



EASTER VIGIL

Please Gather in Silence

This liturgy is a continuation of the service begun last night.

SERVICE OF LIGHT



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

SERVICE OF READINGS

The Readings lead us to the affirmation of baptism

Creation

Genesis 1

At the beginning of God's creating the heavens and the earth, when the earth was wild and waste, darkness over the face of ocean, rushing spirit of God hovering over the face of the waters.

Day 1 - Light/Darkness

God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

God saw the light, that it was good.

God separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light: Day and the darkness he called; Night.

There was setting and there was dawning; one day.

Day 2 - Waters Separated

God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

God made the dome and separated the waters that were below the dome from the waters that were above the dome.

It was so.

God called the dome: Heaven.

There was setting, there was dawning: second day.

Day 3 - Dry Land & plants

God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land be seen."

It was so.

God called the dry land; Earth and the gathering of the waters he called: Seas.

God saw that it was good.

God said, "Let the earth sprout forth with sprouting-growth, plants that seed forth seeds, fruit trees that yield fruit after their kind, in which is their seed, upon the earth."

It was so. The earth brought forth sprouting-growth, plants that seed forth seeds, after their kind, trees that yield fruit, in which is their seed, after their kind.

God saw that it was good.

There was setting, there was dawning, third day.

Day 4 - Time

God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the heavens to separate the

day from the night; that they may be for signs - for set times, for days and years, and let them be for lights in the dome of the heavens to provide light upon the earth."

It was so.

God made the two great lights, the greater light for ruling the day and the smaller light for ruling the night, and the stars.

God placed them in the dome of the heavens to provide light upon the earth, to rule the day and the night, to separate the light from the darkness.

God saw that it was good.

There was setting, there was dawning; fourth day.

Day 5 - Swarming Creatures

God said, "Let the waters swarm with a swarm of living beings, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the heavens."

So, God created the great sea monsters and all living beings that crawl about, with which the waters swarmed, after their kind, and every winged bird after their kind.

God saw that it was good.

God blessed them, saying, "Bear fruit and be many and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds be many on the earth."

There was setting, there was dawning; fifth day.

Day 6 - Animals and Humans

God said, "Let the earth bring forth living beings after their kind, herd-animals, crawling things, and the wildlife of the earth after their kind."

It was so.

God made the wildlife of the earth after their kind, and the herd-animals after their kind, and all crawling things of the soil after their kind.

God saw that it was good.

God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, animals, all the earth, and all crawling things that crawl upon the earth.

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created it;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them.

God said to them, "Bear fruit and be many and fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, and all living things that crawl about upon the earth."

God said, "Here, I give you all plants that bear seeds that are upon the

face of all the earth, and all trees in which there is tree fruit that bears seeds, for you they shall be, for eating; and also for all the living things of the earth, for all birds of the heavens, for all that crawls about upon the earth in which there is living being - I give all green plants for eating."

It was so.

Now God saw all that he had made, and here, it was exceedingly good. There was setting and there was dawning; sixth day.

Day 7 - Sabbath

Thus, were finished the heavens and the earth, with all their array. God had finished, on the seventh day, his work he had made, and then he ceased, on the seventh day, from all his work that he had made. God gave the seventh day his blessing and he hallowed it, for on it he ceased from all his, that by creating, he had made.

These are the begetting of the heavens and the earth their being created.

P: *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,*
C: **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who spread out the earth on the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

God is Displeased

Now, Yahweh saw that great was the evil-doing humankind was doing on the earth, and every form of their hearts planning was only evil all the day. And Yahweh was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it pained his heart.

Yahweh said, "I will blot out humankind, whom I have created, from the face of the soil, from man to beast, to crawling thing and to the fowl of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them."

But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh.

Instruction

Yahweh said to Noah, "Come, into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. From all (ritually) pure animals you are to take seven and seven (each), a male and its mate, and from all the animals that are not pure, two each, a male and its mate; and also from the fowl of the heavens, seven and seven (each) male and female, to keep seed alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days, I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground."

And Noah did all that Yahweh had commanded him.

Entering the Ark

And Noah came with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives into the ark before the waters of the Deluge.

From pure animals, and of animals that are not pure, and from the fowl and all that creeps on the ground, two and two (each), male and female, came with Noah into the ark, as God had commanded Noah. And after seven days the waters of the Deluge came on the earth.

