

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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SERVICE NOTES

There is no Invocation at the Vigil. The Church views tonight's Service as having begun on Thursday evening. For the same reason there was neither an invocation nor a benediction on Good Friday. So also the service begins quietly, without bells or Prelude. While the Easter texts and great event are very much in view, the real height of the service is the Holy Communion as announced with the ancient versicle, "He is risen! He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!"

The Service is comprised of six parts: The Liturgies of The (1) Light, (2) Readings, (3) Holy Baptism, (4) Prayer, (5) Word, and (6) Holy Communion.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

The congregation gathers in the Narthex. All are given unlit candles. They will be lit later from the Paschal Candle. In the semi-darkness, a fire is kindled. The prophecies are read in the manner of Good Friday, in a simpler style, without ornamentation or introduction, each followed by a genuflection and Collect.

To genuflect is to bend down on one knee briefly, rising again almost immediately. This orchestrated congregational ceremony is unique to Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. In this context, genuflecting itself is understood as a form of prayer. At the direction of the Minister, we genuflect and then rise for the Collects.

If it is too difficult for you to genuflect and stand back up immediately, please remain standing.

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE LIGHT ✠

The congregation gathers in the Narthex. All are given unlit candles. They will be lit from the Paschal Candle. In the semi-darkness, a fire is kindled.

THE KINDLING OF THE NEW FIRE

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacrament, we share in His victory over death.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray. O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE AND PRAYER

The pastor traces the cross and the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, saying: Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and Omega.

He traces the year saying: His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

He touches the five points of the cross, saying: By His wounds we have healing both now and forever.

Amen.

Lighting the candle from the newly kindled fire, he says: May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES OF THE WORSHIPERS FROM THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The faithful light their candles from the acolyte or one another.

THE PROCESSION OF LIGHT

All follow the bearer of the Paschal Candle who stops at the entrance of the nave, chanting:



A The light of Christ.

All following respond:



G Thanks be to God.

...in the middle of the nave:



A The light of Christ.



G Thanks be to God.



...at the candle stand:



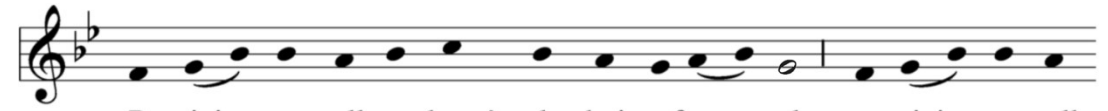
A The light of Christ.



G Thanks be to God.

All the faithful should find a place in the pews by this point.

THE EXSULTET



Re - joice now, all you heav'n - ly choirs of an - gels; re - joice now, all



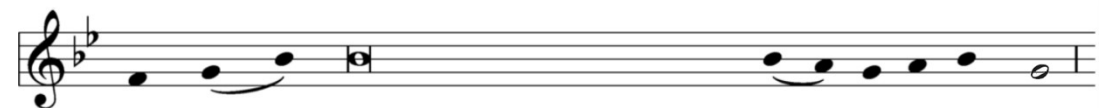
cre - a - tion; sound forth, trum-pet of sal - va - tion, and pro-claim



