



**THE GREAT VIGIL
OF EASTER**

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

APRIL 8, 2023 | 9:00 PM



You are welcome here.

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

St. Paul & the Redeemer (SPR) is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice.

Let's Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new, tell us about yourself and get connected to what's happening at St. Paul & the Redeemer.



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Children & Youth at SPR

KidZone (Nursery), Sundays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Professionally staffed nursery care is available for children ages 0-4 in our KidZone, located down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the KidZone.

Children's Chapel, Sundays during sermon

During the sermon at the 10:00 service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Children's & Youth Formation, Sundays after church

We welcome all ages to join our formation (Christian education) gatherings, downstairs from 11:05 to 11:50 AM:

- Godly Play: Preschool to grade 2
 - Junior Youth Group: Grades 3 to 5
 - Youth Group: Grades 6 to 12
 - Adult Formation: Teens and adults
- High-school youth are welcome to attend either youth group or adult formation.*

SPR's Anti-Racism Vision Statement

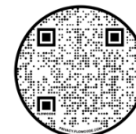
We strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

Bulletin Rubrics

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Giving to SPR

Every dollar you give to SPR supports our ministry to and with our community.



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THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Please come outside to the west side of the church for the beginning of the liturgy. Please also pick up a candle from an usher when you come outside.

Dear friends in Christ:

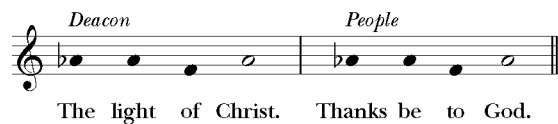
On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over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

The Deacon leads the congregation into the church, pausing three times to say:



The Deacon part is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four notes: a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a half note C3. The People part is written on a single staff with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four notes: a quarter note G1, a quarter note A1, a quarter note B1, and a half note C2. The lyrics "The light of Christ. Thanks be to God." are written below the notes.

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

*As you enter the church, please remain standing as able at your seat for the Exsultet.
The light is then spread through the congregation.*

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

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

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

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

This is the night, when you brought our forebears, 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 humanity 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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Please be seated.

The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1–2:2

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; male and female 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.

All sing.

1. Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spi - rit's breath, first to
 2. (Part - ing) wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through, wash - ing
 3. (Cleans - ing) wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told, o - pened
 1.2.
 wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death. Part - ing
 off the chains of bond - age chan - nel to a life made new. Cleans - ing
 to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er
 3.
 old. 4. Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul. Well - spring,
 source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole, drench our
 dry - ness, make us whole.

Voices Found #67 "Crashing waters at creation"
 Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993).
 Music: Ellerman, Sharon Marion Hershey (b. 1964).

Let us pray.

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.

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 sing.

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.

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;_ Tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and bass lines. The first system contains four numbered verses. The second system contains four lines of lyrics, with the first line starting with 'op - pressed' and the last line with 'And let us all'. The third system contains one line of lyrics: 'Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;_ Tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.' There are some circled notes in the vocal line of the second system, and some notes in the bass line of the second system are also circled.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #228 "Go Down, Moses"

Words: Traditional.

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009).

Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Salvation Offered Freely to All

Isaiah 55:1-11

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

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD,
that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there
until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

All sing. (Choir sings verses, congregation joins in refrain)

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

1. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
From the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; **Refrain**
2. Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world. **Refrain**
3. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, Ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you Is the Holy One of Israel. **Refrain**

Text: Isaiah 12:2-6 from *The Draft Proposed Book of Common Prayer*. Copyright 1976 by Charles Mortimer Guilbert as Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
Music: Jack Noble White (1938-2019)

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

The Valley of 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 around 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 sing where indicated.

Choir 1. O Ho - ly Spir - it, by whose breath life ris - es
 Choir 2. You are the seek - er's on - ly course, of burn - ing
 ALL 3. In you God's en - er - gy is shown, to us your
 Choir 4. From in - ner strife grant us re - lease; turn na - tions
 ALL 5. Praise to the Fa - ther, Christ, his Word, and to the

vi - brant out of death, come to cre - ate, re -
 love the liv - ing source, pro - tec - tor in the
 var - ied gifts made known. Teach us to speak, teach
 to the ways of peace. To ful - ler life your
 Spr - rit: God the Lord, to whom all ho - nor,

new, in - spire; come, kin - dle in our hearts your fire.
 midst of strife, the give - er and the Lord of life.
 us to hear; yours be the tongue and yours the ear.
 peo - ple bring that as one bo - dy we may sing;
 glo - ry be both now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

Psalter Hymnal #426 "O Holy Spirit, by whose breath"
 Words: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. John W. Grant, alt.
 Music: *Veni Creator Spiritus*, plainsong; harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750).

