

# *The Great Vigil of Easter*



*St. James' Episcopal Church  
Skaneateles, New York  
8:00 pm*

**The Paschal Triduum – One Liturgy, Three Days**  
**Day Three: The Great Vigil of Easter**

Here we are, friends. After five weeks of prayer and fasting, after waiving palms and shouting ‘Hosanna!’, after washing feet and sitting with our Lord, and even after witnessing his death, we come at last to the threshold of life itself: the final of our three sacred days, the Great Vigil of Easter!

For some of you this may be the first Vigil you’ve ever attended, while others may not have experienced this holy night in several years. It may not be done in every Episcopal congregation, but the Great Vigil is one of the oldest Christian worship services, and sometimes a thing can be so old that it’s new again!

Historically, the Great Vigil was a literal vigil, beginning at midnight and going through all of Saturday night - our Orthodox friends still do this. Because God’s time begins at dusk instead of dawn, we find ourselves right now during Easter, and yet not quite. It’s what is known as a liminal space, an in-between time: between Saturday and Sunday, between night and day, between death and life.

The liturgy itself reflects our Christian experience. We begin in darkness, just as the world did. We light the Paschal Candle, letting there be light in our midst. This Light of Christ burns as we hear the story of God’s saving deeds of power in creation, at the Red Sea, and in giving life to dry bones. Still in darkness, we gather around the holy waters and welcome SIX new members into the Body of Christ: Ella, Will, Noah, Jacob, Matthew, and Kinsley. For centuries this night was the only opportunity folks had to be baptized, having spent all of Lent in prayer and study of Scripture to prepare for this lifelong commitment. Finally, after proclaiming Christ’s resurrection, the lights come on, and we are all splashed with Holy Water to remember our own baptism and to promise to not only uphold these children in their lives in Christ but to live more fully into this new resurrected reality for ourselves.

Tonight the veil is pulled back, and all that once separated us from God and one another is redeemed through Jesus’ descent into hell and triumphal exit on the other side. Tonight everything changes because Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!

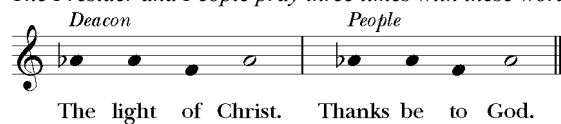
*The liturgy begins in darkness. The Ministers assemble outside for the lighting of the first fire. The People are given unlit candles as they arrive.*

*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.

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 from the newly kindled fire. The Ministers make their way through the church as the Presider chants the Exsultet (pages S-68 & S-69 in the blue Hymnal). The People who are outside join the procession behind the Choir.*

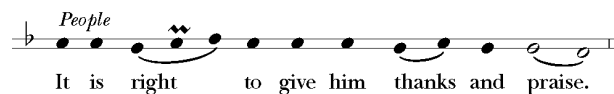
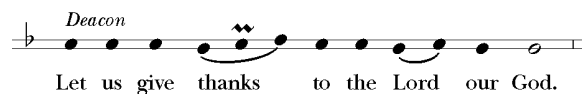
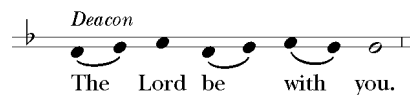
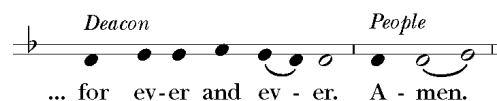
*The Presider and People pray three times with these words. Each repetition is a whole step higher.*



*The Presider continues as the procession moves through the church. The Ushers light the candles of those in the congregation.*

*Presider* 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 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,



*Presider* 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 ancestors, 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 we are reconciled to God!

Holy Father, 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 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

*All are 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; 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.

