+ THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 2011 +

SAINT DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BEAN BLOSSOM, INDIANA

LIGHTING THE NEW FIRE

Weather permitting, the service begins outside. New fire is kindled.

The Celebrant addresses the People

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Celebrant continues

God is with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 AND ENTRANCE OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

After it is blessed, the Paschal Candle is then lighted from the new fire and brought into the midst of the People. Three times, the Leader pauses to say or sing

The light of Christ.

And all respond Thanks be to God.

At one of these pauses, please light your candle from the Paschal candle.

Follow the candle into the Gathering Place.

THE EXSULTET

Rejoice and sing, all the round earth, the Lord is King.

All: Rejoice and sing, all the round earth, the Lord is King.

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

All: Rejoice and sing, all the round earth, the Lord is King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

All: Rejoice and sing, all the round earth, the Lord is King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All: Rejoice and sing, all the round earth, the Lord is King.

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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All: Rejoice and sing, all the round earth, the Lord is King.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God 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.

All: Rejoice and sing, all the round earth, the Lord is King.

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.

All: Rejoice and sing, all the round earth, the Lord is King.

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.

All: Rejoice and sing, all the round earth, the Lord is King.

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.

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.**

All: Rejoice and sing, all the round earth, the Lord is King.

THE VIGIL READINGS - GOD'S SAVING ACTS

Please be seated. The Celebrant addresses the People

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.

THE FIRST READING - GENESIS 2:4B - 3:24

... You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden...

After the Reading,

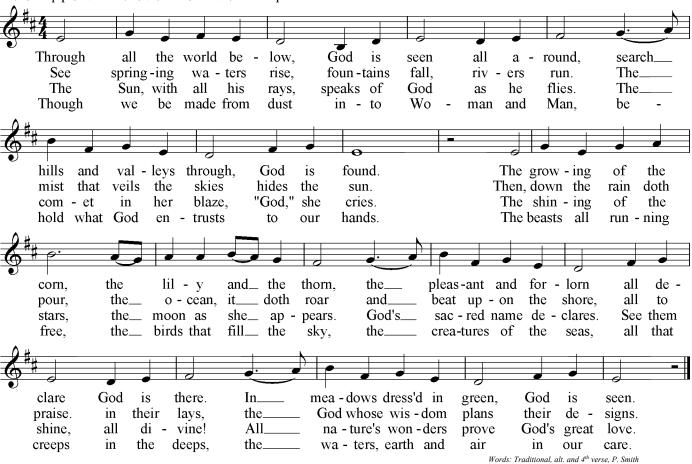
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION The Rev. Don Jones

Please remain seated for the song.

SONG FOR THE CREATION READING



Celebrant God is with you.

People And also with you.

All stand. The Celebrant says Let us pray. (Silence)

Sovereign God, you make us for each other, to live in loving community

as friends, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers,

wives and husbands, partners and companions.

Teach us to choose love that is committed and devoted;

teach us like little children to wonder and to trust,

that our loving may reflect the image of Christ. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE SECOND READING - EXODUS 14:10-31; 15:20-21

...Stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you...

During the reading, for each verse the soloist sings the call, and the People respond, singing,

Let my people go! Let my people go!

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt Land. Tell old Pharoah to let my people go.

After the Reading,

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION The Rev. Don Jones

Celebrant God is with you.

People And also with you.

All stand. The Celebrant says Let us pray. (Silence)

God, you are the power of liberation, calling your servant Moses to lead your people into freedom, and giving him wisdom to proclaim your holy law. Be our passover from the land of injustice, be the light that leads us to the perfect reign of love, that we may be citizens of your unfettered reign; we ask this through Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our salvation. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE THIRD READING - ISAIAH 55

...my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD...

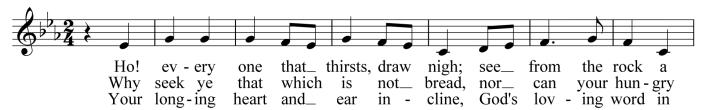
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Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Tune: Vernon, traditional. This tune is in The Hymnal 1982, #638

Celebrant God is with you.

People And also with you.

All stand. The Celebrant says Let us pray. (Silence)

God of infinite goodness,

throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people.

Renew for us your call to repentance, surround us with witnesses to aid in our journey, and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FOURTH READING - PROVERBS 8: I-8, I9-2I, 9: 4B-6

...lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.

After the Reading,

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION The Rev. Don Jones

Please remain seated for the song.

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Celebrant God is with you.

People And also with you.

All stand. The Celebrant says Let us pray. (Silence)

Holy Wisdom, God of abundant life,

you call us to the banquet of your love.

