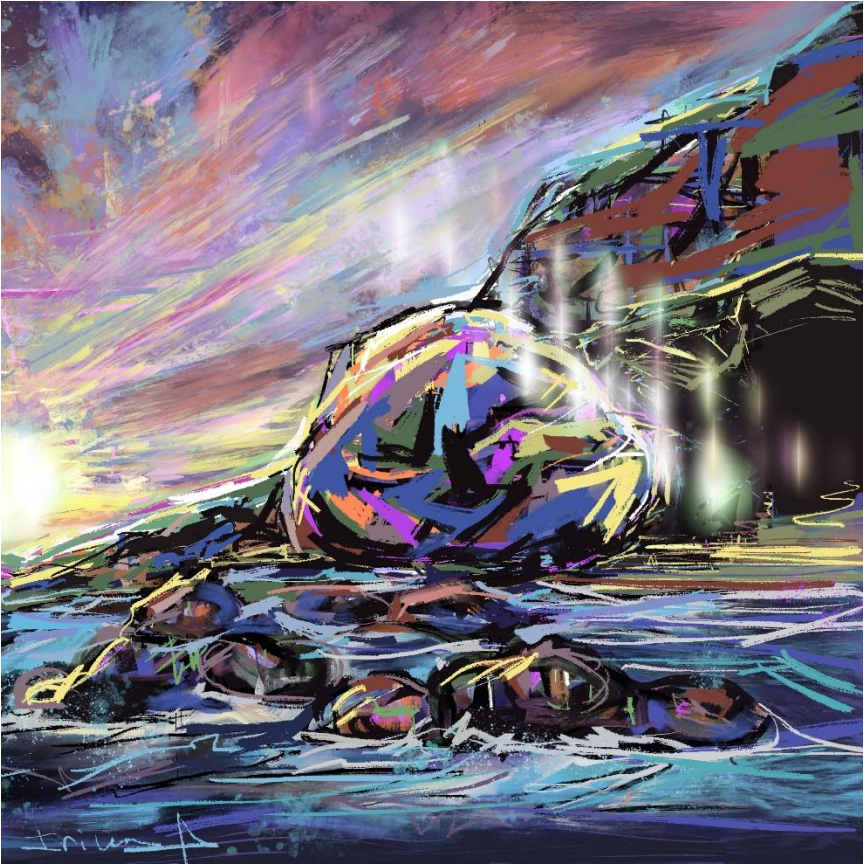


Welcome to St Timothy's

Living our faith in Jesus Christ
with Open Arms, Open Hearts, Open Minds

The Great Vigil of Easter



March 30th, 2024

In-Person & Online Service at 6:00pm

An Easter Flower Gift

O dearest bloom the seasons know,
Flowers of the Resurrection blow,
Our hope and faith restore;
And through the bitterness of death
And loss and sorrow, breathe and breath
Of life forevermore!
The thought of Love Immortal blends
With fond remembrances of friends;
In you, O sacred flowers,
By human love made doubly sweet,
The heavenly and the earthly meet,
The heart of Christ is ours!

— by John Greenleaf Whittier

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Service begins outside the main doors of the church, where in the darkness, fire is kindled.

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
on this most holy night,
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death
to life,
the Church invites her children throughout the
world
to come together in vigil and prayer.
This is the Passover of the Lord.
We remember his death and resurrection
by hearing his word and celebrating his
mysteries;
we are confident
that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Father,

we share in the light of your glory
through your Son, the light of the world.

Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new
hope.

Purify our minds by this Easter celebration
and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE PREPARATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

After the blessing of the new fire, the paschal candle is prepared.

Celebrant: Christ yesterday and today
the beginning and the end
Alpha
and Omega
all time belongs to him
and all the ages
to him be glory and power
through every age for ever.

All: Amen.

*When the cross and other marks have been made, the celebrant
inserts five grains of incense into the candle.*

Celebrant: By his holy
and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord
guard us
and keep us.

All: Amen.

The celebrant lights the candle from the new fire.

Celebrant: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the
darkness of our hearts and minds.

The deacon lifts the Paschal Candle

Cantor: The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The first light of Easter is carried into the church.

The tapers are lit and the procession enters the church, led by the priest with the paschal candle.

At a suitable place the deacon lifts the candle a second time.

Cantor: The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

At the altar the deacon faces the congregation and lifts the candle a third time.

Cantor: The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Other candles and lamps in the church are now lit.

The Exsultet

arr. Edward Connell

Cantor: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus
Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of
salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in
the brightness of your King! Christ has
conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes
for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Deacon: It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The tapers may now be extinguished.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
let us now listen attentively to the word of God,
recalling how he saved his people throughout
history
and in the fullness of time,
sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

Please be seated.

The First Reading from the Book of Genesis

read by Sophie Dubinski

The underground springs split open, and the clouds in the sky poured out rain. On that same day Noah and his family went into the boat. Every kind of wild animal and tame animal all came to Noah; one male and one female of every living thing came. It was just as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord closed the door behind them. Water flooded the earth for 40 days. As the water rose, it lifted the boat off the ground. The water continued to rise, and the boat floated on the water above the earth. Forty days later Noah opened the window he had made in the boat, but water still covered the earth. After seven days Noah again sent out the dove from the boat. And that evening it came back to him with a fresh olive leaf in its mouth. Seven days later he sent the dove out again. But this time it did not come back. The water was dried up from the land.

