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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

April 8, 2023 | 7:00pm

The Service of Light

The service begins in darkness. The ministers assemble in the midst of the people, and the New Fire is kindled.

Presider:

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.

Then the presider blesses the new fire, saying:

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.*

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

Using a small blade, the cross is traced into the Paschal Candle, and the priest says:

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End.

The Alpha and Omega on the Paschal Candle are traced, and the priest says:

Alpha and Omega.

And finally the present year of our Lord is traced in the candle, and the priest says:

His are the times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity. Amen.

The cross is pierced with five nails, and the priest says:

Through his holy and glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard and preserve us.

The Paschal Candle is lit from the New Fire, and the priest says:

May the light of Christ gloriously rising dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Procession

The Paschal Candle is carried into the church, with pauses three times to sing the following:



At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

The Exsultet sung by the priest

Once the Paschal Candle is placed in its stand the cantor sings the Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet, a grand and ancient song of praise, inviting first heaven, then earth, then the Church and this congregation to join in the praise of God. "This is the night," the text proclaims—time is erased and the past events live again and we are present at them all.

During the Exsultet, the congregation shares in the familiar biddings and responses.

The Service of Lessons

Introduction

The presider says:

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

Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:2

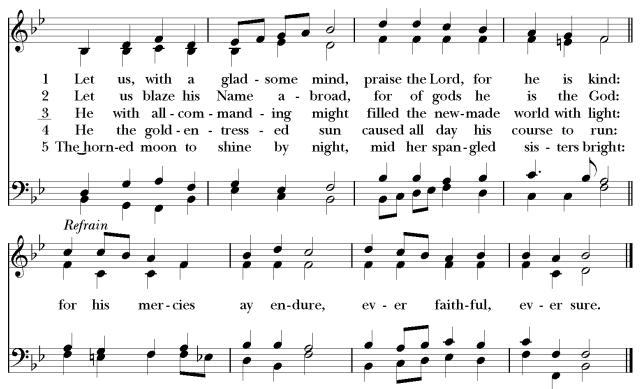
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Silence for reflection

Hymn: Let us, with a gladsome mind (Monkland)

hymnal 389

Remain seated. The choir will sing verse 1, the congregation joins in singing verses 2-6.



6 All things living he doth feed, his full hand supplies their need:

Refrain

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. *Amen.*

The Flood

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

Please be seated

Silence for reflection

Psalm 46

The congregation joins in singing the verses in bold print. Remain seated.



- 1 God is our | refuge and | strength, *
 - a very | present | help in | trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, ~ though the | earth be | moved, *
 - and though the mountains be toppled | into the | depths of the | sea;
- 3 Though its waters | rage and | foam, *
 - and though the mountains | tremble | at its | tumult.
- 4 The LORD of | hosts is | with us; *
 - the God of | Jacob | is our | stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the | city of | God, *
 - the holy habi | tation of the | Most | High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; ~ she shall not be | over | thrown; *
 - God shall | help her at the | break of | day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, ~ and the | kingdoms are | shaken; *
 - God has spoken, ~ and the | earth shall | melt a | way.
- 8 The LORD of | hosts is | with us; *
 - the God of | Jacob | is our | stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the | works of the | LORD, *
 - what awesome | things he has | done on | earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in | all the | world; *
 - he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, ~ and | burns the | shields with | fire.

- 11 "Be still, 'then,' and know that | I am | God; *
 - I will be exalted among the nations; ~ I will be ex | alted | in the | earth."
- 12 The LORD of | hosts is | with us; *

the God of | Jacob | is our | stronghold.

The Collect stand

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. *Amen.*

Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 Please be seated

Silence for reflection

Psalm 16

The congregation joins in singing the verses in bold print.



1 Protect me, O God, ~ for I take | refuge • in | you; *

I have said to the LORD, ~ "You are my Lord, ' my | good a | bove all | other."