We find you in the gifts you give;

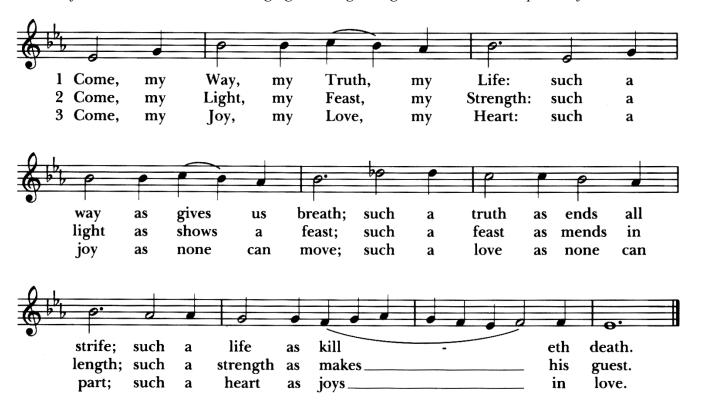
we know you in the ones with whom we share this holy food,

and in the bread of the table of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Grant that we may be bread for others, as he is bread for us. **Amen.**

PROCESSION TO THE FONT

Please follow the Paschal candle, singing this song, and gather around the Baptismal font.



Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: The Call, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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AFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

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The Celebrant addresses the people

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.

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

Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us pray for one another and for all the people of God.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send us into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

God is with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again

may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant sprinkles water from the font on all the baptized, saying Remember your baptism!

The People, as each is refreshed, may reply, Amen!

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION & HOLY COMMUNION

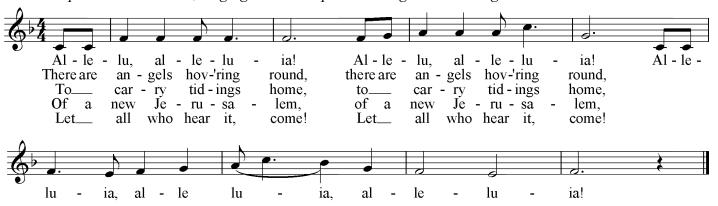
The Celebrant pronounces the Easter acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

All process to the altar, singing. We will repeat the song until all are gathered.



Music: Traditional, according to Julia Thompson, from Music For Liturgy, St. Gregory's, San Francisco. Copying for local use is permitted and encouraged.

From this point on, we'll all be standing – but if you need to sit for any reason, please do so.

Celebrant God is with you.

People And also with you.

The Celebrant says 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.**

THE EASTER GOSPEL - MATTHEW 28:I-IO

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Alleluia, alleluia! *Glory to you, Lord Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly

Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Praise to you, Lord Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing. The Celebrant says

God is with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

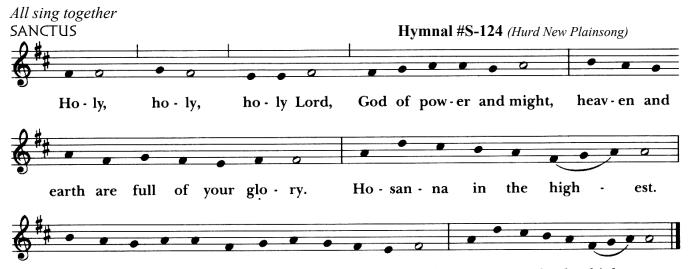
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Bless ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san na in the high est.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,

in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,

and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace:

and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit

all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Celebrant continues

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

The Celebrant and People continue

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

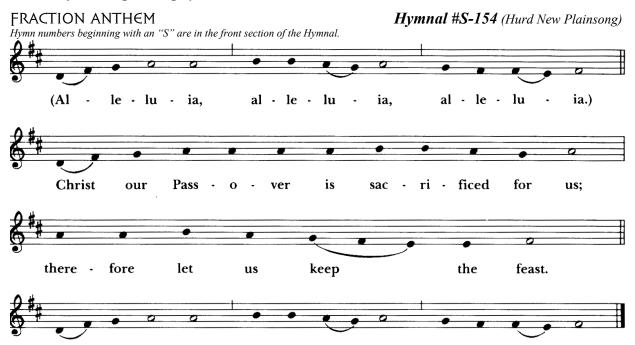
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then the following is sung by all.



All members of Christ's Body are welcome to join us at God's holy table, no matter your background or denomination in The Church. You may receive kneeling at a prayer desk or standing. If you choose not to receive, please feel free to come forward for a blessing. Simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate that this is your preference.

Gluten-free Communion bread is available. To receive it, cup one hand over the other, palms down, as the Celebrant approaches. Then, turn your hands over to receive the bread.

SONG AT COMMUNION

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Words & music: traditional. This song is #148 in the Episcopal Church's Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, the Celebrant says, Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ and one another,

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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After the hymn, the Priest then blesses the People with this Easter blessing.

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

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

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

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen. Alleluia!** Alleluia!

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

and may the Peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please join us for coffee in the Gathering Place after the service!

Tonight we need to arrange the chairs for tomorrow morning's worship. After you've enjoyed some refreshments, your help would be very welcome.

It is our custom to receive a special offering during Holy Week to support the work of the Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Please help our brothers and sisters bear witness to God's love in that troubled region, the birthplace of our Lord and our faith. You may place your contribution in the basket on the stand at the back of the church.

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