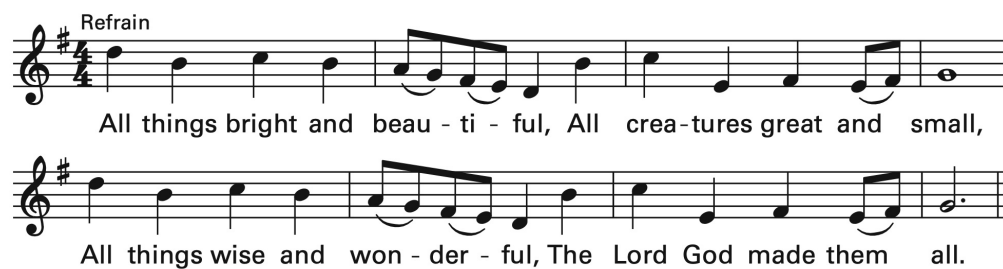
Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

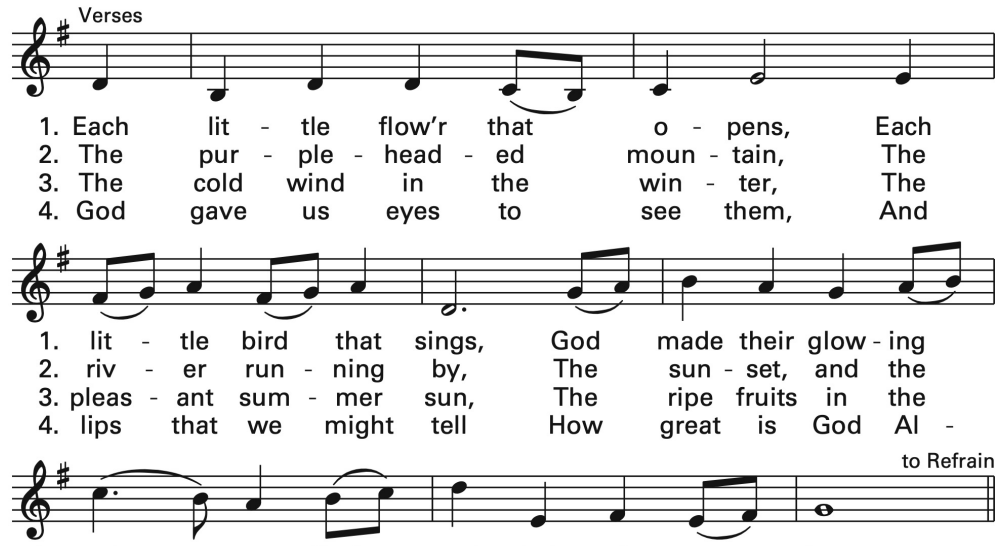
*All stand, as able.*

**Response Hymn 405**

*Royal Oak*



Verses



1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, Each  
 2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, The  
 3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The  
 4. God gave us eyes to see them, And

1. lit - tle bird that sings, God made their glow - ing  
 2. riv - er run - ning by, The sun - set, and the  
 3. pleas - ant sum - mer sun, The ripe fruits in the  
 4. lips that we might tell How great is God Al -

to Refrain

1. col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
 2. morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky.  
 3. gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.  
 4. might - y, Who has made all things well.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; Cecil Francis H. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.  
 Music: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Martin Shaw, 1875–1958.

*Presider* 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.**

*All are seated.*

## Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

*Exodus 14: 10-15: 1*

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 Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: 'I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

*All stand, as able.*

### Response Hymn 648

*Go down, Moses*

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.

*Refrain*

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

*Deacon* 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 of 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.**

*All are seated.*

### **The Valley of the Dry Bones**

*Ezekiel 37: 1-14*

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'



*All stand, as able.*

## Response Hymn 508

*Nova Vita*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

*Presider* 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 the Holy Spirit the will and power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell

## The Presentation and Examination

*Presider* The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The Catechumens, Parents, and Sponsors come forward. All children are invited to come forward for the Baptism.*

*Sponsors* We present Eleanor Leigh Sheridan and William James Sheridan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

We present Alexander Jude Hess, Noah Robert Gray, and Jacob Henry Gray to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

We present Kinsley Josephine Hargett to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Presider asks the following question to those children who can speak for themselves.*

*Presider* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Catechumens* I do!