- All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the | land, * upon those who are | noble a | mong the | people.
- 3 But those who run after | other | gods * shall | have their | troubles | multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I | will not | offer, *
 nor take the names of their | gods u | pon my | lips.
- 5 O LORD, ~ YOU are my | portion and my | cup; *
 it is | you who up | hold my | lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a | pleasant | land; * indeed, 'I | have a | goodly | heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who | gives me | counsel; *
 my heart teaches me, | night | after | night.
- 8 I have set the LORD | always be | fore me; *
 because he is at my | right hand I | shall not | fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, ~ and my | spirit * re|joices; * my body | also * shall | rest in | hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me | to the | grave, *
 nor let your | holy one | see the | Pit.

*Second half of chant.

*11 You will show me the | path of | life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy, ~
and in your right hand are | pleasures • for | ever | more.

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

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

Please be seated

Silence for reflection

Canticle 8 | "Song of Moses"



Cantor: I will sing the Lord, for he is lofty | and uplifted; the horse and the rider has he | hurled into the sea.

All: The Lord is my strength | and my refuge;
the Lord | has be | come my Sa-vior.

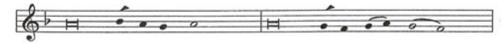
This is my God and | I will praise him,
the God of my people and I | will ex-alt him.



Cantor: The Lord is | a mighty warrior; Yah | weh is his Name.

All: The chariots of Pharoah 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 gior-ious in might;
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the | en-e-my.
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 | stretch forth your right hand; the earth swal | lowed them up.



Cantor: With your constant love you led the | people you redeemed; with your might you brought them in safety to your | ho-ly dwell-ing.

All: You will bring them | in and plant them on the mount of | your pos-ses-sion.

The resting-place you have | made for yourself, O Lord, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand | has es-tab-lished.

The | Lord God shall reign for ever | and for ever.

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

Isaiah 55: 1-11

Please be seated

Silence for reflection

Canticle 9 | Surely it is God who saves me (College of Preachers) hymnal 678



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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.*

Learn wisdom and live

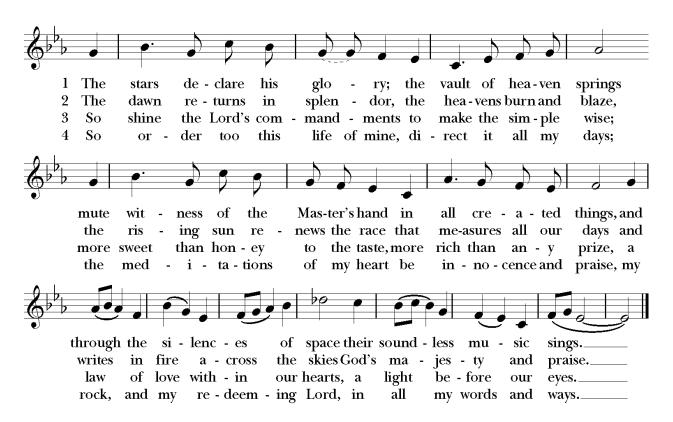
Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6

Please be seated

Silence for reflection

Hymn | [Psalm 19] The stars declare his glory (Aldine)

hymnal 431



The Collect stand

Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: Inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts; through Christ our savior. *Amen.*

Silence for reflection

Hymn | [Psalm 42] As longs the deer (Martyrdom)

hymnal 658



The Collect stand

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*

Silence for reflection

Psalm 143

The congregation sings the verses in bold print. Please remain seated.



Lord, hear my prayer, ~ and in your faithfulness heed my | suppli | cations;*

answer | me | in your | righteousness.

Enter not into | judgement • with your | servant,*

for in your sight shall | no one | living • be | justified.

For my enemy has sought my life; ~ he has | crushed me • to the | ground;*

he has made me live in dark places like | those • who are | long | dead.

My spirit | faints with | in me;*

my | heart with | in me is | desolate.

I remember the time past; ~ I muse upon | all your |deeds;*

I con | sider ■ the | works of ■ your | hands.

I spread | out my | hands to you;*

my soul gasps to | you • like a | thirsty | land.

O Lord, make haste to answer me; ~ my | spirit | fails me;*

do not hide your face from me or I shall be like | those who go | down to the | Pit.

Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, ~ for I | put my | trust in you;* show me the road that I must walk, ~ for | I lift | up my | soul to you.

Deliver me from my | enemies, ■ O | Lord,*

for I | flee to | you for | refuge.

