

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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# SERVICE OF LIGHTS

## PRAYER OVER THE FIRE *(in the Courtyard)*

*Officiant* 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.

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.

## LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE *(The people stand)*

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

*The procession carries the Paschal Candle, signifying the Light of Christ, into the Nave, pausing three times and singing:*

*Officiant* The light of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE EXSULTET CHANT *(The people sit)*

*Officiant* 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 his great Name  
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with Him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever. Amen.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And with your spirit.

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

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

*Officiant* 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 your Son  
who wickedness did put to flight, and sin did wash away.  
He restores innocence to the fallen,  
and joy to those who mourn.  
He casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.  
How blessed is your Son,  
in whom earth and heaven are joined and  
man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our prayers and praises  
the offering of ourselves in your honor.  
May Christ in us abide continually to drive away all darkness.  
May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting,  
find our hearts forever burning,  
He who gives his light to all creation,  
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

## *A Tapestry of Glory... Christ's Story*

*Officiant* 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.

*The Service of the Word shows us the colorful array of Christ's story woven throughout history.*

*After each reading, the reader will say: "The Word of the Lord."*

*The people respond, "Thanks be to God."*

### **CREATION (GREEN)** *(The people sit)*

### **GENESIS 1:1-2:3**

*Under your pew there may be a green flag or ribbon banner. Please pull it out now and prepare to use it as part of this reading!*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he 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 vault between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

*[The People Wave the Green Flags]*

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

*[The Green Flags Rest]*

And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

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

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

*[The People Wave the Green Flags again]*

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

*[The Green Flags Rest]*

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        Thanks be to God.

**SONG** (*The people stand and wave green flags*)        **SO WILL I (100 BILLION X)**

God of creation  
There at the start before the beginning of time  
With no point of reference  
You spoke to the dark  
And fleshed out the wonder of light

### **Chorus 1**

And as You speak  
A hundred billion galaxies are born  
In the vapour of Your breath the planets form  
If the stars were made to worship so will I  
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You've made  
Ev'ry burning star a signal fire of grace  
If creation sings Your praises so will I

God of Your promise  
You don't speak in vain no syllable empty or void  
For once You have spoken  
All nature and science  
Follow the sound of Your voice

## Chorus 2

And as You speak  
A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath  
Evolving in pursuit of what You said  
If it all reveals Your nature so will I  
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You say  
Ev'ry painted sky a canvas of Your grace  
If creation still obeys You so will I

If the stars were made to worship so will I  
If the mountains bow in rev'rence so will I  
If the oceans roar Your greatness so will I  
For if ev'rything exists to lift You high so will I

If the wind goes where You send it so will I  
If the rocks cry out in silence so will I  
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy  
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times

God of creation  
There at the start before the beginning of time

## **THE FALL (BLACK)** (*The people sit*)

## **GENESIS 3**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.



Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all livestock  
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly  
and you will eat dust  
all the days of your life.

And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

To the woman he said,

“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;  
with painful labor you will give birth to children.  
Your desire will be for your husband,  
and he will rule over you.”

To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’

“Cursed is the ground because of you;  
through painful toil you will eat food from it  
all the days of your life.

It will produce thorns and thistles for you,  
and you will eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your brow  
you will eat your food  
until you return to the ground,  
since from it you were taken;  
for dust you are  
and to dust you will return.”

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

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

**SONG** (*Please Remain Seated*)  
(*Written and Performed by Sylvia Maike*)

**EVE’S LAMENT**

Now there’s a curse on us,  
But I’ll always curse the day  
I paused in my daily walk  
To hear what the snake had to say

“Did God actually say,  
'You shall not'?”

“We eat every tree but this;  
With even a touch, we’ll die.” He said,  
“God knows who you’d become  
With this fruit to make you wise.

“It will open up your eyes  
Like God.”

I reached out a trembling hand  
I pulled the fruit from the stem  
I turned and caught Adam's eye  
Just as I took the first bite

The snake watched it pass from hand to hand  
His tongue flickered in and out, and—now, now I understand!  
You hate me, you hate me, you want me, you want me to die!

My God, my God, what have we done?  
My God, my God, where can I run?  
I'm naked before all living eyes—  
O God, the shame! I have to hide.

And God said, "Adam, where've you run?"  
And God said, "Adam, where have you gone?"  
And God said, "Adam, I'm looking for you, son,  
Where are you?"

I heard Adam say, "It's her!  
The woman you gave to me!"  
I said, "It was the snake;  
He lied to me, and I ate."

And God said, "Cursed is the snake;"  
And God said, "Now your womb and your heart will ache;"  
And God said, "Cursed is the ground from which I made you,  
You are dust."

