt* main-täin my[^]lot.**

⁷ The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *pla-ces*: / yea, I have a *good-ly* hë-ri[^]tage.

⁸ **I will thank the Lord for giving me *coun-sel*; / my heart also instructeth me in *the* night sëa-son.**

⁹ I have set the Lord always *before* me; / for He is on my right hand, there-fore I shall not[^]fall.

¹⁰ **Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory re-joic-eth; / my flesh also shall *dwell* in säfe-ty.**

¹¹ For why? thou wilt not leave my soul *to* hell; / neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see cor-rüp-tion.

¹² **Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy, / and at thy right hand there are plea-sures for ëv-er[^]more.**

Now follows a time of silent reflection.

Prayer

Almighty God, whose servant Abraham faithfully obeyed your call, and rejoiced to see the day of your Son: Multiply the number of your children by the grace of the Lamb who was slain; that your Church may also rejoice to see your promise to our father Abraham fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea: Exodus 14:10-15:1

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 Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: 'I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 1

11.1.

Antiphon

I will sing to the Lord,
for he has triumphed glo - rious - ly.

- ¹ I WILL sing unto the Lord, for he has triumphed *glor-ious*[^]ly: / the horse and his rider he has thrown in-to the sea.
 - ² The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my *sal-vat-ion*: / this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will *ex-alt* him.
 - ³ The Lord is a man of *war*: / the Lord *is* his name.
 - ⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his host he has cast into the sea: / and his chosen officers are sunk in *the Red Sea*.
 - ⁵ The floods *co-ver*[^] them: / they went down into the depths *like* a stone.
 - ⁶ Thy right hand, O Lord, glorious in *pow-er*: / thy right hand, O Lord, shatters *the e*[^]*ne-my*.
 - ⁷ Thou wilt bring in thy people, and plant them on thine own *moun-tain*: / the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thine abode; the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have es-tab-lished.
 - ⁸ The Lord will *reign*: / for ever and *ev-er*.
- Antiphon:** I will sing unto the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.

Now follows a time of silent reflection.

Prayer

God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm, you once delivered 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. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A New Heart and a New Spirit: Ezekiel 36:24-28

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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 42

Quemadmodum.

III.4.



- ¹ LIKE AS the hart desir-*eth* the[^]wa-ter-brooks, / so
longeth my soul af-*ter* thee, O[^]God.
- ² My soul is athirst for God, yea, even *for* the[^]liv-ing God:
/ when shall I come to appear before the pre-*sence* of
God?
- ³ My tears have been my *food* day and night, / while all day
long they say unto me, 'Where *is* now thy[^]God?'
- ⁴ These things will I remember as I pour out my *soul*
with-in me: / how I went with the multitude, and
brought them forth into *the* house of[^]God,
- ⁵ With the voice of praise *and* thanks-giv-ing, / a multitude
keep-*ing* ho-ly[^]day.
- ⁶ Why art thou so full of *hea-vi*[^]ness, O my soul? / and
why art thou so disquieted *with-in* me?
- ⁷ O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, / **who**

is the help of my counte-*nance*, and my[^]God.

Psalm 43

Judica me, Deus

III.4.



- ¹ GIVE SEN-tence for me, O God, and defend my cause against an un-*god*-ly people; / O deliver me from the deceitful *and* wick-ed[^]man.
- ² For thou art the God of my strêngth; why hast thou *put* me from thee? / and why go I so heavily, while the enemy *op*-press-eth[^]me?
- ³ O send out thy light and thy truth, that *they* may lead me, / and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to *thy* dwel-ling;
- ⁴ And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my *joy* and glad-ness; / and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my[^]God.
- ⁵ Why art thou so *hea*-vy, [^]O my soul? / and why art thou so disquieted *with*-in me?
- ⁶ O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, / who is the help of my counte-*nance*, and my[^]God.

Now follows a time of silent reflection.

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, in the paschal mystery you established the new covenant of reconciliation. Grant that all who are born again in baptism may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith. Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gathering of God's People: Zephaniah 3:12-20

For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord—the remnant of Israel; they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths. Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and

exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements 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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino.

I.2.



- ¹ O SING unto the Lord a *new* song; / for he hath done **mar-vel-lōus** thīngs.
- ² **With his own right hand, and with his ho-ly arm, / hath he gotten him-self the vic-to[^]rÿ.**
- ³ The Lord hath declarèd his sal-va-tion: / his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nā-tiōns.
- ⁴ **He hath rememberèd his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Is-ra-el; / and all the ends of the world have seen the salva-tion of oür Gōd.**
- ⁵ Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: / sing, re-joice, and give thānks.
- ⁶ **Praise the Lord upon *the* harp: / sing to the harp with a psalm of thanks-giv-īng.**
- ⁷ With trumpets also and the sound of *the* horn, / O show

yourselves joyful be-fore the Lörd, the^King.

