

# The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday 19 April 2025

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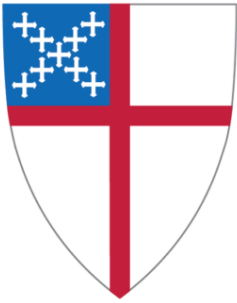


Hallelujah, 2013, *Mike Moyers*

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The Cathedral Church of St. Luke  
in the  
City of Portland  
and the  
Episcopal Diocese of Maine

*Whoever you are, and wherever you may be on the journey of the Spirit,  
the Episcopal Church welcomes you.*



## Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral!

We are a faith community with ancient worship and modern thought, catholic traditions and progressive theology. We proclaim a Biblical perspective for thinking people, a respect for reason, science, and a diversity of perspective. This empowers compassion and care for both the wider community and one another. Our commitment to welcome and inclusion is central to our mission modeled on the Kingdom of God and proclaimed by Jesus Christ. We are part of the 1.7 million-member **Episcopal Church** in the United States, and the 85-million-member worldwide **Anglican Communion**.



**St. Luke's welcomes every person** to share in the Episcopal Church's mission "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Jesus Christ." As a cathedral, St. Luke's is the seat of the bishop and the chief mission church of the Diocese and people of Maine. St. Luke's first service was held on Christmas Day in 1868, and continues over 150 years of reaching out to the city and people of Portland.

**New to St. Luke's?** We are delighted to welcome you to the cathedral and are grateful for your presence with us today. We invite you to fill out our visitor's register at either entrance of the cathedral nave.

**How we worship:** Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud, and to sing all music printed in the order of service. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the ✠ indicates that. Instructions for how to receive communion are provided later in the bulletin.

**Where are the restrooms?** There are four restrooms in the parish house, through the doors at the front left corner of the church. Men's and women's restrooms are across the large room at the top of the ramp: walk straight across, through the double doors and to your left. On the lower level, there are two accessible, single-stall (non-gender) restrooms, one on either end of the large room. If you need help finding them, please ask an usher.

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**St. Luke's Territorial Acknowledgement** St Luke's acknowledges that we are worshiping on "unceded territory taken by force and previously occupied by the **Wabanaki people**." (*Amended City Charter, Portland, Maine*). Some of the resources that built this cathedral came from industry related to the slave trade in the 18th & 19th centuries. We join our fellow residents in honoring the Wabanaki knowledge and culture that continues to thrive in the Tribal Nations. We ask for Blessing and Peace upon all indigenous peoples that have called, and always will call, this place—"The Dawnland"—HOME.

We invite you to pray for...

*members of our parish family*

Sarah Braik, Karen Perry, Lynn Dalheim, Carolyn Buteau

*members of our extended parish family*

Jack Hume, Jeff & Theresa Hume, and Judy Monroe (*brother, brother & sister-in-law, and friend, respectively, of Judd Hume*)

Mike Clough (*father of Christian M. Clough*), Dennis Foster (*brother of Mary Linneman*),

Patrick and Patti Rose & Edie Ruppert (*parents & godmother of Shana Rose*)

Matthew Stolte (*nephew of Gail and Jack Swanton*)

## AN EASTER WELCOME

About Easter, Bishop of Massachusetts and Rector of Trinity Church in Boston, Phillips Brooks said, “Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer; Death is strong, but Life is stronger; Stronger than the dark, the light; Stronger than the wrong, the right; Faith and Hope triumphant say Christ will rise on Easter Day.” It is a truth that is worth repeating, not just during this holy season, but every day.

The clergy, staff, and Lesser Chapter wish you a blessed and joyous Eastertide. If you are visiting, we welcome you. If you are here longer, we hope you will make St. Luke's your spiritual home. St. Luke's has the unique role of being both a cathedral and a parish church. To learn more about us and the life of the church please visit us again in person, or on the web at <stlukesportland.org>.



Blessings,  
The Reverend George R. Stevens, *Dean*

### Service Participants

|                                    |                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Preacher</i>                    | The Reverend Peter Swarr, <i>Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Portland</i>                                    |
| <i>Celebrant</i>                   | The Right Reverend Thomas James Brown, <i>Tenth Bishop of Maine</i>                                            |
| <i>Assisting</i>                   | The Very Reverend George R. Stevens, <i>Dean</i><br>The Reverend Christopher Worthley, <i>Assisting Clergy</i> |
| <i>Deacon</i>                      | The Reverend Jonathan Radtke                                                                                   |
| <i>Exultet Cantor</i>              | The Reverend Amanda Gerken-Nelson                                                                              |
| <i>Readers: – Creation</i>         | Mary Linneman                                                                                                  |
| <i>– Flood</i>                     | Thomas Porto, Elizabeth Burger                                                                                 |
| <i>– Parting of the Red Sea</i>    | Harold Stover                                                                                                  |
| <i>– New Heart, New Spirit</i>     | Judd Hume                                                                                                      |
| <i>– Dry Bones</i>                 | Peter Bingham, Phoebe Blume                                                                                    |
| <i>Prayer Leader</i>               | John Bancroft                                                                                                  |
| <i>Music Leader &amp; Organist</i> | Christian M. Clough, <i>Canon for Liturgy and Music</i>                                                        |
| <i>Head Verger</i>                 | Eleanor Roberts                                                                                                |
| <i>Crucifer</i>                    | Kenzo Moore                                                                                                    |
| <i>Ushers</i>                      | Peter Bingham, Stan Kuziel, Mary Linneman, Susan McCuller                                                      |
| <i>Live Streaming</i>              | Jack Swanton, Sam Allen                                                                                        |
| <i>Contributing Ministries</i>     | The Cathedral Choir, Acolytes, Vergers, The Flower Guild, The Altar Guild                                      |



