

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

April 3, 2021

7:30 P.M.

*Due to the pandemic, the music in this service must be sung by a cantor only.
You are invited to join by silently lifting up the words to God.*

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Priest: 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.

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is lit. The Deacon bears the candle into the church.

Cantors: The light of Christ. *Thanks be to God.*

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

The Exsultet

Plainsong, Solemn Tone

Standing near the Candle, the Cantor sings

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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

*The congregation may extinguish their candles and be seated for the lessons and canticles.
Canticles are sung by the Cantors.*

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea: The Book of Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 *sit*

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.”

Canticle: The Song of Moses *Cantate Domino*

(sung by a cantor only)

I will sing to the Lord, for he has risen up in might.

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

I will sing to the Lord, for he has risen up in might.

Words: *Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

Music: *Plainsong, Mode 8; adapt. Bruce E. Ford and Norman Mealy*

Priest: Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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.
Amen.

Salvation Offered Freely to All: The Book of Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Canticle *Laudate Dominum*

(sung by a cantor only)

Praise the Lord, all you nations; *
laud him, all you peoples.

For his loving-kindness toward us is great, *
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

Words: *Psalm 117*
Music: *Plainsong, Mode 8*

Priest: Let us pray. (Silence)

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

A New Heart and A New Spirit: The Book of Ezekiel 36: 24-28

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

Canticle: The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

(sung by a cantor only)

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things.

Words: *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Music: *Plainsong, Mode 3; adapt. Bruce E. Ford*

Priest: Let us pray. (Silence)

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. **Amen.**

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

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

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Canticle *Sicut cervus*

(sung by a cantor only)

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
“Where now is your God?”

Words: *Psalms 42: 1-3*

Music: *Plainsong, Mode 8*

Priest: Let us pray. (Silence)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery: by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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Priest: 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 his holy Catholic Church.

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

People: **I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Priest: 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.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

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

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

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

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

Priest: 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.**

Priest: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. **Amen.**

AT THE EUCHARIST

The candles at the Altar are lighted.

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Canticle *Te Deum laudamus*

(sung by the cantors only)

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power
and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church
acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all
worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all
believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in
glory.
We believe that you will come
and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your
people,
bought with the price of your own
blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

Setting: *Solemn Plainsong Tone, adapt. Bruce E. Ford (Hymnal S 282)*

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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. **Amen.**

Lector: A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans. (6:3-11) *sit*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Great Alleluia

Plainsong, Mode 8

The cantor sings the Alleluia, and repeats it three times, higher in pitch each time.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (16:1-8)

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

Now When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them,

“Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon: The Reverend Kelly Carlson

sit

Exchanging the Peace

stand

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

People: **And also with you.**

An Easter Welcome

sit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*During this time when we cannot safely pass the offertory plates,
please make your offering as you come up to receive Holy Communion.*

Hymn 187: “Through the Red Sea brought at last” *(sung by the cantor only)*

Through the Red Sea brought at last, Alleluia!	Like the cloud that overhead, Alleluia!
Egypt’s chains behind we cast. Alleluia!	through the billows Israel led, Alleluia!
Deep and wide	by his tomb
flows the tide	Christ makes room,
severing us from bondage past, Alleluia!	souls restoring from the dead, Alleluia!

In that cloud and in that sea, Alleluia!
buried and baptized were we, Alleluia!
Earthly night
brought us light
which is ours eternally, Alleluia!

Words: *Ronald A. Knox (1888–1957)*

Music: *Straf mich nicht, melody from Hundert Arien, 1694*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

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

Priest: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection

and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All: **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Priest: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit descends upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth, especially all those in whose honor the Easter flowers are given.

Remember, all who have died, especially all those in whose memory the Easter flowers are given; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Peter and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: And now 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.**

Breaking of the Bread (*Hymnal S 152*)

Cantors: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Administration of the Sacrament

While we celebrate the Eucharist with both bread and wine, currently we receive in bread only, which is full participation. Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free bread.

When an usher invites your pew, please come forward, drop your offering in the offertory plate if you choose, use the hand sanitizer, and move to receive communion from Kelly or Shug, observing the floor markers to maintain social distancing.

To receive without physical contact, place one hand on top of the other, palms open. Please consume the host when you have returned to your seat.

Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know you would like to receive a blessing but not the sacrament.

If you are worshipping virtually and unable to physically partake of the sacrament, we invite you to make your spiritual communion by praying the following prayer, adapted from the prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

**Beloved Jesus,
We believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of the altar.
We long for you in our souls,
to know that we are in you and that you are in us.
Though physically isolated from your altar
and the sacrament of your Body and Blood,
We receive you into our hearts and the depths of our being.
United with you, help us know that our lives are hid
with you, O Christ, in the heart of God. Amen.**

Canticle *Pascha nostrum*

(sung by the cantor only)

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,

neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

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.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *

but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, *

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, *

by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Setting: *Plainsong, Tone 7; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (Hymnal S 16)*

Offering of Monetary Gifts

stand

Priest: All praise be yours, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored;

People: **All praise to God the Father be
And Holy Ghost eternally.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Priest: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God, we thank you for adopting us as your own children,
for incorporating us into your holy Church, and for feeding
us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

May we, who share his body, live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;

we, whom the Spirit enlightens, give light to the world.

Enliven us in the hope you have set before us,

so that we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest: The God of peace, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with Christ in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Voluntary: Improvisation sur le jubilus de l'Alleluia

Please remain in your pew until an usher invites you to exit through the narthex, then carry the joy of Easter out into the world that God loves.