Now truly I'm like God;  
I look at the earth and weep  
In pain I brought forth a man,  
Now slain by his brother's hand

But someday I will bear a Son  
Who'll put right all the wrong that I have ever done  
No snake and no lying, no thorn and no dust  
Will stop Him

## **THE FLOOD (BLUE)** *(The people sit)*

Genesis 6:9-14, 17-22, 7:12, 8:6-12; 15-17; 9:12-13

This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood.

*[When the Ark door opens, all children may put animal masks and join us in the Ark.]*

You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.”

Noah did everything just as God commanded him. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

*[The People make rain sounds-follow your leader’s example.]*

After forty days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him.

Then God said to Noah, “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

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

**SONG** (*The people stand*)

**OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)**

*[The people wave blue ribbon flags during this song.]*

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand

**Chorus 1**

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now

**Bridge**

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior

**Chorus 2**

I will call upon Your name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours and You are mine

## ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA (RED) *(The people sit)*

**EXODUS 14:10-15:1**

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

*The People:* I will sing to the Lord, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**SONG** (*The people remain seated*)

**THE PASSOVER SONG**

[*The People wave the Red Flags for the underlined portions of the song.*]

There's a promise in our veins  
But it's faded by all these years in chains  
Send a prophet, send the plagues  
That by sunrise we will no more be slaves  
Take the lamb, take the blood  
And paint it on our doorways  
At night, death will come but pass us by  
This is all our hope and peace

In the morning, we will rise  
Taste the freedom we thought we'd never find  
We will dance now, in the streets  
Once held captive now we shall live as kings

Lift your head, your voice  
And sing of your salvation  
Of the blood of the lamb that gave us life  
Now by this we'll overcome  
Now by this we'll reach our home

There's a poison in our veins  
And it leads to death we cannot escape  
Send a ransom, a perfect son  
Remedy the curse by his precious blood  
And the lamb, that will come,  
His cross will be our doorway  
And the red of his blood it will make us white  
And the daughters and sons, rejoice in resurrection!  
And death swallowed up in endless life

Glory, glory, this I sing  
All my praise for this I bring  
Not of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

## **GOD'S PRESENCE IN A RENEWED ISRAEL (PURPLE) *(The people sit)***

### **ISAIAH 4:2-6**

In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel. Those who are left in Zion, who remain in Jerusalem, will be called holy, all who are recorded among the living in Jerusalem. The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire. Then the Lord will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over everything the glory will be a canopy. It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.

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



**SONG** (*The people stand*)

**LORD I NEED YOU**

[*The people slowly wave purple flags during this song.*]

Lord I come, I confess; bowing here I find my rest,  
And without You I fall apart; You're the one that guides my heart.

**Chorus**

Lord I need You, oh, I need You, ev'ry hour I need You;  
My one defense, my righteousness, oh, God how I need You.

Where sin runs deep your grace is more; where grace is found is where You are.  
And where You are, Lord, I am free; holiness is Christ in me.  
Where You are, Lord, I am free; holiness is Christ in me.

**Bridge**

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You; Jesus You're my hope and stay.  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You; Jesus You're my hope and stay.

**SALVATION OFFERED FREELY (WHITE AND GOLD)** (*The people sit*)

**ISAIAH 55:1-13, 40:3-5, 53:1-5**

“Come, all you who are thirsty,  
    come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
    come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
    without money and without cost.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
    and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,  
    and you will delight in the richest of fare.  
Give ear and come to me;  
    listen, that you may live.  
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,  
    my faithful love promised to David.  
See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,  
    a ruler and commander of the peoples.

Surely you will summon nations you know not,  
and nations you do not know will come running to you,  
because of the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has endowed you with splendor.”

Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.  
Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,”  
declares the Lord.

“As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it  
without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,  
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

You will go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and hills  
will burst into song before you,  
and all the trees of the field  
will clap their hands.

Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,  
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.

This will be for the Lord’s renown,  
for an everlasting sign,  
that will endure forever.”

[Listen, I hear] a voice of one calling:

*[The People Wave the White and Gold Flags]*

“In the wilderness prepare  
the way for the Lord;  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain.  
And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

*[The Flags Rest]*

[But] who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.  
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

*There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;*

## **SONG** (*The people stand*)

## **HIS HEART BEATS**

His heart beats his blood begins to flow  
Waking up what was dead a moment ago  
And his heart beats now everything is changed  
'Cause the blood that brought us peace with God  
Is racing through his veins  
And his heart beats his heart beats

He breathes in his living lungs expand  
The heavy air surrounding death  
Turns to breath again  
He breathes out his Word in flesh once more  
The Lamb Of God slain for us is a lion ready to roar  
And his heart beats

## **THE EASTER ACCLAMATION**

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.