### St. Luke's Cathedral

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# The Great Vigil of Easter

*The people assemble outside the cathedral entrance. The people are encouraged to sing all music printed in the bulletin.*

## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*The Presider kindles a new fire, and addresses the people, saying:*

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 Presider then blesses the new fire.*

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

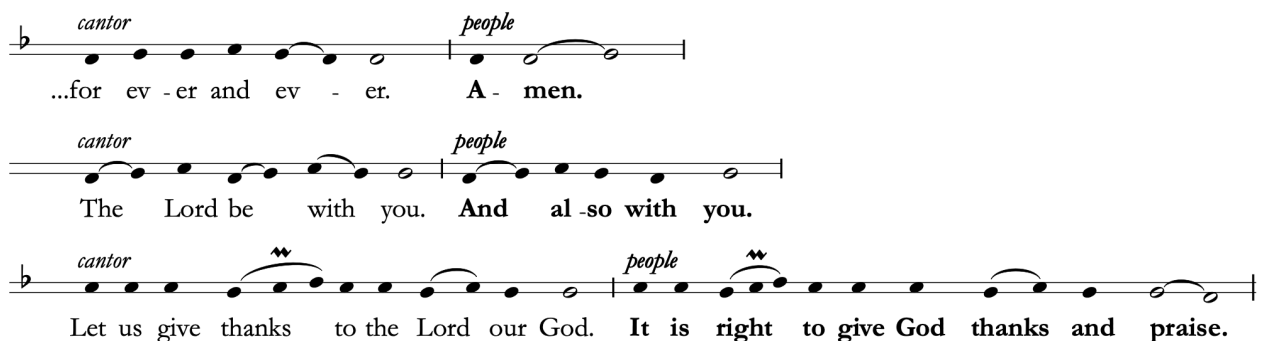
**People**      **Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire. The Deacon, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the high altar, pausing three times as the Cantor sings*

**People**      The Light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The people's candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle. The Exultet, the Church's hymn of praise to the Light of Christ, is sung.*

**Cantor**      Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.  
Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.  
Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.  
All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,



**Cantor**      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.



*Cantor*

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

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

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

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

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

Holy God, 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



# The Liturgy of the Word

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

*Please be seated.*

## The Story of Creation

*Genesis 1:1—2:4a*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, ma - ker of earth and sky;  
 2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with you, O star - a - bid - ing one;  
 your hands have set the heavens with stars; your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains.  
 come un - to us and dwell with us; with you are found the gifts of life.  
 Lo, at your word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.  
 Bless us with life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with you.

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 Music: Dakota Indian Chant [Lacquiparle], Native American melody

*Presider*

Let us pray.

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 our Lord.

*People*

**Amen.**



## The Flood

### “Noah Built the Ark”

James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

from *God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse*

And Noah was a just and righteous man.  
Noah walked and talked with God.  
And, one day, God said to Noah,  
He said: Noah, build thee an ark.  
Build it out of gopher wood.  
Build it good and strong.  
Pitch it within and pitch it without.  
And build it according to the measurements  
That I will give to thee.  
Build it for you and all your house,  
And to save the seeds of life on earth;  
For I'm going to send down a mighty flood  
To destroy this wicked world.

And Noah commenced to work on the ark.  
And he worked for about one hundred years.  
And ev'ry day the crowd came round  
To make fun of Old Man Noah.  
And they laughed and they said: Tell us, old man,  
Where do you expect to sail that boat  
Up here amongst the hills?

But Noah kept on a-working.  
And ev'ry once in a while Old Noah would stop,  
He'd lay down his hammer and lay down his saw,  
And take his staff in hand;  
And with his long, white beard a-flying in the wind,  
And the gospel light a-gleaming from his eye,  
Old Noah would preach God's word:

Sinners, oh, sinners,  
Repent, for the judgment is at hand.  
Sinners, oh, sinners,  
Repent, for the time is drawing nigh.  
God's wrath is gathering in the sky.  
God's a-going to rain down rain on rain.  
God's a-going to loosen up the bottom of the deep,  
And drown this wicked world.  
Sinners, repent while yet there's time  
For God to change his mind.

Some smart young fellow said: This old man's  
Got water on the brain.  
And the crowd all laughed—Lord, but didn't they laugh;  
And they paid no mind to Noah,  
But kept on sinning just the same.  
One bright and sunny morning,

Not a cloud nowhere to be seen,  
God said to Noah: Get in the ark!  
And Noah and his folks all got in the ark,  
And all the animals, two by two,  
A he and a she marched in.  
Then God said: Noah, Bar the door!  
And Noah barred the door.