Then God said to Noah and his sons, I make this agreement with you: I will never again destroy all living things by floodwaters. A flood will never again destroy the earth.”

Genesis 7 – 9 (selected verses)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

For Psalm 46:

God Is Our Strength and Refuge

God is our strength and refuge, a helper ever near.
While resting in His shelter, no evil will we fear—
Not if the mountains crumble into the angry sea,
Nor if the surging ocean exceeds its boundary.

(Psalm 46:1-3)

A quiet stream refreshes the city of our God;
His throne stands unaffected while kingdoms rise and fall.
One word from Jacob’s Saviour will melt the raging throng.
The Lord of Hosts is with us; He is our fortress strong.

(Psalm 46:4-7)

Behold God’s glorious power: He makes all warfare cease.
Each weapon He will shatter; the world will be at peace.
“Be still!” cries Heaven’s Sovereign, “Be still, for I am God!
All kingdoms— all creation— will bow beneath my rod.”

(Psalm 46:7-10)

The violent sea turned placid when Jesus cried, "Be still!"
Fears gone, twelve men stood gasping when waves obeyed
His will.

And soon the same voice speaking will calm earth's rebel
storm.

This Lord of hosts is with us both now and evermore!

(Mark 4:35-41; Revelation 19:15; Psalm 46:11)

(Lancashire)

Celebrant: Faithful God,
you have placed the rainbow in the skies
as the sign of your covenant with all living
things.
May we who are saved through water and the
Spirit,
worthily offer to you our sacrifice of
thanksgiving.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Second Reading from the Book of Exodus

read by Mikaella Al Mansour

The Israelites saw the king and his army coming after them. They were very frightened and cried to the Lord for help. They said to Moses, "What have you done to us? But Moses answered, "Don't be afraid! The Lord will fight for you."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Raise your walking stick and hold it over the sea. The sea will split. Then the people

can cross the sea on dry land. I will defeat the king, his chariot drivers and chariots. Then Egypt will know that I am the Lord.”

Moses held his hand over the sea. All that night the Lord drove back the sea with a strong east wind. And so he made the sea become dry ground. The water was split. And the Israelites went through the sea on dry land.

When all the king’s horses, chariots and chariot drivers followed them into the sea, the Lord told Moses, “Hold your hand over the sea. Then the water will come back over the Egyptians, their chariots and chariot drivers.”

So that day the Lord saved the Israelites from the Egyptians. When the people of Israel saw the great power that the Lord had used against the Egyptians, they feared the Lord.

Exodus 14: 10 – 31, 15: 20 – 21

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: **When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land**

The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go;
to lead the children of Israel through, let my people go.

Refrain

**Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
tell old Pharaoh, let my people go.**

They journeyed on at his command, let my people go;
and came at length to Canaan's land, let my people go.

Refrain

Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go.

Refrain

(Go Down Moses)

Celebrant: God of steadfast love,
your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to
our own day.
By the power of your mighty arm
you once delivered 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.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Third Reading from the Book of Isaiah

read by Charles Balboss

God is the one who saves me.

I trust him. I am not afraid.

The Lord, the Lord, gives me strength and makes me sing.

He has saved me.”
You will receive your salvation with joy.
You will take it as you would draw water from a well.
At that time you will say,
“Praise the Lord, and worship him.
Tell everyone what he has done.
Tell them how great he is.
Sing praise to the Lord, because he has done great things.
Let all the world know what he has done.
Shout and sing for joy, you people of Jerusalem.
The Holy One of Israel does great things before your eyes.”

Isaiah 12: 2 – 6

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: **Wade in the Water**

Refrain

**Wade in the water,
wade in the water children,
Wade in the water,
God’s gonna trouble the water.**

See that host all dressed in white,
God’s gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God’s gonna trouble the water. *Refrain*

See that band all dressed in red,
God's gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God's gonna trouble the water. *Refrain*

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's gonna trouble the water. *Refrain*

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

All: Amen.

The Gloria (sung)

*The opening bars of the Gloria are announced. Fanfares are played
on the organ and bells rung throughout the church.*

(Please ring yours with joy and energy!)

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

**All: and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,**

almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Eternal Giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance of the
risen Christ.
Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in
baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Fourth Reading from the Letter to the Romans

read by Linda Guse

Did you forget that all of us became part of Christ when we were baptized? We were buried with him so that we could live a new life, just as Christ was raised from death by the wonderful power of the Father.

We know that our old life died with Christ on the cross. This was so that our sinful selves would have no power over us, and we would not be slaves to sin.

If we died with Christ, we know that we will also live with him. Christ was raised from death. And we know that he cannot die again. Yes, when Christ died, he died to defeat the power of sin one time—enough for all time. He now has a new life, and his new life is with God. In the same way, you should see yourselves as being dead to the power of sin and alive with God through Christ Jesus.