The Rain

The torrent was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. Yahweh closed (the door) upon him. The Deluge was forty days upon the earth. The waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

The Flood Kills

He blotted out all existing-things that were on the face of the ground, from man to beast, to crawling things and to the fowl of the heavens, they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark.

The Dove

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went off, going off and returning, until the waters were dried up from the earth.

Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. But the dove found no place to set its foot, so she returned to him into the Ark, for there was water upon the face of all the earth. He put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him.

He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark. The dove came back to him in the evening, and here - a freshly plucked olive leaf in her beak! So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from upon the earth.

Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him anymore.

Out of the Ark

Noah removed the covering of the ark, and saw, here, the face of the ground was drying.

The Altar

Then Noah built an altar to Yahweh. He took from all pure animals and all pure fowl and offered up offerings upon the altar. Now Yahweh smelled the (soothing savor) pleasing odor and Yahweh said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground on humankind's account, since what the human heart formed is evil from its youth; I never again strike down all living-things, as I have done. Never again, all the days of the earth, shall sowing and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, ever cease."

The Origin of All People

The sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Now Ham is the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah; and from these were scattered abroad the earth-folk.

P: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**C: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

*As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.*

**Those who choose another god multiply
their sorrows;**

**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

*The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.*

**The boundary lines have fallen for me
in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

*I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.*

**I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

*Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.*

**For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

The Israelites at the Reed Sea

Exodus 13-14

Journey to the Reed Sea

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, "If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt." So, God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Reed Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle. And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph who had required a solemn oath of the Israelites, saying, "God will surely take notice of you, and then you must carry my bones with you from here." They set out from Succoth, and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness.

God Leads as a Pillar of Fire

Now Yahweh goes before them;

by day in a column of cloud, to lead them along the way,
by night in a column of fire, to give light to them,
to be able to go by day and by night

Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Pharaoh goes out after Israel

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?"

So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites lifted up their eyes: Here, Egypt marching after them! They were exceedingly afraid.

The Israelites cried out to Yahweh.

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, that we may serve Egypt.'? For it would have been better for us serving Egypt than dying in the wilderness!"

But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid! Stand firm and see the deliverance which he will accomplish for you today; for as you see Egypt today, you will never see it again for the ages! Yahweh will fight for you, and you - be still!"

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them.

The column of cloud moved ahead of them and stood behind them, coming between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. Here were the cloud and the darkness, and there it lit up the night; the-one did not come near the-other all night. And Yahweh caused the sea to go back with a fierce east wind all night.

Now it was at the morning watch; Yahweh looked out against the camp of Egypt in the column of fire and cloud, and he panicked the camp of Egypt, in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He loosened the wheels of his chariots and made them to drive with heaviness.

Egypt said, "I must flee before Israel, for Yahweh is fighting for them against Egypt."

As the Egyptians were fleeing toward it, Yahweh tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

So Yahweh delivered Israel that day from the hand of Egypt; Israel saw Egypt dead on the seashore, and Israel saw the great hand that Yahweh brought against Egypt, the people held Yahweh in awe, they trusted in Yahweh and in his servant Moses.

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O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who struck Egypt through their firstborn,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

and brought Israel out from among them,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who divided the Red Sea in two,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

and made Israel pass through the midst of it,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who led his people through the wilderness,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Manna & Water in the Wilderness

Exodus 16-17

Yahweh said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

And at daybreak there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "Mahn hu/What is it?"

For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread that Yahweh has given you to eat.

On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, and they found none.

Yahweh said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and instructions? See! Yahweh has given you the Sabbath, therefore on the sixth day he gives you food for two days; each of you stay where you are; do not leave your place on the seventh day." So the people rested on the seventh day.

The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, at Yahweh's command. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?"

But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to Yahweh, "What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me."

Yahweh said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go! I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink."

Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah/testing and Meribah/quarreling because the Israelites quarreled and tested Yahweh, saying, "Is Yahweh among us or not?"