*The Presider asks the following questions of the Sponsors and Parents.*

*Presider* Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian life and faith?

*Sponsors* I will with God's help.

*Presider* Will you by your prayers and witness help them to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Sponsors* I will with God's help.

<i>Presider</i>	Do you renounce Satan and all the forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
<i>Sponsors</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Presider</i>	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
<i>Sponsors</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Presider</i>	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
<i>Sponsors</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Presider</i>	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
<i>Sponsors</i>	I do.
<i>Presider</i>	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
<i>Sponsors</i>	I do.
<i>Presider</i>	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
<i>Sponsors</i>	I do.
<i>All stand.</i>	
<i>Presider</i>	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?
<i>People</i>	<b>We will!</b>

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

<i>Presider</i>	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 with Ella, Will, Alex, Noah, Jacob, and Kinsley, who are about to be baptized, the solemn promises and vows of your own Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in this holy catholic Church.
<i>People</i>	Do you believe in God the Father? <b>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</b>
<i>Presider</i>	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
<i>People</i>	<b>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.</b>
<i>Presider</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
<i>People</i>	<b>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.</b>
<i>Presider</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	<b>I will, with God's help.</b>
<i>Presider</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	<b>I will, with God's help.</b>

*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* 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 all grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

*Presider* Now let us pray for Ella, Will, Alex, Noah, Jacob, and Kinsley, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

### The Prayers

*Deacon* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, Amen. '*

### The Baptism

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

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

*The Presider gives thanks for the gift of water and prays for God to bless and sanctify it. When the prayer is concluded, the People respond, 'Amen.'*

*The Catechumens are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and are sealed with the oil of Chrism. The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond 'Amen.'*

*Presider* Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*The Presider and People proclaim the Easter acclamation three times.*

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

*The lights come up. A fanfare is played.*

*The Acolyte lights the altar candles as all sing the Gloria*

*As a sign of our baptism, the Ministers asperse the People.*

## Gloria S-278

Setting: William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

*The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

*All are seated for the reading.*

## The 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.

*After the reading:*

*Lector* The word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.*

## Sequence Hymn 207

## Easter Hymn

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

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

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

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

## **The Gospel**

*John 20: 1-18*

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

*Presider*          The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

*The Presider and People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are seated.*

## **Announcements & Offertory**

*An offering is collected to help support St. James’ mission of sharing Christ’s love with the world. For more information on how you can help, go to [www.stjamesskan.org/support-st-james](http://www.stjamesskan.org/support-st-james) or by clicking the QR Code on the back of the bulletin*

**Offertory Anthem:** Christ Our Passover

Will C. MacFarlane (1870-1945)

# Presentation Hymn 174

Salzburg

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

# The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

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

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

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



*The Presider continues until:*

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you and glorify your name as we sing:

*All join in singing the Sanctus (S-128 in the blue hymnal)*

*All*           **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People remain standing as the Presider recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall, and the redemption of the world by Christ.*

*After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:*

*Presider*       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.**

*The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be blessed and sanctified by God. When the Presider concludes the prayer, the People loudly respond, "AMEN!"*

*Presider*       And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*All*           **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. All sing the Confractorium (S-155 in the blue Hymnal).*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The Presider invites the People to share in the Communion of our Lord. All who desire a deeper relationship with Christ are welcome to receive. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward for a Blessing.*

*The Presider or Deacon will place the Bread in your hands. You may eat the Bread and drink from the common Cup, or you may leave the Bread in your hands and have the Minister dip the Bread in the Wine for you before handing it back.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you do not wish you receive for any reason, you are welcome to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing. During Communion, Prayer Ministers are available at either end of the altar rail to pray with anyone who is in need.*

## **Hymn During Communion 335**

*Bread of Life*

*Presider*       Let us pray.

*People*       **Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.**

*The Presider offers a blessing and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

## Hymn at the Closing 199

*St. Kevin*

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,  
God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:  
loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing  
led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

*Deacon  
People*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** Praeludium in F

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805-1847)

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Deacon

Lectors

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Crucifer

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Soloists

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