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gathering of God's People

Zephaniah 3.14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away
the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

All sing.

1. New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to God who has great won - ders done;
2. Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery in - stru - ment and voice
3. Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the Lord with wild ac - claim;

awed by God's love God's foes sur - ren - der and fall be - fore the Might - y One.
 peal out the praise of grace a - bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
 moun - tains and stones look up a - dor - ing and find a voice to praise God's Name.

God has made known God's great sal - va - tion which all God's friends with joy con - fess;
 Trum - pets and or - gans set in mo - tion such sounds as make the heav - ens ring;
 Right - eous, com - mand - ing, e - ver glo - rious, prais - es be God's that nev - er cease;

God has re - vealed to ev - ery na - tion God's ev - er - last - ing right - eous - ness.
 all things that live in earth and o - cean, make mu - sic for your might - y King.
 just is our God, whose truth vic - to - rious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

The Hymnal 1982 #413 "New songs of celebration render"

Words: Erik Routley (1917-1982); para. of Psalm 98, alt. SPR.

Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?). Harmonization © 1977 by Hope Publishing Company.

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur, Associate Rector

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.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

As the people are asperged with holy water, the choir sings an anthem.

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

Sitivit anima mea ad Deum fortem vivum: quando veniam et apparebo ante faciem Dei?

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

Fuerunt mihi lacrymae meae panes die ac nocte, dum dicitur mihi quotidie: Ubi est Deus tuus?

My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Music: "Sicut cervus," Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594).

Text: Psalm 42:1-3.

AT THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is ris - en in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

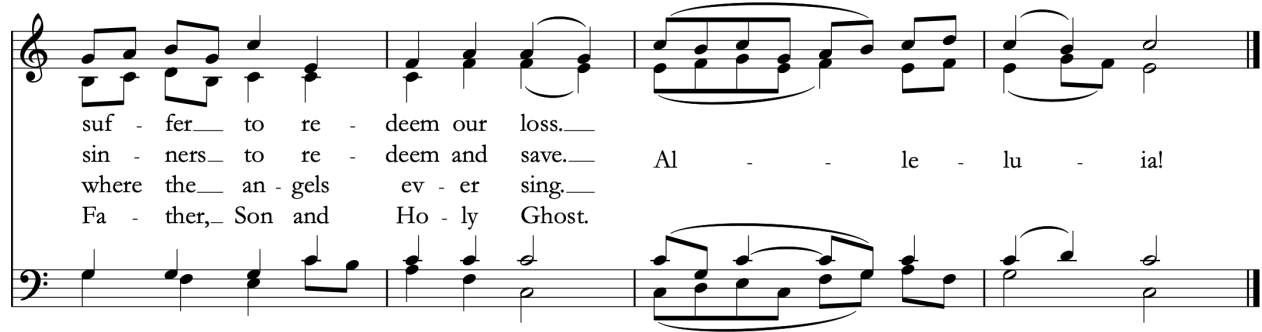
Setting: From *Missa orbit factor*, arr. David Hurd (b. 1950).

All sing:

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

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

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



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

The Hymnal 1982 #207 "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt. arr. Jeremy J. Bankson adapt. M. Bilyeu.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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,

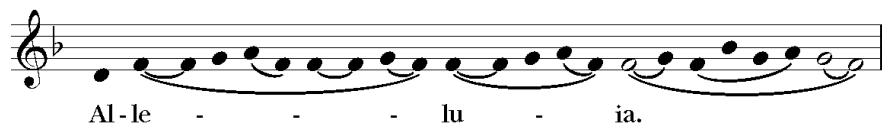
may worship you in sincerity and truth;

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.

