

# CHRIST CHURCH



*The* GREAT VIGIL *of* EASTER

*March 31, 2018*

## WE VALUE YOUR CHILDREN

Liturgical worship is child friendly: repetition, movement, and engagement of all your senses. We have activity boxes for children on the back pew. Children are welcome to sleep in the pews during the service, and there is also a cry room available near the ladies restroom.

## CONCERNING THE SERVICE

The Great Vigil, when observed, is the first liturgy of Easter Day. It is celebrated at a convenient time between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter morning. It is appropriate that the service begin in darkness.

The liturgy normally consists of four parts:

1. **The Service of Light:** a new fire is kindled, and from it the Paschal Candle is lit, symbolizing Christ, the light of the world. The Exsultet, an ancient song of praise, is sung or said as the climax of this part of the liturgy.
2. **The Service of Lessons:** key passages from Scripture recount the history of God's mighty acts and promises. These readings are accompanied by Psalms, Canticles, and prayers.
3. **Holy Baptism** is the sacrament through which candidates are united to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-4), which the Church celebrates on this most holy night. When the Bishop is present, confirmation may also be administered. If there are no candidates for baptism or confirmation, the congregation joins in a Renewal of Baptismal Vows.
4. **The Holy Eucharist** is the proper culmination of the Easter Liturgy. As we keep this holy feast, we share the joy of our Savior's triumph and are strengthened by his grace to walk in newness of life.



## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who come with faith in Christ and genuine repentance for sin are welcomed at the Lord's Table. Any person who has doubts about his or her preparedness to receive the Sacrament is urged to seek godly advice and direction as soon as is possible. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please feel free to receive the bread only. Simply cross your hands over your chest when you pass the chalice bearer by to indicate you do not wish to receive the wine. The ancient Christian teaching is that the full grace of the Sacrament is received whether one receives only the consecrated bread or both bread and wine.

If you are not receiving Holy Communion today you are still invited to come forward to receive a blessing. When you come forward, if you are not receiving the sacrament, please indicate this by crossing your arms in front of your chest.

During the distribution of Holy Communion we also encourage those who desire special prayer for healing or other needs to pray with our prayer team.

**IN REVERENCE TO GOD, PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES.  
THANK YOU!**



## *The GREAT VIGIL of EASTER*

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### THE LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE

*In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant says*

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

*The Celebrant may say the following prayer*

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire, we pray, and so set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and kindled affections we may attain to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the newly kindled fire, and says*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The Deacon (or the Celebrant if there is no deacon), bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying*

**The light of Christ.**

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*If candles have been distributed to members of the congregation, they are lit from the Paschal Candle. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lit.*

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

*Then the Deacon, or other person appointed, standing near the Candle, customarily sings or says the Exsultet.*

### 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 our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Deacon*        The Lord be with you.

*Answer*        **And with your spirit.**

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

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

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

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

## THE PEOPLE EXTINGUISH THEIR CANDLES

**HYMN**

*Lift High the Cross*

George William Kitchin

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine.

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE LESSONS

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, remembering how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that God may bring to completion in each of us the saving work he has begun.

### Musical Offering

*Gather 'Round, Ye Children, Come*

Andrew Peterson

Gather 'round, ye children, come  
Listen to the old, old story  
Of the pow'r of death undone  
By an infant born of glory  
Son of God, Son of Man

Gather 'round, remember now  
How creation held its breath  
How it let out a sigh  
And it filled up the sky with the angels  
Son of God, Son of Man

So sing out with joy for the brave little boy  
Who was God, but he made himself nothing  
Well he gave up his pride and he came here to die  
Like a man

*Therefore God exalted him  
To the place of highest praises  
And he gave him a name above every name  
That at the very name of Jesus, Son of God*

So in heav'n and earth and below  
Every knee would bow and worship  
And ev'ry tongue would proclaim  
That Jesus, He reigns with the angels  
So gather 'round, ye children, come  
Listen to the old, old story  
Of the power of death undone  
By an infant born of glory  
Son of God, Son of Man

## THE CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:3

### Song

*Wonderful Maker*

Chris Tomlin

You spread out the skies over empty space  
Said "Let there be light"  
To a dark and formless world Your light was born  
(repeat)

You made the world and saw that it was good  
You sent Your only Son for You are good

*What a wonderful Maker, what a wonderful Savior  
How majestic Your whispers and how humble Your love  
With a strength like no other and the heart of a Father  
How majestic Your whispers, what a wonderful God*

No eye has fully seen how beautiful the cross  
And we have only heard the faintest whispers of  
How great You are

Let us pray. (Silence)

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

## THE FALL

Genesis 3

Psalm 32

I Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
**and whose sin is put away!**

- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
**because of my groaning all day long.**
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
**and did not conceal my guilt.**
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
**when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
**I will guide you with my eye.**
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
**but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
**shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made

like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FLOOD

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

### Hymn

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Horatio G. Spafford

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say  
"It is well; it is well with my soul."