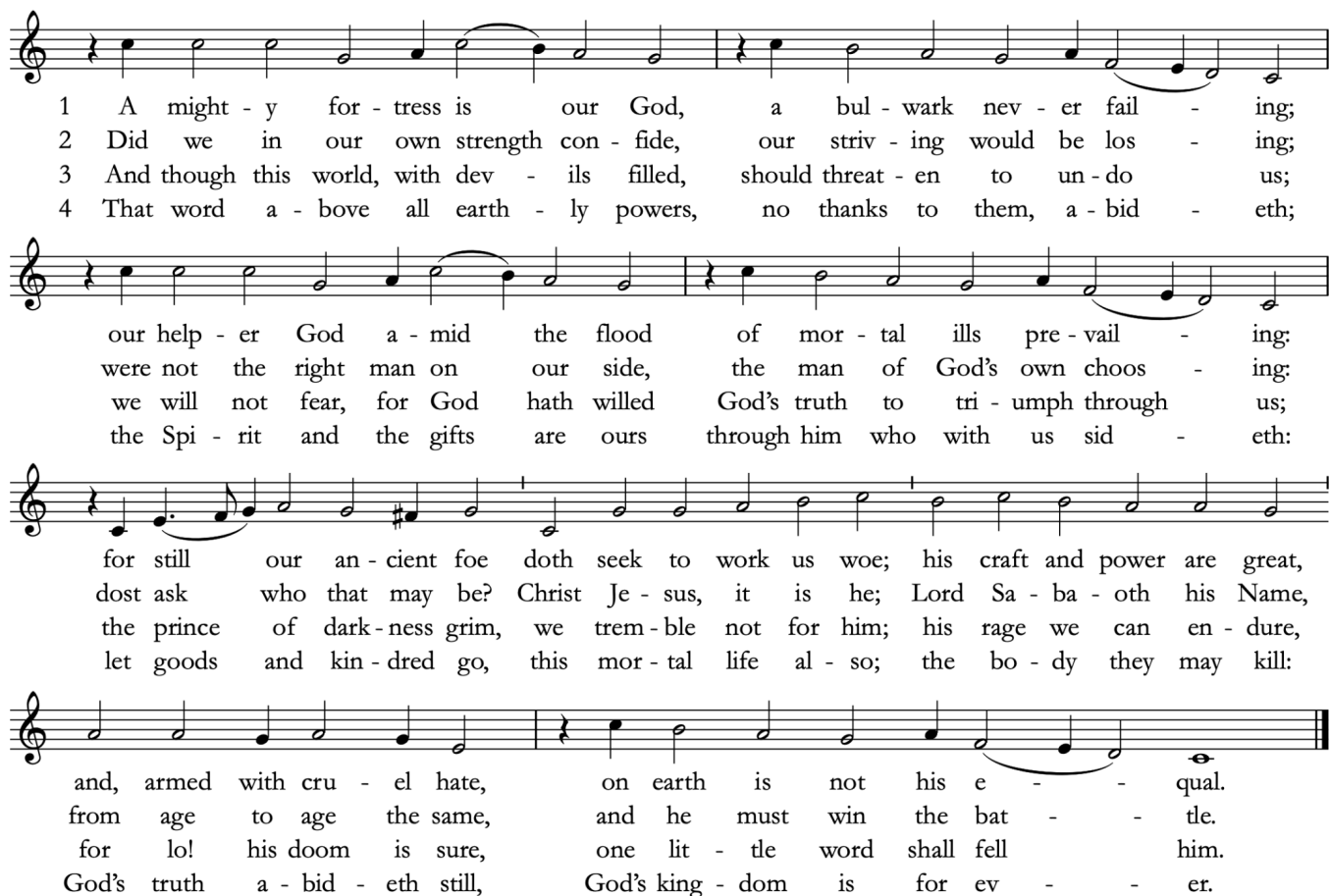
And a little black spot begun to spread,  
Like a bottle of ink spilling over the sky;  
And the thunder rolled like a rumbling drum;  
And the lightning jumped from pole to pole;  
And it rained down rain, rain, rain,  
Great God, but didn't it rain!  
For forty days and forty nights  
Waters poured down and waters gushed up;  
And the dry land turned to sea.  
And the old ark-a she begun to ride;  
The old ark-a she begun to rock;  
Sinners came a-running down to the ark;  
Sinners came a-swimming all round the ark;  
Sinners pleaded and sinners prayed —  
Sinners wept and sinners wailed —  
But Noah'd done barred the door.

And the trees and the hills and the mountain tops  
Slipped underneath the waters.  
And the old ark sailed that lonely sea —  
For twelve long months she sailed that sea,  
A sea without a shore.

Then the waters begun to settle down,  
And the ark touched bottom on the tallest peak  
Of old Mount Ararat.  
The dove brought Noah the olive leaf,  
And Noah when he saw that the grass was green,  
Opened up the ark, and they all climbed down,  
The folks, and the animals, two by two,  
Down from the mount to the valley.  
And Noah wept and fell on his face  
And hugged and kissed the dry ground.

And then —

God hung out his rainbow cross the sky,  
And he said to Noah: That's my sign!  
No more will I judge the world by flood —  
Next time I'll rain down fire.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us;  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

our help - er God a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing;  
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing;  
 we will not fear, for God hath willed God's truth to tri - umph through us;  
 the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid - eth;

for still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,  
 dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,  
 the prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, God's king - dom is for ev - er.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46. Music: *Ein feste Burg* [rhythmic], 87. 87. 66. 66. 7, Martin Luther (1483-1546)

*Presider*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*

**Amen.**

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;  
 2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;  
 3 They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo - ple go;  
 4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo - ple go;

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go.  
 To lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.  
 And came at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.  
 And let us all in Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land; tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009), Copyright © 1984 Church Publishing, Inc.

*Presider*

Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*

**Amen.**

## A New Heart and a New Spirit

*Ezekiel 36:22, 24-28*

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD:

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

*The choir sings*

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

*As the deer longs for the fountains of water, so longs my soul for you, O God.*

Words: Psalm 42.2, *Psalterium Romanum*

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Valley of Dry Bones

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

adapted from *The New Living Translation*

*Ezekiel* The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones. He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and they were very, very dry. And then the Spirit began to speak:

*Spirit* Mortal, can these bones become living people again?

*Ezekiel* O Sovereign LORD, you alone know the answer to that.