*P: The Lord split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.*

**C: He made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.**

*Yet they sinned still more against him,
rebellious against the Most High in the desert.*

**They tested God in their heart
by demanding the food they craved.**

*They spoke against God, saying,
"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?"*

**Even though he struck the rock so that water gushed out and
torrents overflowed,
can he also give bread,
or provide meat for his people?"**

*Therefore, when the Lord heard, he was full of rage;
a fire was kindled against Jacob,
his anger mounted against Israel,
because they had no faith in God,
and did not trust his saving power.*

**Yet he commanded the skies above,
and opened the doors of heaven;
he rained down on them manna to eat,
and gave them the grain of heaven.**

*Mortals ate of the bread of angels;
he sent them food in abundance.*

**He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,
and by his power he led out the south wind;
he rained flesh upon them like dust,
winged birds like the sand of the seas;
he let them fall within their camp,
all around their dwellings.**

*And they ate and were well filled,
for he gave them what they craved.*

Naaman is Healed in the Jordan River

2 Kings 5

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him Yahweh had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.

She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.

And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments.

He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of Yahweh his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?"

He turned and went away in a rage.

But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

But he said, "As Yahweh lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!"

He urged him to accept, but he refused.

Then Naaman said, "If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god except Yahweh. But may Yahweh pardon your servant on one count: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow down in the house of Rimmon, when I do bow down in the house of Rimmon, may Yahweh pardon your servant on this one count."

He said to him, "Go in peace."

O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who struck down great kings,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

and killed famous kings,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Sihon, king of the Amorites,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

and Og, king of Bashan,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

and gave their land as a heritage,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

a heritage to his servant Israel,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Jesus is Baptized & The Great Commission

Matthew 3 & 28

At the beginning of his ministry Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

But Jesus answered him, "Let that thought go for now, for, it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he let go of that idea.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

After his crucifixion and resurrection, the eleven disciples went to

Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the day, to the culmination of the age."

P: *I love you, O Lord, my strength.*

C: **The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold.**

*I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
so I shall be saved from my enemies.*

**The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of perdition assailed me;
the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.**

*In my distress I called upon the Lord;
to my God I cried for help.*

**From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.**

Philip Baptizes the Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 8

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up around noon and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So, he got up and went.

Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."

So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah.

He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

He replied, "How can I, unless someone goes down the road with me?"

And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent

before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation, justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing.

*P: Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?*

**C: For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;**

*he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.*

*He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;*

*and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised,
and we held him of no account.*

*Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.*

*But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
**upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.***

*All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

*He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
**like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,***

so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

*For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.*

*They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.*

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.

**The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.**

*Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.*

The Life of the Baptized

Ephesians 4-5

Paul writes: I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. That is not the way you learned Christ! For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Become, therefore, imitators of God, as loved children, and walk around in love, according to how Christ loved us and handed himself over for us, an offering and sacrifice with a pleasing fragrance to God.

P: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.

C: On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month;

and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found there anymore.

But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;
they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun,
for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place. See, I am coming soon!"

Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that we who have been baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who have been cleansed by this water and bring us forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

P: *I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?*

C: **We do.**

P: *Do you believe in God the Father?*

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

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

C: **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 into hell. 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.**

P: *Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

P: *Gracious Lord through water and the Spirit you made us your own. You forgive us all our sins and bring us to newness of life. Continue to strengthen us with your Holy Spirit, and daily increase in us your gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of council and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

C: **Amen**

PROCESSION TO THE NAVE

1 Chris-tians, to the pas - chal vic - tim of - fer your thank-ful prais-es—
a lamb the sheep re - deem-ing, Christ, who on - ly is sin - less,
rec-on - cil - ing sin - ners to the Fa - ther. Death and life have con - tend - ed
in that com - bat stu - pen - dous; the prince of life, who died, reigns im - mor - tal.

2 Speak, Mar - y, de - clar - ing what you saw when way - far - ing.
“The tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing, the glo - ry of Je - sus’ res - ur - rec - tion;
bright an - gels at - test - ing, the shroud and nap - kin rest - ing.
My Lord, my hope, is a - ris - en; to Gal - i - lee he goes be - fore you.”

3 Christ in - deed from death is ris - en, our new life ob - tain - ing.
Have mer - cy, vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing! A - men.

The musical score consists of ten staves of music in a single melodic line. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score is divided into three numbered sections. The first section (1) contains four staves of music. The second section (2) contains four staves of music, starting with a fermata over the first note. The third section (3) contains two staves of music. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the final staff.

holy communion

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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 forever. Amen

P: The Holy Gospel According to John the 20th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

THE GOSPEL

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 toward 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 around and saw Jesus standing there,

but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and holy that we offer our praise and thanks and so with the whole Church on earth the choirs of heaven we sing:

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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POST-COMMUNION hymn

Hymn 365

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n 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 heav'n - 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 you heav'n - 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!

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!