*It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)*

*It is well; it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul  
My sin, O the bliss of that glorious thought  
My sin, not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord O my soul  
And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend  
"Even so," it is well with my soul

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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

### Song

*Lamb of God*

Vertical Church

You came from heaven's throne  
Acquainted with our sorrow  
To trade the debt we owed  
Your suffering for our freedom

*The Lamb of God, in my place  
Your blood poured out, my sin erased  
It was my death you died  
I am raised to life  
Hallelujah, the lamb of God*

My name upon your heart  
My shame upon your shoulders  
The power of sin undone  
The cross for my salvation

*There is no greater love  
There is no greater love  
The savior lifted up  
There is no greater love*

Let us pray. (Silence)

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

#### **Musical Offering**

*Deliver Us*

Andrew Peterson

Our enemy, our captor is no pharaoh on the Nile  
Our toil is neither mud nor brick nor sand  
Our ankles bear no calluses from chains, yet Lord, we're bound  
Imprisoned here, we dwell on our own land

*Deliver us, deliver us  
Oh, Yahweh, hear our cry  
And gather us beneath your wings tonight*

Our sins they are more numerous than all the lambs we slay  
Our shackles they were made with our own hands  
Our toil is our atonement and our freedom yours to give  
So Yahweh, break this silence if you can

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem.  
How often I have longed  
To gather you beneath my gentle wings.”

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, whose 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 offered to all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL**

Isaiah 55:I-II

**Hymn**

*Come Ye Disconsolate*

Moore & Hastings

Come, ye disconsolate, where're ye languish  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal

Joy of the comfortless, light of the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure;  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying—  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure.

Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing  
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above;  
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing  
Earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give the water of life to all who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT**

Ezekiel 36:24-28

**Song**

*Give Us Clean Hands*

Charlie Hall

We bow our hearts  
We bend our knees  
O Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes  
From evil things  
O Lord we cast down our idols

*Give us clean hands  
Give us pure hearts*

*Let us not lift our souls to another  
Give us clean hands  
Give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another  
O God let us be a generation that seeks  
That seeks your face oh God of Jacob*

Let us pray. (Silence)

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you promise your faithful people new life in the water of baptism: Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Zephaniah 3:12-20

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
**for he has done marvelous things.**
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
**has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
**and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
**shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
**the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, who 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, and who reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM & THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*The Celebrant then says to the People*

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God,” and he commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Therefore we will ask our heavenly Father that these candidates, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received as living members of Christ’s holy Church.

### THE PRESENTATION

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

### INFANTS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN

*Then the candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their **Godparents and Sponsoring Parents**, using full names, as follows*

**I present N.N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*When the following promises are made by Godparents and Sponsoring Parents of infants or young children, the Celebrant addresses them*

Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust

God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as he is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. He must come to put his trust in Jesus, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of his soul. When he has embraced all these, having become a disciple of Jesus, he is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that he may claim the Faith for his own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his Kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

*Godparents and Sponsoring Parents*

**I am, the Lord being my helper.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The Celebrant then examines the Candidates who can speak for themselves, and the **Godparents** and **Sponsoring Parents** who will speak on behalf of infants or young children, saying*

*Question*            Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer*             **I renounce them.**

*Question*            Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer*             **I renounce them.**

*Question*            Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer*             **I renounce them.**

*The Celebrant shall pray over the Candidate(s) and may anoint each candidate with the Oil of Exorcism, saying*

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues*

*Question*            Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

*Answer*             **I do.**

*Question*            Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

*Answer*             **I do.**

*Question*            Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

*Answer*             **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

*The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, first inviting them to stand.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in

Christ?

*The Congregation responds*

**We will.**

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us join with these candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

*Celebrant* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*People* **I do.**

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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 and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I do.**

**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. Amen.**

*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.**

## **PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES**

*The Celebrant now prays for the candidates as follows*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon this your servant. Wash and sanctify him through your Holy Spirit, that he may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, he may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*If there is a procession to the baptismal font, a Psalm, anthem, or hymn may be sung.*

*The Celebrant, pours the water for baptism.*

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                **And with your spirit.**

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

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

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.

*Here the Celebrant touches the water and says*

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and 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. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The Celebrant says to the sponsors,*

Name this Child.

*Then the Celebrant immerses the candidate or pours water upon the candidate three times, saying*

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

*The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized (& may use the Oil of Chrism to do so), saying*

N., receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world,

the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful servant to the end of your days. **Amen.**

*or this*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen. When all have been baptized and signed (and candles have been presented), the Celebrant says Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant & People* **We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.**

*The Peace is now exchanged*

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

*People* **And with your spirit.**

## AT THE EUCHARIST

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The People make a joyful noise. The church is lighted, and the candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.*

## HYMNS & SONGS OF PRAISE

### **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

Charles Wesley

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!  
  
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!  
Lo the sun's eclipse is over, Alleluia!  
Lo He sets in blood no more, Alleluia!  
  