## **THE HOLY NOISE**

*Use noisemakers, clapping hands, voices, waving flags and dancing feet to make a joyful noise to the Lord!*

## **HIS HEART BEATS (CONTINUED)**

*[The people may wave flags of all colors as we sing.]*

### **Pre-Chorus**

So crown him the Lord of Life  
Crown him the Lord of Love  
Crown him the Lord of All

### **Chorus 1**

He took one breath and put death to death  
Where is your sting O grave  
How grave is your defeat  
I know I know his heart beats

He rises glorified in flesh clothed in immortality  
The first-born from the dead  
He rises and his work's already done so he's resting  
As he rises to reclaim the bride he won  
And his heart beats

### **Bridge**

The last enemy to be destroyed is death  
The last enemy to be destroyed is death  
He must reign until no enemy is left  
The last enemy to be destroyed  
To be destroyed is death oh

His heart beats he will never die again  
I know that death no longer has dominion over him  
So my heart beats with the rhythm of the saints  
As I look for the seeds the King has sown  
To burst up from their graves

### **Chorus 2**

I know I know he took one breath  
And put death to death  
Where is your sting O grave  
How grave is your defeat  
I know I know he took one breath  
And put death to death

Where is your sting O grave  
How grave is your defeat  
How great how great is his victory

### **Ending**

I know I know his heart beats  
His heart beats  
I know I know his heart beats his heart beats

### **SONG**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. *(Repeat)*

### **CELTIC ALLELUIA**

## **THE EPISTLE READING** *(The people sit)*

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now 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. For 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.

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

## **THE GRADUAL**

**ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **THE GOSPEL** *(Please remain standing)*

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.  
*People*    Glory to You, Lord Christ.

**MATTHEW 28:1-10**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee;

there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

*Officiant*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        Praise to You, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON**

(Rt. Rev.) Allen Kannapell

## **THE PEACE** *(Please stand and greet each other!)*

*Celebrant*     The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        And with your spirit.  
*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please see full announcements near the back of your bulletin)*

## **THE OFFERTORY**

*When we give financially to the Lord it is an act of worship which also signifies our commitment to give our whole selves to him. If you would like to contribute to the Lord's work at HCA:*

- *You can give as we pass the offering bags (make checks payable to His Church Anglican)*
- *You can also give online (instructions are in the tall card in your pew)*

## **GLORIOUS DAY**

I was buried beneath my shame  
Who could carry that kind of weight  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

I was breathing but not alive  
All my failures I tried to hide  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

## Chorus

('Cause when) You called my name (and)  
I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
Now Your freedom is all that I know  
The old made new Jesus when I met You

## Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy  
But chains break at the weight of Your glory  
I needed shelter I was an orphan  
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven  
When I was broken You were my healing  
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
I have a future my eyes are open

## THE DOXOLOGY *(The people stand and sing)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above, You heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The People stand while the offerings are presented*

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord,  
*People* And of your own have we given you. (1 Chronicles 29:11, 14)

## THE SURSUM CORDA (LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS)

*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.



*Celebrant* It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **THE SANCTUS** (*Singing*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest; Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### **THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION** (*The people sit or kneel as able*)

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: [...] Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. [...]  
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 forever. Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has 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 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.

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.  
**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!  
*Celebrant* 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.

*All baptized followers of Jesus are invited to come forward to receive communion, row by row.  
The priests will bring communion to anyone who would rather receive in the pews.  
Please bring special prayer requests to your prayer ministers  
during Communion, up front at the Altar rail,  
or to your pastors after service.*

## **COMMUNION WORSHIP**

## **O COME TO THE ALTAR**

Are you hurting and broken within,  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.  
Have you come to the end of yourself?  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

### **Chorus**

O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes,  
Come today, there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling.  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy!  
From the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling.

### **Bridge**

Oh what a Savior! Isn't he wonderful? Sing Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Bow down before him, for He is Lord of all. Sing Alleluia, Christ is risen!

### **Chorus**

O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found...

## REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is He.  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.

### Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come!  
With all creation, I sing praise to the King of kings!  
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder,  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You, the only wise King!

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of your name;  
Jesus, your name is power, breath, and living water, such a marv'lous mystery.

## RATTLE! (DRY BONES)

Saturday was silent, surely it was through.  
But since when has impossible ever stopped You  
Friday's disappointment is Sunday's empty tomb  
Since when has impossible ever stopped You

### Chorus

This is the sound of dry bones rattling  
This is the praise make a dead man walk again  
Open the grave I'm coming out  
I'm gonna live gonna live again  
This is the sound of dry bones rattling

Pentecostal fire stirring something new  
You're not gonna run out of miracles anytime soon  
Resurrection power runs in my veins, too.  
I believe there's another miracle here in this room.