*Spirit* Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Listen up, you dry, dry bones. Listen to the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'

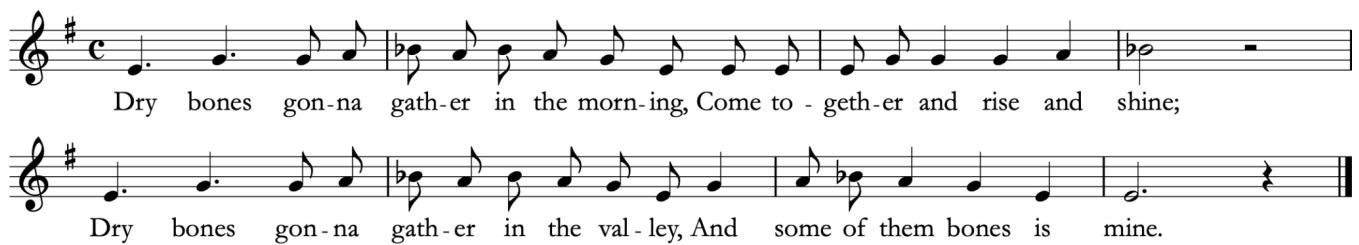
*Ezekiel* So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons. Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them.

*Spirit* Speak a prophetic message to the winds, mortal. Speak a prophetic message and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.'

*Ezekiel* So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.

*Spirit* Now behold mortal: these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, 'We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.' Therefore, prophesy to them and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel. When this happens, O my people, you will know that I am the LORD. I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done what I said. Yes, the LORD has spoken!'

*The Choir introduces the Refrain, and members of the choir sing the verses. The people join in singing the Refrain after the first verse.*



Down in the valley the spirit spoke:

“Zekul, go prophesy!”

And Zekul saw the valley full of dead men’s bones

And every bone was dry. **Refrain**

Spirit told Zekul call the four winds forth

And breathe on the bones all slain.

Behold, he hear a noise, every bone to his bone

Come together and lived again. **Refrain**

The graves all opened and the bones took breath

And the skin covered over again.

They stood on their feet like the army of the Lord.

Oh, the bones were living men. **Refrain**

Some of them bones are my mother’s bones,

Come together for to rise and shine.

Some of them bones are my father’s bones

And some of them bones is mine. **Refrain**

Some of them bones gonna make me laugh,

Come together for to rise and shine.

Some of them bones gonna make me weep,

’Cause some of them bones is mine. **Refrain**

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro spiritual, arr. Eric Budzinski (b. 1976), Copyright © Eric Budzinski. All rights reserved

*Presider*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*

**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in the Holy Church.

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Presider*

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

*People*

**I do.**

*Presider*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

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

*Presider*

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

*People*

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**



*Presider*

*People*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*Presider*

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.**

*Presider*

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.**

*Presider*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Presider*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Presider*

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.**

*Presider*

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Presider*

May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*People*

**Amen.**

*The candles at the altar are lit from the Paschal Candle.*

*Presider*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People*

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

*The congregation rings the bells that they have brought.*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;  
praise e - ter - nal as God's love;

who did once up - on the cross,  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 praise God, all ye heaven-ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
 Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, 77. 77 with Alleluias, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt.; intro. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956), Copyright © St. James Music Press; stanza 4 reharm. John A. Behnke (b. 1953), Copyright © 2002 Hope Publishing Co.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, who 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.

*People* Amen.

*Please sit.*

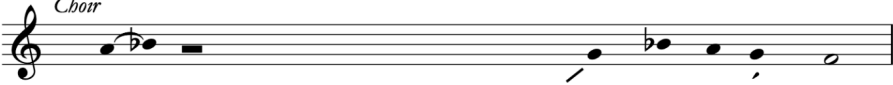
**Epistle** *Romans 6:3-11*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

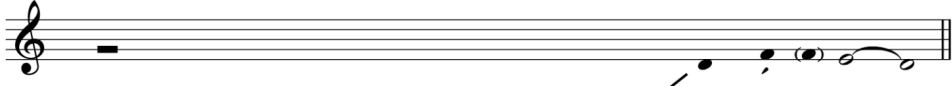
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to sing Psalm 114 with Alleluias. The choir introduces the psalm by singing verse 1. The choir and people sing in unison from verse 2.

*Choir*



Häl - lelujah! When Israel came out of E/ gypt, Hal - le - lú - jah! \*



the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech / Hal - lé - lu - jäh!

*All*



Judah became God's sanctua/ ry, Hal - le - lú - jah! \* and Israel God's dominion, Hal - lé - lu - jäh!

The sea beheld it and / fled, Hallelújah! \* Jordan turned and went back / Hallélujäh!

The mountains skipped like / rams, Hallelújah! \* and the little hills like young sheep, / Hallélujäh!

What ailed you, O sea, that you / fled? Hallelújah! \* O Jordan, that you turned back? / Hallélujäh!

You mountains, that you skipped like / rams? Hallelújah! \*  
you little hills like young sheep? / Hallélujäh!

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the / Lord, Hallelújah! \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob / Hallélujäh!

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of wa/ter, Hallelújah! \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring, / Hallélujäh!

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*Deacon* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel** *Luke 24.1-12*

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Deacon* The Gospel of our Savior.  
*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**Sermon** The Reverend Peter Swarr, *Trinity Episcopal Church, Portland*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Leader* Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Hear our prayers offered this night from hearts gladdened by the hope of eternal life as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant your Church to always hold fast to the example of Christ's life and the hope of his resurrection. Lord in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Our world still falls short of the full blossoming of human potential. Open the eyes and hearts of the world's leaders to pursue peace and human thriving for all people, especially those afflicted by violence and oppression in Haiti, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Taiwan, Myanmar, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, Yemen, the Red Sea basin, Sudan, the Sahel, Iran, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, and the United States. Fill the hearts of this nation with hope, peace, and a willingness to work together to build a nation where everyone has the opportunity to thrive and to live into their potential. Lord in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Inhabit the lives of all gathered here; be light that dispels all darkness, vanquishing our fears and giving us the courage to love boldly. Lord in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill our hearts with gratitude and thankfulness for the marvelous and abundant diversity of life, and empower us to be stewards of your creation, that all future generations may glory in all that you have created for us. Lord in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring wholeness and healing to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they might have peace and abundant life. We pray especially for... *[those on our prayer list]*, and for those whom you now name, either silently or aloud.