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!  
  
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!  
Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

**Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed**

Keith & Kristyn Getty

How can it be the One who died  
Has born our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer ev'ry sting of death  
Sing, sing hallelujah  
For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King  
Christ, Christ He is Risen!

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed  
Oh, sing hallelujah  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed  
Christ is risen, he is risen indeed*

Where doubt and darkness once had been  
They saw Him and their hearts believed  
That blessed are those who have not seen  
Yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith  
They preach the truth and pow'r of grace  
In pouring out their lives they gave  
Life, life everlasting

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to pow'rfully save  
He frees our hearts to live His grace  
Go! Tell of His goodness

*He is risen, He's alive, He's alive  
Heaven's gates are open wide, He's alive, He's alive  
Now in Heaven glorified, he's alive, He's alive  
Heaven's gates are open wide, He's alive, He's alive  
Now in Heaven glorified*

**What a Beautiful Name**

You were the Word at the beginning  
One With God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful (wonderful) Name it is  
What a beautiful (wonderful) Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful (wonderful) Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful (wonderful) Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again  
You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever, God you reign  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name, above all names

*What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus*

**THE COLLECT**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                **And with your spirit.**  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

O God, you 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.**

## THE EPISTLE LESSON

*Reader*        A reading from Romans 6:3-II

*After the Reading*

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 114

1    Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
      **the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,**

2    Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
      **and Israel his dominion.**

3    The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
      **Jordan turned and went back.**

4    The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
      **and the little hills like young sheep.**

5    What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
      **O Jordan, that you turned back?**

6    You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
      **you little hills like young sheep?**

7    Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
      **at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

8    Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
      **and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

*Reader*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 16:1-8.

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

*After the Reading*

*Reader*        The Gospel of the Lord

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

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

## SERMON

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the faithful departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*(The People may add their own thanksgiving and intercessions silently or aloud.)*

## COLLECT AFTER THE PRAYERS

Lord, hear the prayers of you people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### OFFERTORY

#### **Praise the King**

Shane & Shane

There's a reason why the curse of sin is broken  
There's a reason why the darkness runs from light  
There's a reason why we stand here now forgiven  
Jesus is alive

There's a reason why we are not overtaken  
There's a reason why we sing on through the night  
There's a reason why our hope remains eternal  
Jesus is alive

*Praise the King, He is risen*  
*Praise the King, He's alive*  
*Praise the King, death's defeated*  
*Hallelujah He's alive*  
*Hallelujah He's alive*

There's a reason why our hearts can be courageous  
There's a reason why the dead are made alive  
There's a reason why we share His resurrection  
Jesus is alive (Oh He's alive)

*The grave could not ignore it*  
*All of heaven's roaring*  
*Hell, where is your victory*  
*Death where is your sting*  
*The world cannot ignore it*  
*When all the saints are roaring*  
*Hell, where is your victory*  
*Death where is your sting*

## DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen***

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.

*People*               **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant*           Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer this 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 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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught we are bold to pray,

**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.**

#### **BREAKING THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed, once for all upon the cross;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

#### **THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### **SONGS DURING COMMUNION**

##### **The Power of the Cross**

Getty & Townend

Oh to see the Dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood

*This the power of the cross  
Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame, bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your blood-stained brow

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life  
Finished the vict'ry cry

Oh to see my name written in the wounds  
For through Your suff'ring I am free  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live  
Won through Your selfless love

*This the pow'r of the cross  
Son of God slain for us  
What a love, what a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

### **O Praise the Name**

Hastings, Ussher, & Sampson

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet  
My Savior on that cursed tree  
His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise His name for ever more  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

And then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death, where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King  
He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing Son shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

### **In Christ Alone**

Getty & Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my Light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love! What depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til he returns, or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

**Now the Green Blade Riseth**

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green  
In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain  
Thinking that never he would wake again  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green

John Macleod Campbell Crum

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain  
He that for three days in the grave had lain  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green  
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain  
Thy touch can call us back to life again  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us  
as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen**

#### HYMN

*Worship Christ the Risen King*

Jack Hayford

Rise O Church and lift your voices  
Christ has conquered death and hell  
Sing as all the earth rejoices  
Resurrection anthems swell  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ the Risen King

See the tomb where death had laid Him  
Empty now its mouth declares  
“Death and I could not contain Him”  
For the throne of life He shares  
Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the Risen King

Hear the earth protest and tremble  
See the stone removed with pow'r  
All hell's minions may assemble  
But cannot withstand His hour  
He has conquered, He has conquered  
Christ the Lord the Risen King

Doubt may lift its head to murmur  
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer  
But the truth proclaims a wonder  
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer  
He is risen, He is risen  
Now receive the Risen King

We acclaim Your life O Jesus  
Now we sing Your victory  
Sin or hell may seek to seize us  
But Your conquest keeps us free  
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph  
Worship Christ the Risen King

#### DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**



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