the tri - umph of our King. Re - joice too, all the earth,



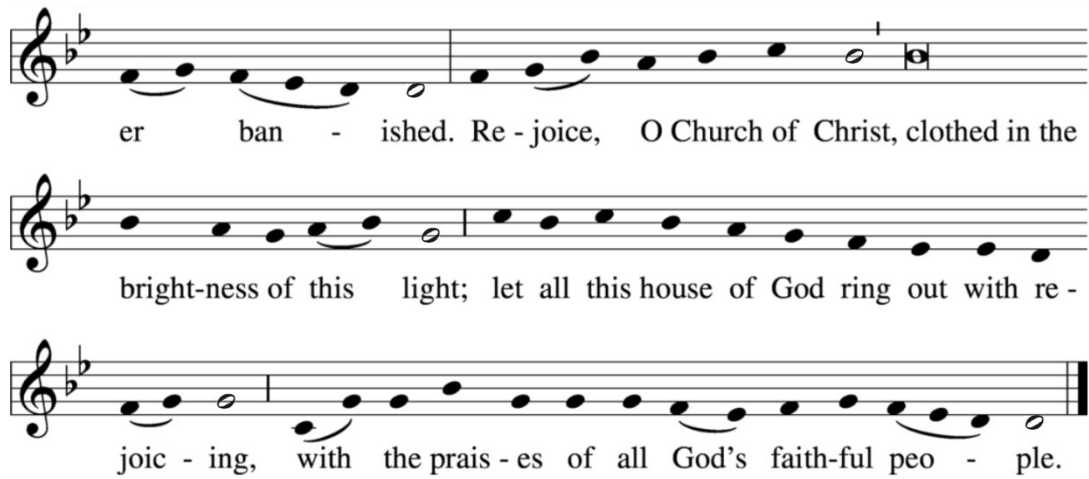
in the radiance of the light now poured up - on you



and made brilliant by the brightness of the ev - er-last-ing King;



know that the an - cient dark - ness has been for - ev -

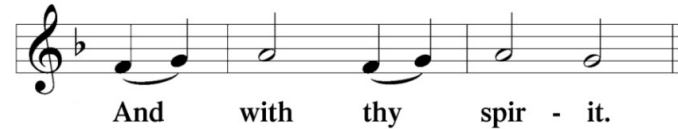


er ban - ished. Re - joice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the
bright-ness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with re -
joic - ing, with the prais - es of all God's faith-ful peo - ple.

THE EASTER PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4: 22



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3: 1]



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]



It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For He is the very Paschal Lamb who offered Himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of His precious blood. 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 ground. This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality. This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of

night. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is this night when man is reconciled to God in Christ. Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the True Light and Morning Star, shine in our hearts, He who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

The candles are extinguished. The nave is partially lit.

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE READINGS ✠

The prophecies are read in the manner of Good Friday, in a simpler style, without ornamentation or introduction, each followed by a genuflection and collect.

THE PROCLAMATION

In this most holy night our Savior, Christ, the Lord, broke the power of death and, by His Resurrection, brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His Word. The Sun of Righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

SIT

THE FIRST PROPHECY *The Creation*

GENESIS 1:1-2:2

STAND

If it is too difficult for you to genuflect and stand back up immediately, please remain standing.

Let us pray.

Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*

Let us rise.—*STAND*

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, You have most wonderfully created human nature and yet more wonderfully redeemed it. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who came to share our humanity, Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SIT

THE SECOND PROPHECY *The Flood*

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

STAND

Let us pray.

Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*

Let us rise.—*STAND*

THE COLLECT

O Lord, You did kill and You did raise to life; You did bring the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet You did save faithful Noah and his family in the ark. Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ's body, the Church, that Your mercy may come to its fullness and Your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SIT

THE THIRD PROPHECY *Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea*

EXODUS 14:10-15:2

STAND

Let us pray.

Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*

Let us rise.—*STAND*

THE COLLECT

O God, You did once deliver Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and did lead them in safety through the Red Sea, thereby giving us a picture of our Baptism. Grant that we may ever be faithful to Your baptismal promise, live in its grace, and show forth to all people Your desire that all should be made the children of Abraham, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SIT

THE FOURTH PROPHECY *The Fiery Furnace*

DANIEL 30:1-30

STAND

Let us pray.

Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*

Let us rise.—*STAND*

THE COLLECT

O God, Your Son protected faithful Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace of the king. Grant us protection in our time of testing that we would boldly confess Your name, reject all false worship, and lie and die in confidence, knowing we are safe in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE CANTICLE

Benedicite, omnia opera

Benedicite, Omnia opera, is the song ascribed by the earliest sources to the three young men as they confessed the Lord's deliverance in the midst of the furnace. It is sung as the conclusion to The Liturgy of the Readings.



The three children at the king's command were cast into the / fur-nace, fearing not the flame of fire but saying: Bless-ed / be-God.

**All you works of the LORD, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.**

You angels of the LORD, / bless the LORD;
you heavens, / bless the LORD.