*During the silence, you are invited to pray for those whose needs you hold today.*

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We give thanks for the lives of those who have already entered into your glory, and we ask that we, too, may one day arise in your eternal kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Most gracious God, in Christ, your love was made manifest in our world. Embolden us to courageously continue his ministry, and to face without fear where love might take us, confident in Christ's promise to stand with us and walk with us always.

*People* **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please sit.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

*Presider* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as an offering and sacrifice to God.

*A free will offering in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral is taken at this time.  
All quarters in the offering plate go to support lunches for the school children in Duni, Haiti.  
Online giving is available at <stlukesportland.org/give/>, or from the QR code at right:*



*The choir sings*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness: But with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more: Death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: But in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia! Hark! Angelic voices cry, Alleluia! He is risen, he is risen, Alleluia! Amen!

Words: compiled by Emma Louise Ashford from biblical & other sources  
Music: No. 9 from *Resurrection Light*, Emma Louise Ashford (1850-1930)

*Please stand as you are able.*

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by death he broke its  
2 We share by wa - ter in Christ's sav - ing death. Re - born we share with Christ an  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new bod - y takes on

fear - ful hold; and our des - pair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
Eas - ter life as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
Church of God. Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing.

1-3 Al - le - lu - ia! Final Ending Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*The Book of Common Prayer (USA 1979)*

*Presider* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

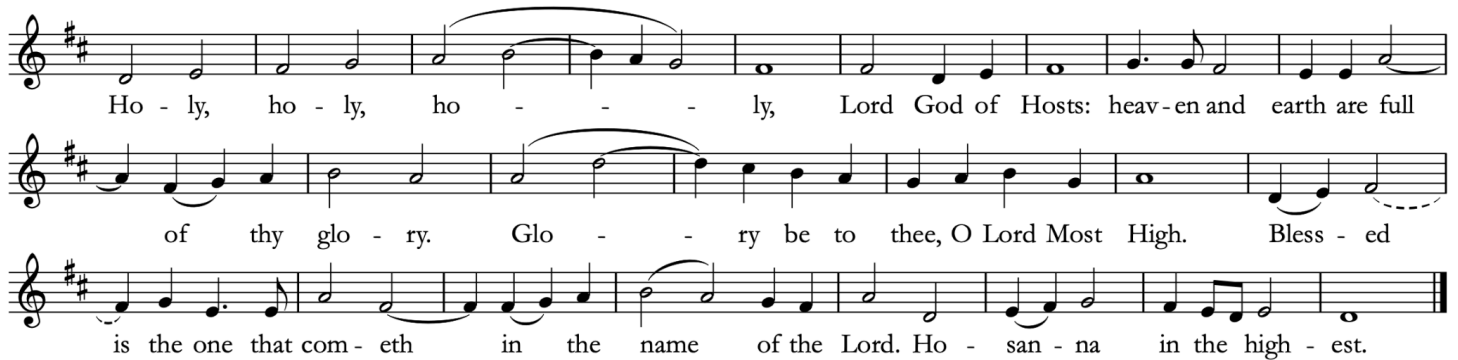
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Presider*

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:



*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music – #S-114 “Holy, holy, holy” Sanctus*  
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*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Presider*

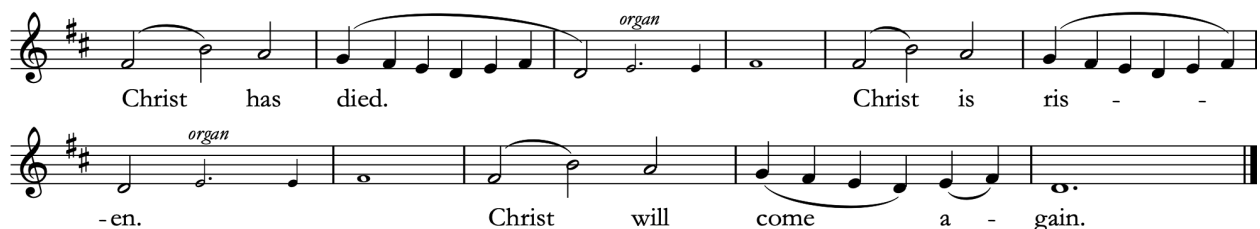
Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. ✠ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.



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Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People

**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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The choir introduces the Antiphon, which all repeat together. The choir sings the verses, the people singing the Antiphon where indicated.*



- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Antiphon**
- 4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb for ever. Amen. **Antiphon**
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia! **Antiphon**

The Hymnal 1982 – #418 “This is the feast of victory”; Words: Revelation 5.12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980), reprinted from *Lutheran Book of Worship* © 1978, by permission of Augsburg Publishing House on behalf of the publishers and copyright holders. Music: *Raymond*, Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014), © 1984, Peter R. Hallock

Presider

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 are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As the Iona Community says, “Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.”*

*Ushers will assist you to approach by the center and return by the side aisles. You are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine when presented; we believe that the divine presence is fully present in both the bread and the wine, and you may refuse either. For example, you may choose to receive only the bread, and then walk away; or, if you would like, you may touch the chalice with your hand, and not actually consume any wine. If you would like to receive the blessing of the Church, but not communion, indicate to the clergy by crossing your arms when approached. If you are not able to come forward, please motion to an usher, and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to the Celebrant.*

*The choir sings*

When Mary thro' the garden went,  
There was no sound of any bird,  
And yet, because the night was spent,  
The little grasses lightly stirred,  
The flowers awoke, the lilies heard.