Teach me to do what pleases you, 'for | you are ■ my | God,*

let your good Spirit | lead me on | level | ground.

Revive me, O | Lord, for your | Name's sake;*

for your righteousness' sake, ~ | bring me | out of | trouble.

Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my | foes to | naught,*

for | truly | I am vour | servant.

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. *Amen.*

The Gathering of God's People Zephaniah 3: 12-20 Please be seated

Silence for reflection

Hymnal | [Psalm 98] New songs of celebration render (Rendez á Dieu)

Please remain seated.





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 Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Lynne Carver

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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 ending, 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.

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: 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.

Presider: My brothers and sisters in Christ, having declared our belief in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we now

commit ourselves to the life of an Apostle of Christ.

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.

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.*

The Presider concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of water, over which the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation, by which all living creatures are sustained and refreshed. Through the water, your people in bondage came to freedom, and those who thirsted drank deeply. In the water, your beloved Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. May this water recall for us our baptism, in which we die and are raised to new life with Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, to proclaim to all the Good News of your redeeming love and power. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The First Eucharist of Easter

The Easter Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The congregation now extinguishes the hand-held candles as the church is lighted and the first Alleluia of Easter is proclaimed, and handbells are rung in celebration.

Hymn of Praise | The Gloria

music by J. Guy Stalnaker



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only- begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. or this 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.**

Epistle Reading 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.**

Hymn | We know that Christ is raised (Engelberg)

hymnal 296



Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Celebrations and Invitations

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Anthem | Magdalene—Early on that Easter Morn

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Early on that Easter morn Mary Magdalena came, forlorn.
Who was standing there within the tomb, but an angel, comforting.
The angel greeted her and said: "Blessed woman, the one you seek is not here,
He is arisen from the dead, needs no balm for his burial."
"O Mary," called a gentle voice. Mary turn and saw her Master.
Although he seemed to be a gard'ner, it was her Lord and Savior.

At the Presentation:

The people stand as the offering is brought forward.

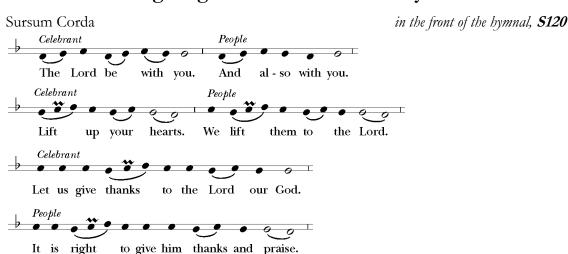
Hyman | All we have is yours alone

text by Anne Allen Music by Ken Stancer; harmonization and descant by J. Guy Stalnkaer

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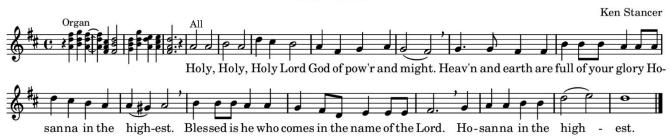
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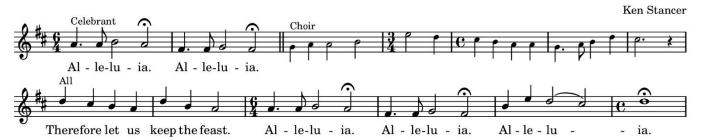
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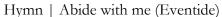
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Fraction Anthem



Music at the Communion



hymnal 662



Hymn | Awake, arise (Richmond)

hymnal 212



Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude: Chorale fantasy on *In dir ist Freude* (In You is gladness)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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In Thanksgiving for Birthdays:

Cyndi Bryan, Dorothy Batt, and K. Ritchie Rheaume.

For the Faithful Departed:

Peggy Townsend, Leila Nijim, and Lois Luther.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the community The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee; our Provisional Bishop, Jeff Lee, and all who are called to lead our Diocese in this time of transition. We also pray for: St. Paul AME, Resurrection Presbyterian; St. Marc's Parish and all the people of Haiti; and we pray for our companion Diocese—the Diocese of Newalla.

Names are kept on this list for one month. If you would like us to pray for you or your loved one for an additional month, please submit another prayer request by either filling out a green pew card or e-mailing the office.