**All you powers of the LORD, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.**

You sun and moon, / bless the LORD;
you stars of heaven, / bless the LORD.



You showers and dew, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.

**You winds of God, / bless the LORD;
you fire and heat, / bless the LORD.**

You winter and summer, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.

**You dews and frost, / bless the LORD;
you frost and cold, / bless the LORD.**

You ice and snow, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.

**You nights and days, / bless the LORD;
you light and darkness, / bless the LORD.**



You lightnings and clouds, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.

**Let the earth / bless the LORD;
you mountains and hills, / bless the LORD.**

All you green things that grow on the earth, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.

**You wells and springs, / bless the LORD;
you rivers and seas, / bless the LORD.**

You whales and all who move in the waters, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.

**All you birds of the air, / bless the LORD;
all you beasts and cattle, / bless the LORD.**



All you children of mortals, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.

**You people of God, / bless the LORD;
you priests of the Lord, / bless the LORD.**

You servants of the LORD, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.

**You spirits and souls of the righteous, / bless the LORD;
you pure and humble of heart, / bless the LORD.**

Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy / Spir-it;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.



The three children at the king's command were cast into the / fur-nace,
fearing not the flame of fire but saying: Bless-ed / be-God.

SIT



✠ THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY BAPTISM ✠

The Liturgy of the Holy Baptism is always used at the Vigil as a remembrance of Baptism.

On this holiest of nights, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of His glorious and mighty Resurrection from the dead. The Apostle Paul says: "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 but alive to God in Jesus Christ."

STAND

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin. We pray that you would behold us all according to Your boundless mercy and bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam and which we ourselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all time with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Do you renounce the devil? **Yes, I renounce him.**

Do you renounce all his works? **Yes, I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all his ways? **Yes, I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty? **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son? **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered**

under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, He descended into Hell, the third day He rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven; He sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

KNEEL/STAND

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE PRAYER ✠

THE LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

O Lord,
have mercy.

O Christ,
have mercy.

O Lord,
have mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
hear us.

Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,
have mercy on us.

Who foretold Your passion saying, “The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,”
have mercy on us.

Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,
have mercy on us.

Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,
have mercy on us.

Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
have mercy on us.

Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made yourself known to them in the scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,
have mercy on us.

Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,
have mercy on us.

Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,
have mercy on us.

Who appeared to Peter and the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,
have mercy on us.

Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,
have mercy on us.

By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,
good Lord, deliver us.

By Your victory over sin and death,
good Lord, deliver us.

By the majesty of Your risen body,
good Lord, deliver us.

We poor sinners implore you,
to hear us, Lord Jesus.

That we may daily die and rise with you in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,
grant us, good Lord.

That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,
grant us, good Lord.

That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,
grant us, good Lord.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace.

O Lord,
have mercy.

O Christ,
have mercy.

O Lord,
have mercy. Amen.

SIT

THE HYMN

TLH 185-186 *Jesus, All Our Ransom Paid; Jesus, All Thy Labor Vast*

The altar candles are lit from the paschal candle, the bells are pealed, and all lights come on. During the hymn the paraments were changed from violet to white and the pastor is now vested in white.

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

STAND

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

ST. LUKE 2:14; JOHN 1:29

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O ✠ Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

Let us pray. O God who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Resurrection of Our Lord, preserve in all Your people the spirit of adoption which You have given that, made alive in body and soul, they may serve you purely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

[I CORINTHIANS 5:7-8]; ROMANS 6:9

Alle- / luia.
- / Alleluia!

Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been / sacrificed.
Let us therefore celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. / Alleluia!



We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never / die again;
death no longer has do- / minion over Him.

Alle- / luia.
- / Alleluia!

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Victimae Paschali

Cantor/Choir

Chris-tians, to the Pas-chal Vic - tim Of - fer your thank-ful prais - es!

The Lamb the sheep has ran-somed: Christ, who on - ly is sin-less,

Rec-on-cil-ing sin-ners to the Fa-ther. Death and life have con-tend-ed

In that com-bat stu-pen-dous: The Prince of life, who died, Reigns im-mor-tal.