When Mary thro' the garden went,  
The dew lay still on flower and grass,  
The waving palms above her sent  
Their fragrance out as she did pass.  
No light upon the branches was.

When Mary thro' the garden went,  
Her eyes, for weeping long, were dim.  
The grass beneath her footsteps bent,  
The solemn lilies, white and slim,  
These also stood and wept for Him.

When Mary thro' the garden went,  
She sought, within the garden ground,  
One for Whom her heart was rent,  
One Who for her sake was bound,  
One Who sought and she was found.

Words: from *Poems*, no. 70 (publ. 1907), Mary Coleridge (1861-1907) Music: from *Eight Part-Songs*, Op. 127, No. 3, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

1 Lift your voice re-joic-ing, Ma-ry, Christ has ris-en from the tomb; on the  
2 Raise your wea-ry eye-lids, Ma-ry, see him liv-ing ev-er-more; see his  
3 Life is yours for ev-er, Ma-ry, for your light is come once more and the  
cross a suf-fering vic-tim, now as vic-tor he is come. Whom your tears in death were  
coun-te-nance, how gra-cious, see the wounds for you he bore. All the glo-ry of the  
strength of death is bro-ken; now your songs of joy out-pour. End-ed now the night of  
mourn-ing, wel-come with your smiles re-turn-ing. Let your al-le-lu-ias rise!  
morn-ing pales be-fore those wounds re-deem-ing. Let your al-le-lu-ias rise!  
sor-row, love has brought the bless-ed mor-row. Let your al-le-lu-ias rise!

Words: Latin; tr. Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1828-1896), alt. Music: *Fisk of Gloucester*, 87. 87. 887, Thomas Foster (1938-2024), Copyright © 1984 Thomas Foster

1 Love's re-deem-ing work is done; fought the fight, the bat-tle won:  
2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
3 Lives a-gain our glo-rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?  
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol-lowing our ex-alt-ed Head;  
5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to thee by both be given:  
1 lo, our Sun's e-clipse is o'er, lo, he sets in blood no more.  
2 death in vain for-bids his rise; Christ has o-pened par-a-dise.  
3 dy-ing once, he all doth save; where thy vic-to-ry, O grave?  
4 made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies.  
5 thee we greet tri-um-phant now; hail, the Res-ur-rec-tion Thou!

*The Hymnal 1982* – #188 “Love’s redeeming work is done”. Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Music: *Savannah*, 77. 77, melody from MS *Chorbuch*, Herrnhut ca. 1740, as given in John Wesley’s *Foundery Collection*, 1742



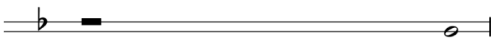
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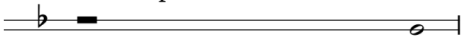
*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God,**  
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.

— BCP p. 365

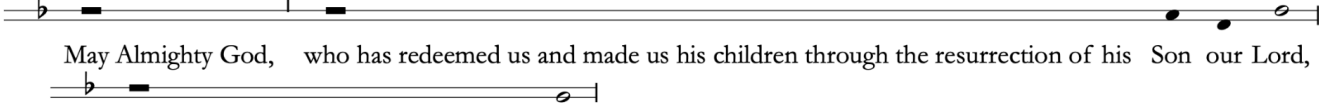
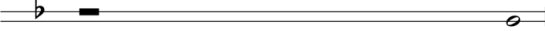
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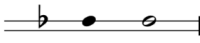
*Bishop*  Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

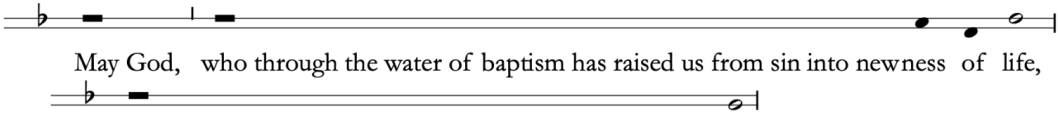
*People*  **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop*  Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

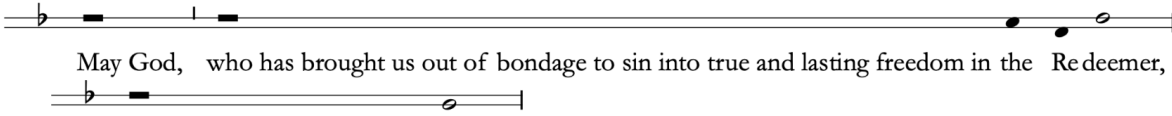
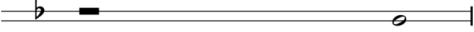
*People*  **From this time forth for ever more.**

*Bishop*  May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord,  
 bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

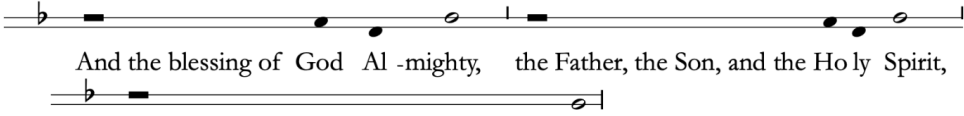
*People*  **A - men.**

*Bishop*  May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life,  
 make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

*People*  **A - men.**

*Bishop*  May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer,  
 bring you to your eternal inheritance.

*People*  **A - men.**

*Bishop*  And the blessing of God Al-mighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be upon + you and remain with you for ever.