Before the Gospel reading, this Alleluia is sung three times by the Cantor, the congregation repeats it each time.



Al - le - lu - ia.

At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Matthew 28:1-10

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain at your seat and wave to greet your neighbors. Some announcements will be given; there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sung by the choir.

I believe this is Jesus;
Come and see, oh, come and see.
The light of God shines in his face,
He offers all his pard'ning grace;
Come and see, oh, come and see.
Yes, yes, yes, Lord!
Oh, I believe this is Jesus;
Come and see, come and see.

Music: Negro Spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989).
Text: Traditional.

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

All sing.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts." The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Lift Every Voice and Sing* II #255 from *A Mass for a Soulful People*, Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948).

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer A.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Choir introduces the Antiphon, which all repeat together. The Choir sings the verses, the People singing the Antiphon where indicated.

Introduction Antiphon *f*
Splendor and honor and
roy - al power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

Splendor and honor and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and have their being. **Antiphon**

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God. **Antiphon**

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, for ever and for evermore. **Antiphon**

Words: Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13, *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), alt.
Music: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984). Music: © 1984, M. Pambrun; arr. for brass CMC.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let the ushers know. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the communion minister. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymns

Sung by the choir.

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus

Thank You, O my Father for giving us your son,
And leaving your Spirit 'til your work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. Chorus.

When I stand in glory I will see his face,
There I'll serve My King forever, In that holy place. Chorus.

Words and Music: Melody Green (b. 1947), arr. Benjamin Harlan.

All sing.



1 The Lamb's high ban - quet called to share, ar - rayed in
2 Pro - tect - ed in the Pas - chal night from the de -
3 Now Christ our Pass - o - ver is slain, the Lamb of
4 O all - suf - fi - cient Sac - ri - fice, be - neath thee
5 All praise be thine, O ris - en Lord, from death to



1 gar - ments white and fair, the Red Sea past, we
2 stroy - ing an - gel's might, in tri - umph went the
3 God with - out a stain; his flesh, the true un -
4 hell de - feat - ed lies; thy cap - tive peo - ple
5 end - less life re - stored; all praise to God the



1 now would sing to Je - sus our tri - um - phant King.
2 ran - somed free from Pha - raoh's cru - el ty - ran - ny.
3 lea - vened bread, is free - ly of - fered in our stead.
4 are set free, and end - less life re - stored in thee.
5 Fa - ther be and Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

The Hymnal 1982 #202 "The Lamb's high banquet called to share"

Words: Latin 7th-8th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and others.

Music: *Ad cenam Agni provide*, plainsong, Mode 8, Paris MS., 12th cent.; ver. A. Gregory Murray (1905-1992); acc. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935).

Sending Forth & Blessing

Please stand as able.

Let us pray.

**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.**

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 has 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, Mother of us all,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All sing.

Refrain




Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for - ev - er,




day where on Christ a - rose, break - ing the king - dom of death. death.

first time only | 2.

Odd-numbered verses




1. Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the win - ter a - ris - ing!
3. Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the glo - ry of blos - som;




Ev - ery good - gift of the year — now with its Mas - ter re - turns:
heav - en her — gates un - bars, — fling - ing her in - crease of light:

Repeat Refrain

Even-numbered verses



2. He who was nailed to the cross is — Lord and the ru - ler of na - ture;
4. Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of life and cre - a - tion.



all things cre - a - ted on earth sing to the glo - ry of God: —
Tread ing the path - way of death, life thou be - stow - est on all: —

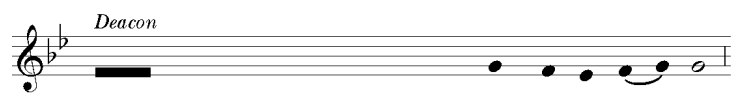
Repeat Refrain

The Hymnal 1982 #175: "Hail thee, festival day!"


Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt. Music: *Salve festa dies*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Dismissal

Deacon

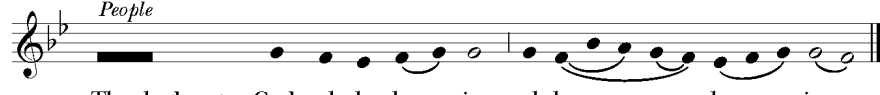


Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Postlude

Tocatta from *Douze Pièces pour Orgue* (1889).