Congregation

1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark

pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;

Cantor/Choir

“Speak, Mar - y, de - clar - ing What you saw when way - far-ing.”

“The tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing, The glo-ry of Je-sus’ res-ur-rec - tion;

Bright an - gels at - test - ing, The shroud and nap - kin rest-ing.

My Lord, my hope, is a - ris - en; To Gal-i-lee He goes be-fore you.”

Congregation

2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still

our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,

We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor/Choir

Christ in - deed from death is ris - en, Our new life ob - tain-ing.

Have mer - cy, vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing!

Congregation

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE EASTER GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 28:1-7

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

(cont'd)

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven *And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man*; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.

SIT

THE SERMON

THE CHIEF HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
4 For to - day a - mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,

God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.

Loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.
 God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

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STAND

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION ✠

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]



It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world; by His death He has destroyed death and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6: 3; ST. MATTHEW 21: 9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6: 9-13

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

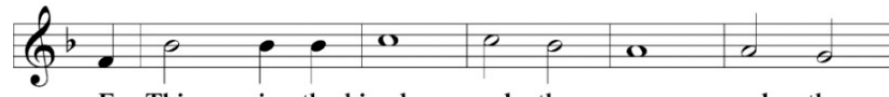
give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those

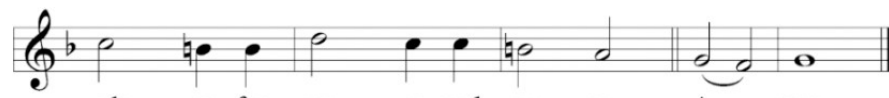
who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver ✠ us from evil.



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26: 26-28; ST. MARK 14: 22-24; ST. LUKE 22: 19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, ✠ THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; ✠ THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

THE PAX DOMINI

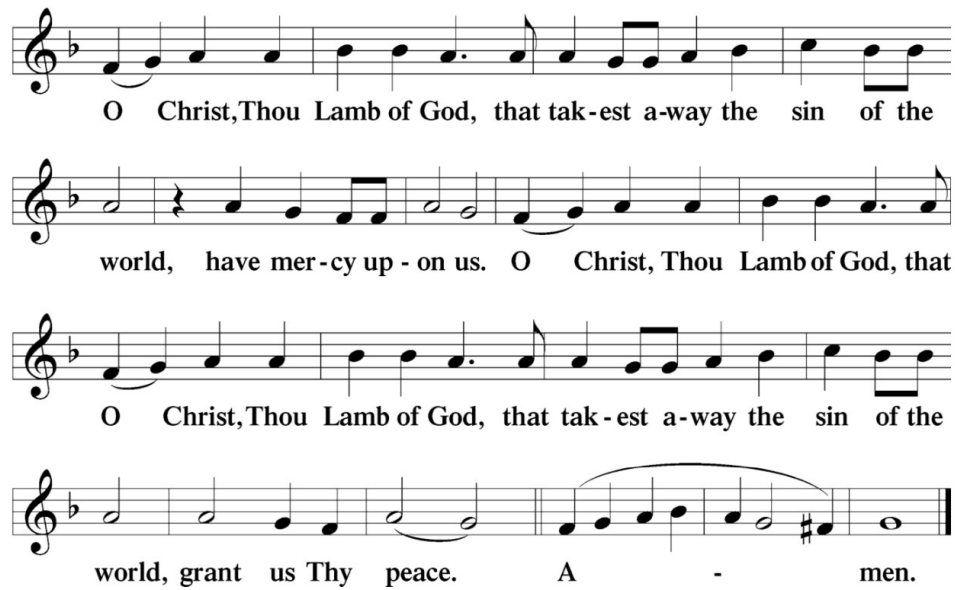
ST. JOHN 20: 19

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!



THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1: 29



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THE HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THE THANKSGIVING

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

ST. LUKE 2: 29- 32

Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You have given Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4: 22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE RETIRING PROCESSION

Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ☩ peace. There will be no announcements. Offerings may be left in the offering plate next to the classroom door.

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PSALM 107: 1