*People*  **A men.**

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands emp - ty to the sky.  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant years in Pal - es - tine,  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un - moved by hu - man pains,  
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor, scorn or wealth div - ide,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and ev - ery fu - ture age,  
 1 Let streets and homes with prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 he comes to claim the here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 but dai - ly, in the midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 he suf - fers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 till all cre - a - tion lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

*The Hymnal 1982* – #182 “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing” Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev., © 1975, 1995 Hope Publishing Company.  
 Music: *Truro*, LM, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

*Deacon*  
 Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*People*  
 Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Postlude

## Toccata, Op. 104

Joseph Jongen (Belgium, 1873-1953)

*We are grateful to all our visitors for celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with us tonight,  
 with special thanks to participants from neighboring congregations.*

*Please join us tomorrow @ 9AM or 11AM for the Festal Eucharist of Easter, with brass quintet and timpani.  
 An Easter egg hunt for children will take place at 10:30AM.*

# Happy Easter!

*We are grateful to all our visitors for celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with us today.  
Please read on to learn more about our congregation and our ministries, and consider joining us again.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NO 5:15PM Sunday worship tomorrow.** Please join us next week in Emmanuel Chapel for this weekly contemplative Eucharist.

**Thank you to the Buildings and Grounds crew** and all other volunteers for work around St. Luke's these last two weekends to prepare our facilities for Easter and spring!

**Thank you to all our volunteers** who contributed to our liturgy and fellowship this Holy Week and Easter Day!

**'Episcopal 101' continues next week:** The Rev. Christopher Worthley, Assisting Priest, leads 'What is Church? Anglicanism in Historical and Ecumenical Perspective.' Interested in the history of the Episcopal Church? How Episcopalians view scripture? *The Book of Common Prayer* and its history? This ten-week series is open to all, but aimed at those interested in Confirmation, Reception or Baptism in the Church. Meetings after 10:00AM liturgy most Sundays in March, April and May will be livestreamed and recorded. If you are interested in previous sessions, or have questions about the Episcopal Church, please watch the archived recordings. More information: George Stevens <gstevens@cathedralofstluke.org>.

**Scam e-mails from the Very Rev'd George Stevens:** This week, another round of scam emails was sent to parishioners purportedly from the Rev. George Stevens asking for 'a favor' in the form of gift cards. Please know that private requests for gift cards will never come from any staff member at the Cathedral. And take this caution with you to other situations.

**Next Choral Evensong: Sunday 4 May @ 4PM** Canticles and Preces & Responses by Herbert Sumsion. Anthem by Emma Louise Ashford. Anglican chants by Garrett & Bennett.



**Our partner parish in Duni, Haiti sends blessings to St. Luke's for a Happy Easter.** The Episcopal School in Duni is in session and classrooms are full, and the student population at St. Simon/St. Jude School is growing as a result of people fleeing more violent areas of the country. While the area around Duni is not experiencing violence, incursions are happening nearby, and resources are further strained with the cuts to USAID, which have resulted in many schools stopping lunches or closing altogether. We pray for continued safety in the village and for peace in Haiti. St. Luke's support of the lunch program means the children receive a meal every school day, and we thank you for your generous support.

**save the date**  
**5/15**



**ITALIAN DINNER AND  
SILENT AUCTION  
TO BENEFIT THE  
FOOD PANTRY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 15  
LOWER HALL, 5:30**

ST. LUKE'S foodpantry



## OPPORTUNITIES & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Volunteer to serve on the Altar Guild:** We love volunteering on the Altar Guild, and think you would, too! Volunteering with Altar Guild is fun and rewarding. Together, we can work to enable our congregation to engage in worship that is filled with order, beauty, peace, and tranquility. Contact: Kate Leschey <cleschey@gmail.com> or Rita Siavelis <ritasiav@hotmail.com>

**The Biblical Study Group** meets in the Conference Room on the ground floor Sundays 8:30–10:00AM. The focus of the current class is "What must I do to fully live the Christian life?" This life-giving process is already known to us through Jesus Christ and the Saints. Consider this five step process: 1) to fully understand God's commands 2) to understand and accept God's love for us 3) to understand and fully accept God's forgiveness 4) to understand and to fully accept that God is within us, 5) we are adopted by God to become part of God's own family and brothers and sisters to his Son. Call Dr. Bob Hanson for more information (207) 400-8250.

**Contemplative prayer** meets every Thursday at 4:30PM on Zoom (*please see the E-pistle for the link*). Please join us for a half-hour of silent meditation followed by a brief conversation about our experience. No experience necessary! Contact: Sarah Braik <sbraik642@gmail.com>.

**Soul Talk** is a monthly coffee and conversation group in which we talk not so much about our beliefs but about our faith and experience of God. It meets at 10AM on the 4th Thursday of each month. Please join us once a month or once in a while. Contact Linda Carleton <lindacarleton01@gmail.com> if you'd like to receive an email with material for reflection before each meeting.

**The Artist's Way:** Jesus said, "Unless you become as little children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt.18:3) The Artist's Way, by Julia Cameron, is a 12-week program to help unleash the joyful, creative, and spiritual child who lives within each of us. If you would like to discover (or rediscover) the Artist's Way in May, contact Linda Carleton <lindacarleton01@gmail.com> by May 1. We'll decide together the time and way to meet.

**Join the Kneelers Guild and Prayer Shawl Knitters** every Tuesday 2:30–4:30PM in the Upper Hall. Everyone is welcome, whether you are curious or want to begin. Kneeler kits cost \$75, which include directions, yarn, needles & canvas. Novices are welcome; we will teach you as needed. Prayer Shawls: 20" x 60"; select your yarn & needles. Coffee & tea are available.