## Bridge

My God is able to save and deliver and heal  
And restore anything that He wants to  
Just ask the man who was thrown  
On the bones of Elisha  
If there's anything that He can't do  
Just ask the stone that was rolled  
At the tomb in the garden  
What happens when God says to move

I feel Him moving it now  
I feel Him doing it now  
I feel Him doing it now  
Do it now

## Chorus 2

This is the sound of dry bones rattling  
This is the praise make a dead man walk again  
Open the grave I'm coming out  
I'm gonna live gonna live again  
Open the grave I'm coming out  
I'm gonna live gonna live again  
Open the grave I'm coming out  
I'm gonna live gonna live again  
This is the sound of dry bones rattling

## FREEDOM

I wanna clap a little louder than before  
I wanna sing a little louder than before  
I wanna jump higher than before  
I wanna shout a little louder than before

## Chorus

Freedom, freedom

I wanna clap a little louder than before  
I wanna sing a little louder than before  
I wanna spin wilder than before  
I wanna shout louder than before

I wanna lift my hands higher than before  
I wanna love you more than before  
I wanna worship deeper than before  
I've gotta scream louder than before

### **Bridge**

No more shackles, no more chains  
No more bondage, I am free!

### **Chorus**

Freedom, freedom

### **Bridge 2**

Hallelujah (echo), Hallelujah (echo), Hallelujah (echo), Hallelujah (echo)

## **HAPPY DAY**

The greatest day in history! Death is beaten, You have rescued me.  
Sing it out: Jesus is alive!  
The empty cross, the empty grave: life eternal. You have won the day!  
Shout it out: Jesus is alive - He's alive!

### **Chorus**

oh happy day, happy day, You washed my sin away!  
Oh happy day happy day, I'll never be the same.  
Forever I am changed.

When I stand in that place, free at last, meeting face to face,  
I am yours, Jesus; You are mine.  
Endless joy, perfect peace, earthly pain finally will cease.  
Celebrate: Jesus is alive - He's alive!

### **Bridge**

Oh what a glorious day, what a glorious way that You have saved me,  
And oh what a glorious day, what a glorious name, Jesus.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

All Heavenly Father, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we who receive are living members of the body of your Son and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting 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 among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

## HE IS RISEN HE IS RISEN

*[The people may wave flags of all colors as we sing.]*

He is risen, He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:  
He has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,  
And the passion that He bore — sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
Not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,  
Breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, He is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:  
We are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;  
And a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

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Our God reigns, our God reigns; Our God reigns, our God reigns.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!



*Join Us Tomorrow Morning for*  
**The Feast of the Resurrection,  
Easter Morning Eucharist at 10:30am**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Regular Groups and Events

- The next Open Mic Night at HCA for all skill levels of musicians, poets, or any other visual or performing artist, will take place Saturday, April 20th at 7:00PM To sign up as a performer, snack bringer, or simply ask a question, contact Aleta Watton: (231) 622-3508 or [aletajwatton@gmail.com](mailto:aletajwatton@gmail.com)
  - Women's Fellowship Lunches with Bible Study and Prayer, every second Monday at 12:30pm (next April 8th) *Leo's Coney Island on Haggerty Rd in Livonia* Contact: Sandy Rogers (248) 477-3491
  - Morning Prayer with Communion, Wednesdays at 7am *HCA Sanctuary* Contact: Bp Allen (734) 716-5860 or Calvin Garfield (734) 564-0115
  - Easter Season Bible Study Tuesdays from April 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup> on the Book of 1<sup>st</sup> John, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Parlor.
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- One of the highlights of each Easter Morning is flowering the cross - when we decorate a specially prepared cross with spring flowers in celebration of Jesus' Resurrection and our new life in Him. **Please bring flowers for this special tradition!** Anyone can bring flowers, and please feel free to bring more than you can use - 1 small bouquet per household would help us greatly in having enough for Easter morning visitors. Flowers and foliage which work particularly well for this have stiff stems, such as tulips, carnations, daffodils, hyacinths, baby's breath, eucalyptus, lilacs, roses, Gerberas, mums, and whatever you choose.

- **Soup and Cinema Wednesdays 6:00PM, April 3 - May 15.** Join Fr. Dave and Karen for viewing and discussion of the *Dove Award* winning series, **The Chosen**. We will be having a lite dinner of soup and sandwiches. Please register at [karenskitchen33@yahoo.com](mailto:karenskitchen33@yahoo.com) to attend, with any dietary restrictions.
- **Introduction to the Bible class starting Sunday April 7, before Church at 9:00,** taught by Rev Dcn Adam Bottiglia. The goal of this class is to give you a level of comfort and familiarity with God's Word so you can more easily read and understand the Bible yourself. This will include memorizing the books of the Bible in order, gaining a basic understanding of what is found in these books, as well as an overview of the entire biblical story. This class will run for 8 weeks and is open to all ages who can happily sit for 45 minutes.
- **The Women of the Parish** are invited to a **Book and Diaper "Sprinkle"** for Puja Mullins and Liz Blackmer on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor, from 12:15pm to 1:15 pm. Come and celebrate the new lives in their families!



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