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THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Presider: The Rev. Kelly Carlson

Deacon: The Rev. Shug Goodlow

Cantors: DeWayne Trainer, David Sinden

Organ: David Sinden

Lectors: Bruce Ryder, Doris Lucy-Goodlow

Ushers: Mark Pye

Altar Guild: Susan Schettler

Webcast: Jacquelyn VanWeelden

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING – This year's Easter Outreach Offering supports two ministries focused on the welfare of children. In St. Louis, through the work of our Anti-Racism Committee, St. Peter's has teamed with Pastor Andre Alexander and his church, The Tabernacle, to provide laptops to Bridge of Hope Ministries. These laptops will be used in tutoring school children in the most under-resourced communities in North St. Louis City. In Haiti, as a member parish of Outreach Haiti, we are supporting Pere Banna in his work to educate, feed, and shelter the children of Petit Harpon. If you would like to know more about the efforts of our Anti-Racism Committee, talk to Charlie or Katie Claggett or the Rev. Shug Goodlow. If you would like to see firsthand the work Pere Banna is doing, talk to Chris Knight about joining the Outreach Haiti team on their trip to Petit Harpon in June; and be sure to join us for Coffee Hour on April 11 for an update on Outreach Haiti's work! Offerings may be made at church on Easter Sunday (please write "Easter Outreach" on the memo line of your check to distinguish it from an offering to St. Peter's), or anytime this week at stpetersepiscope.org/give.

SPECIAL GIFTS

The Paschal Candle is given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Betty J. Freeman and Jim Freeman.

EASTER PLANTS AND FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of Henry, Martha Sue and Allison Ivey,
by Amy, Doug, Curtis, and Maddie Varble.

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. John S. Lionberger, Jr.,
by Erle Broughton and her family.

In loving memory of Nancy Sedgwick,
by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kloppenburg.

In loving memory of Marie and Jim Snowden, and George Wheeler,
by Kathy and Jim Snowden.

In loving memory of Jacqueline Hayes and John Thomas Elmore, Jr.,
by the Rev. Shug Goodlow and Doris Lucy-Goodlow.

In loving memory of Audrey and Bill Smith, Barbara Smith,
Doug Horner, Jim Wilson and Alma and Bill Frank,
by Karen Hempstead, Debbie Fitzgerald, Emily Ledet, and Meredith McCall.

In loving memory of Douglass D. Horner,
by Karen, Emily, and Meredith.

In thanksgiving for the marriage of Kati and Johnny Acker,
by Lisa and Tom Acker.

In thanksgiving for her family,
by Bettie Johnson.

In honor of Sandy Peters,
by the Brennans, Bergquists, and Peters.

In honor of Matt, Sara, Charlie, and Henry,
by Jenn and Jack Gillis.

In loving memory of Alwin, Meta, and William Schettler, and Sylvia Neitzert,
and in thanksgiving for Brian, Maranda, John, Audrey, Claire, and Norah Schettler,
by Dan and Susan Schettler.

In loving memory of Frank Rassieur,
and in thanksgiving for the Martins, McDonalds, Medarys, and the Rassieurs,
by Mary Rassieur.

In honor of their children and grandchildren,
by George and Jean Saunders.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Denny Ivie III and William Calhoun Boinest,
and in thanksgiving for Allan Denny Ivie VI,
by Allan Ivie and Page Melton Ivie.

In loving memory of Bob Jansson,
by Nikki Jansson.

In honor of the Clergy and Staff of St. Peter's,
by John and Laurie Haffenreffer.

In loving memory of Alan Sterling Howard,
by the family.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayfield,
by the family.

In loving memory of BJ and Grant Williams, Margaret and Bill George,
and Mark Sayers, and in thanksgiving for their family,
by Penny and Philip George.

In loving memory of Jason Lohr, and Anita and Roy Beal,
and in honor of Wilson, Campbell, Harper, and Walker Graves, and August Hartman,
by Connie Lohr.

In loving memory of Thomas M. Tallarico,
by Molly Tallarico.

In thanksgiving for Louise Wilson, Mary Ann Lennie, and their family,
by Bud and Susie Wilson.

In loving memory of Nathaniel Wood Olk,
and in thanksgiving for the Dutcher family, Molly Olk, and Michael Bobroff,
by Wendy Olk.

In loving memory of Ginger and Bill Cornelius, and Jane and Gene Davis,
and in honor of their children and grandchildren,
by Jeanie and Clark Davis.

In loving memory of Luke Anders Babington,
and in thanksgiving for Charlotte Elizabeth Lane,
and Anders Henry Babington and Caroline Ann Babington,
by Ann and Tom Babington.

In thanksgiving for Bettie Johnson,
by Suzanne and Jim Johnson.

In loving memory of William H. Danforth, Elizabeth Gray Danforth,
and Cynthia Danforth Prather.

In loving memory of Mary Catherine Fort,
by her children and her husband.

Given in loving memory of Janet Law Volkman, Elizabeth Bennet Burroughs,
Katharine Amberg Smith, Ralph Burnaby Burroughs, and G. Alexander Smith,
and in honor of their beloved children Charlie, Tim, Molly, Katie, Ella, and Madeline,
by Hal and Carrie Burroughs.

In loving memory of James E. Vredenburgh, Jr.,
by Caren Vredenburgh.

In loving memory of Phoebe and Lucian Dent,
by Phoebe Dent Weil.

In honor of Navy Fighter Squadron 102, USS Ronald Reagan,
by Paul and Bev Robinson.

In loving memory of Margaret C. Jost and Thomas C. Fouke,
by the Fouke family.

In thanksgiving for St. Peter's Parishioners and Staff,
by the Reverend Kelly Carlson.