### **WALKING TOGETHER: a faithful response to fear and uncertainty**

Through our Walking Together ministry, we at St. Luke's seek to walk together with God, with one another, with immigrants and members of the LGBTQ+ community, and with our partner organizations who serve them. By volunteering with our partner organizations, St Luke's members can make a real difference in the lives of those who currently feel most vulnerable and afraid. Here are some ways you can help:

- St. Luke's Food Pantry: Unloading food and setting up, Wednesday, 8-10ish; Serving our neighbors: Thursday, 8-11AM. Contact: Mary Brighthaupt <mbrighthaupt@cathedralofstluke.org>
- St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry: Providing non-food essentials like soap, toilet paper, diapers and household wares: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 8-11AM. Contact Sarah Borgeson <sarah161@comcast.net>
- State Street Shelter: Greeting people/playing with kids: daily, 6-8:30PM; Overnight sleeping (separate space): daily, 8:30PM – 6:30AM; preparing breakfast, 6:30-8AM. Contact: (207) 774-6396
- Hope Acts: Greeting and assisting clients at the door (previously done by asylum-seekers for whom it is no longer safe), 2-4 hour shifts daily. Contact: Connie Schmalz <connieschmalz@gmail.com>
- Presente! Maine, a grassroots, mutual aid organization by and for Afro/Indigenous-Latines in Maine: Drivers to assist with food distribution. Contact Peter Carleton at petercrltn@gmail.com.

If you would like to join St. Luke's Walking Together Ministry, contact Linda Carleton: <lindacarleton01@gmail.com>.

**Join the Young and the Restless**, St. Luke's 20s/30s-year-old ministry, which hosts events both at CSL and outside the church. Join us as we hike, ice-skate, play trivia, or just enjoy each other's company! If you are new to us, welcome! We meet 6-8PM each Tuesday at Maine Beer Company in Freeport for trivia. Other events happen sporadically throughout the month, though trivia is a wonderful opportunity to meet us, if you're joining us for the first time. Contact: Phoebe Blume <prblume@gmail.com>

**Sing with the Cathedral Choir:** With only a few weeks left in the current season, which ends 8 June, now is a great time to give choral singing a try. If it's not right for you, you've lost very little. 😊 Rehearsals Thursdays 7-9PM in the Choir Room (north end of the lower level). Sunday mornings from 8:45AM for the 10AM liturgy. Choral Evensong @ 4PM Sundays 4 May & 1 June. Previous experience is not required. More information: Christian M. Clough <CClough@cathedralofstluke.org>

## COMMUNITY NOTES

**To reserve space for a group, meeting or event**, fill out a space usage form, and check with the cathedral calendar first! Thanks! Contact: <office@cathedralofstluke.org>

**Thank you in advance for your offering today.** You can donate to St. Luke's through our new and secure "Give and Text" feature. Please text **"TEXTCSL" to 73256**. Our 2025 Pledge Campaign is ongoing. Pledge materials and information are available at <www.stlukesportland.org>

**The parish prayer list:** Names remain on the prayer list for 3 consecutive weeks unless otherwise requested. If you wish for a name to be added, contact <office@cathedralofstluke.org>.

**Access your Realm profile:** St. Luke's online database, Realm, is a useful tool for parishioners to manage their contact and pledging information. Realm helps our community by improving our record keeping in a more streamlined fashion. When joining Realm you can sign-up to be a part of the online directory. To activate your Realm profile, please contact Wendy Kopera, St. Luke's Bookkeeper at <bookkeeper@cathedralofstluke.org>. Wendy will assist you with the few steps necessary to access your profile.

## *Easter flowers, music, and general support are given to the glory of God...*

*...in loving memory of...*

Mary P. H. Brewster  
The Rev. Douglas C. Burger  
Richard & Bessie Farnsworth  
Edward & Ellen Lynsky  
Helen, David, Douglas, and Edward Kowalski  
Jack Wood  
Jack & Patricia Burlin  
My parents, Charles and Lydia Weston  
Loved ones  
Arthur & Faith Jones  
Michael (Mac) McCuller  
Helen Eddy  
Harry Eddy  
Richard & Elise Olson  
Beverly Sheehan  
Michael Sheehan  
Arthur Marcoux  
Roland Buteau  
G. A. & Doris MacKay  
Rod Cavanagh and Rev. EJ Emerson  
Julie Clough  
Mawhinney & Hanscom Family Members  
Joseph Edgar  
Ralph Siewers  
The Rev. Sally Poland  
Elsa & Max Dalheim  
Elsa Eklof

*...by...*

Elizabeth Burger  
Elizabeth Burger  
Richard Farnsworth  
Richard Farnsworth  
David & Nancy McFadden  
Toby & Stacie Webb  
Regina Flynn & Paul Burlin  
Carol Weston  
Mary Doughty  
Susan McCuller  
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Liz Griffin  
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Kathryn Sheehan  
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Debra Marcoux  
Carolyn Buteau  
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Luke & Kate Emerdello  
Christian M. Clough & Christopher Worthley  
Nancy Mawhinney  
Jeri D. Edgar & sons Mike, Joe, & Andrew  
Pam Siewers  
The Rev. Ted Poland  
Lynn Dalheim  
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*...and in thanksgiving for...*

Our Grandchildren, Rosie, Robbie, & Henry  
John & Elizabeth Robbins  
Our daughters, Zora and Lydia-Rose  
Kristen Buteau  
Craig Masse  
Michael, Melissa, & Liam Cox  
My children, grandchildren, & great grandson  
Our years at St. Luke's  
The Dean, Wardens, & the Vestry  
Christian Clough and the Cathedral Choir

*...by...*

Nancy Brain & John Watson  
Regina Flynn & Paul Burlin  
Gail & Gregory Kesich  
Susan McCuller  
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Carolyn Buteau  
Muffie and David Fernald  
Nick Penfield  
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Altarpiece: Three Marys at the Tomb (*top*); Descent into Hell (*bottom*); Panel from the Maesta Altarpiece of Siena, 1308-1311  
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