Music: Théodore DuBois (1837-1924).



Coming Up at SPR

Easter Sunday Celebration

8:00 AM: Spoken Eucharist

10:00 AM: Choral Eucharist with Brass Quartet

11:15 AM: Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck Brunch

Gratitude to Our Choirs

We are so thankful to our extraordinary choirs for going above and beyond during Holy Week!

St. Nicholas Choir (directed by Megan Cather):

Clare Canapary Healy, Theodore Cather, Irene Daniel, Rosemary Evans, Margot Jividen, Dhyan Markose, Prarthana Markose, Annie Osborne, Ilsa Paris-McAuley, Marek Prochaska, Ever Strong, Lucas Swift

Choristers (directed by Mark Bilyeu):

Edith Bagrowski, Thomas Cather, Etta Chipman, Agnes Daniel, Nicholas Muthu, Lucy Osborne, Layla Prochaska, Mattias Prochaska, Ellie Wildenberg, Harper Wildenberg

Adult Choirs (directed by Mark Bilyeu):

Kate Baldwin, Jacqueline Corey, Antoinette Daniels, Fred Donner, David Fleeer, Barbra Goering, Harold Hartger, Susan Hartger, Savannah Hegyi*, Thomas Irving, Dennis Kalup*, Vance Lauderdale, Sophie Littleton, Sandy Mulholland, Ian Murrell*, Wendy Olmsted, James Osborne, Carolyn Pereira, Ariana Strahl*, Sem Sutter, Kerstin Wellbery, Ruth Woll

* denotes staff singers

About Tonight's Music

The **choral anthems** span nearly four hundred years. "Sicut cervus" is a setting of a portion of Psalm 42, which is prescribed for the blessing and asperging of holy water on Holy Saturday. This setting by Palestrina was published in 1604, after his death, but it is nearly certain the work was premiered during his tenure at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. "There is a Redeemer" is a setting of the 1982 hymn by Melody Green, found now in over thirty hymnals across a dozen countries, including the 2000 publication "Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New." Dubbed the "Dean of Black Women Composers," Undine Smith Moore was the first student from an HBCU (Fisk) to receive a scholarship from the Juilliard School, and continued her training in New York City during the Harlem Renaissance. Her catalogue includes over one hundred works, of which only twenty-five were published in her lifetime, including her arrangement of the Negro Spiritual "I Believe This is Jesus." The **postlude** is by French composer Théodore Dubois, who despite pursuing a career as an opera composer, is best known for his organ and choral music (*The Seven Last Words of Christ* is a staple of choral repertoire during Holy Week). His neo-classical "Toccata" comes from a set of 1889 organ works he crafted while serving as the director of the Paris Conservatory: a position he famously resigned after a faculty scandal which sought to suppress the success of a radical student named Maurice Ravel.



Notes



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Serving Today

April 8, 2023

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Lectors: Twila Jones, Sem Sutter, Kari Martin,

Fran Spaltro, Steve Heyman, Gabriel Lear

Acolyte: Matthew Erlec

Chalice Minister: Peggy Johnson

Communion Bread Baker: Alicia Chipman

Usher: Joe Dunn

Thurifer: Andrew Rostan

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Jonathan Foiles

Vicky Legge

Andrew Rostan

Partners in Ministry

Beulah Shoemith Elementary School

We support our neighborhood school through tutoring, arts programs, and gardening.

Community Renewal Society

We are a member congregation of CRS, which organizes faith communities for social change.

Crossroads/Chicago ROAR

Chicago ROAR supports our anti-racism commitments through facilitation and training.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

We are proud to belong to the Chicago South Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Murray Fellows

Through this program, we mentor and encourage the next generation of LGBTQ+ Christian leaders.

Open Kitchen

SPR members gather monthly to cook meals for Kenwood UCC's Feed the People Soup Kitchen.

St. Patrick's Church & School, Haiti

Our collaboration with St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti, includes school lunch and music programs, teacher salaries, and capital projects.

St. Paul & the Redeemer Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open to the community every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Syrian Community Network

Each year, SPR sponsors a newly resettled refugee family from Syria through visits, tutoring and more.



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