⁸ **Let the sea make a noise, and all that is *there-in*; / the round world, and *they* that dwell *there*^in.**

⁹ Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before *the* Lord; / for he is *come* to jüdge the^eärth.

¹⁰ **With righteousness shall he judge *the* world, / and the peo-*ples* with *ë-qui*^tj.**

Now follows a time of silent reflection.

Prayer

Almighty God, you called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: Give us boldness to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted high upon the Cross, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

SOLEMN MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL

Mass Setting

Missa 'In illo tempore' Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Gloria and Creed: Missa de Angelis

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

A joyful fanfare may be played, and bells may be rung. The church is lighted, and the candles at the Altar may now be lit from the Paschal Candle.

Gloria

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ☩ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Please kneel.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptised into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that, through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First 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.

Psalm 114

In exitu Israel.

1.8.



- ¹ WHEN IS-rael came out of *E*-gypt, / and the house of Jacob from among *the* strange pëo-ple,
- ² Judah was his sanctu-a-ry, / and Israel *his* dom-in-ion.
- ³ The sea saw that, *and* fled; / Jor-dan was dri-ven^back.
- ⁴ The mountains skip-pèd *like* rams, / and the little *hills* like yöung sheep.
- ⁵ What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou *fled*-dest, / and thou Jordan, that *thou* wast dri-ven^back?
- ⁶ Ye mountains, that ye skip-pèd *like* rams, / and ye little *hills*, like yöung sheep?
- ⁷ Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of *the* Lord: / at the presence of the *God* of Jä-cob;
- ⁸ Who turnèd the hard rock into a standing wa-ter, / and the flint-stone into a spring-ing^well.

Gradual Hymn

165 *Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*

St Fulbert

The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: ✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

All: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and

rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Jim Beall

Please stand. During the Procession to the Baptistry, the candles are re-lit.

Litany of the Saints

Lord have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Saint Michael,
Holy Angels of God,
Saint John the Baptist,
Saint Joseph,
Saint Andrew,
Saint John,
Saint Mary Magdalene,
Saint Stephen,
Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
Saint Lawrence,

**Lord have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.**

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,	Pray for us.
Saint Agnes,	Pray for us.
Saint Gregory,	Pray for us.
Saint Augustine,	Pray for us.
Saint Athanasius,	Pray for us.
Saint Basil,	Pray for us.
Saint Martin,	Pray for us.
Saint Benedict,	Pray for us.
Saint Francis and Saint Domenic,	Pray for us.
Saint Francis Xavier,	Pray for us.
Saint John Vianey,	Pray for us.
Saint Catherine of Siena,	Pray for us.
Saint Teresa of Jesus,	Pray for us.
All holy men and women, Saints of God,	Pray for us.
Lord be merciful,	Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From all evil,	Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From every sin,	Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From everlasting death,	Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By your Incarnation,	Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By your Death and Resurrection,	Lord, deliver us, we pray.
Be merciful to us sinners,	Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Jesus, Son of the Living God,	Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Christ, hear us.	Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.	Christ, graciously hear us.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

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

All: **It is meet and right so to do**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water 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 celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. *(The Paschal candle is dipped into the water three times)*

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All: 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?

All: 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?

All: 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?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

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

All: 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?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

Hymn 661 *Vidi Aquam*

I beheld water which proceeded from the temple on the right side thereof, alleluia:

and all they to whom that water came out were healed everyone, and they say: alleluia, alleluia.

O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious; Because his mercy endureth forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

I beheld water...

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: O Lord, shew thy mercy up-on us.

All: **And grant us thy salva-tion.**

Celebrant: O Lord, hear *my* prayer.

All: **And let my cry come un-to thee.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spi-rit.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our creator and the rock of our salvation, who hast given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins; Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

All: **And with thy spirit.**

The members of the community may briefly greet one another in the name of the Lord, as an outward sign of our unity in Christ.

Offertory Hymn

137 The Lamb's High Banquet We Await St Venantius

Prayer over the Gifts

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Mass Intentions of the Day

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours be acceptable unto God the Father almighty.

All: **May the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit and to that of all His Holy Church.**

THE CANON OF THE MASS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All: **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Please kneel.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed ✠ is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. ✠

Likewise, after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God . . .

All: Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist.

When the bell sounds, at the direction of the sidespeople, please come forward to the Altar rail. At the conclusion of the communion, silence may be kept.

Communion Hymn

386 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

Ablutions Motet

Sicut cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525/6-1594)

*Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so
longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

Prayer after Communion

Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation

to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us depart in peace. Alleluia.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Post-Communion Hymn

158 The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Victory

Organ Postlude

Finale from Symphonie No.1 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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