Romans 6 (selected verses)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

228, Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death and hell rose triumphing.

Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay:
Alleluia!

The Gospel

read by The Rev'd Carol Shih

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Mark 16: 1 – 8

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

228, Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters

An angel clad in white they see,
who sat, and spoke unto the three,
"Your Lord goes on to Galilee."
Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reflection

The Rev'd Irina Dubinski

Silence is kept.

For Rev. Irina's blog visit
<https://irinasart.ca/spiritual-reflections/>
or scan the QR code.



Questions for Reflection

- As you witness the ritual, I invite you to ponder what its symbols mean to you, personally - what associations do they invoke now, and how has their meaning changed for you over time?
- Which symbols do you notice? Yes, the main ones are water, oil, and light: present daily in the world around us, yet almost magically life-giving, nourishing,

refreshing, healing, cleansing, illuminating, reflective...
awakening?

- Might there be some other details important to you, such as the font, shell, or circle of sponsors and family members gathered with the candidates, etc.?

HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

All candidates are presented by their parents and sponsors as follows:

Parents and sponsors:

We present *Owen Davey, Lincoln Elliot and Sephora Siri* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Candidates at an age to answer for themselves:

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Parents and sponsors of infant candidates who cannot answer for themselves:

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidate, Parents & Sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidate, Parents & Sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate, Parents & Sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Candidate, Parents & Sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidate, Parents & Sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Candidate, Parents & Sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Prayers for the Candidates

lead by Gabriella Al Mansour & Richard Balboss

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Owen, Lincoln and Sephora who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord,
that all who are baptized
into the death of Jesus Christ your Son
may live in the power of his resurrection
and look for him to come again in glory;
who lives and reigns now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Celebration of Baptism

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

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

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God,
The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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

People: I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying,

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each
candidate saying to each,*

I sign you with the cross,
and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon these your servants
the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised them to the new life of grace.
Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder
in all your works.

All: Amen.

The Giving of the Light

The celebrant gives each of the newly baptized a lighted candle.

Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

*When all of the newly baptized have received candles we say
together,*

**All: Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.
Alleluia!

People: And also with you. Alleluia!



THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCCHARIST

Offertory Anthem:

Hallelujah (Messiah)

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

(Revelation 19: 6)

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our
Lord,

and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

(Revelation 11: 15)

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

(Revelation 19: 16)

Hallelujah!

(G. F. Handel)

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Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **God of life and health,
accept the offering of your holy people,
and grant that we who are baptized into Christ
may be perfected in your salvation,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 5

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world

and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,

we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

All:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross

he defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead

you show us the power of your love

to bring new life to all your people.

People:

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.
We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**All (sung): 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

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei (sung by all)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Grant us peace.

All persons are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing as appropriate at our services. You may choose to receive both the bread and the wine or just the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask the priest for these as you come to receive. If you choose to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you stand at the altar rail.

Communion Hymns:

207, At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;

praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
death is broken in the fight,
thou has brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave enthrall!
Thou has opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

This, our gift of Easter joy,
sin alone can now destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise;
risen Lord, all praise to thee,
with the Spirit ever be.

(Salzburg)

223, Christ Is Risen

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder,
all creation stand amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion—
joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus,
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing hosanna, everyone!

(Polish Carol)

Prayers after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

All: Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight. And the blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you now and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

(Ring your bells during the Alleluias)

Recessional Hymn:

226, Through the Red Sea Brought At Last

Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia!
Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia!
Deep and wide flows the tide
severing us from bondage past, alleluia!

Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia!
through the billows Israel led, alleluia!
By his tomb Christ makes room,
souls restoring from the dead, alleluia!

In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia!
Buried and baptized were we, alleluia!
Earthly night brought us light,
which is ours eternally, alleluia!

(Straf mich nicht)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the new life of the risen Christ!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude: **Toccata from Symphony V**

(Charles-Marie Widor)

Easter Flowers

*The flowers in the church today, are given to
the Glory of God and in loving memory of*

- my husband, David Decker and mother, Mary Tong,
given by Deborah Danis.
- Bea Wilson, given by Trish Beck.
- our parents John & Anita Liburd, given by Rosina
Warton and Sydney Liburd.
- my husband John Warton, given by Rosina Warton.
- Earline, Stew, Ann and Ted Shaw, given by Gloria Shaw.
- Elwin Springer, Joseph Bancroft and Myrtle Bancroft,
given by Mary Springer.
- our husband, father and grandfather, Bob Hendershot,
given by Liz, Nikki and Callan Hendershot.
- Ann Hong given by Shirley Hoy.



Easter Flowers

*The flowers in the church today, are given to
the Glory of God and in thanksgiving*

- for my recovery and to all the Parish who offered their support to me and especially to Frances and Sarah, given by Alan Flint.
- for the loving support of family and friends given by Ann Tottenham.
- given by Roger and Anne Seymour.



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**"Living our faith in Jesus Christ
with Open Arms, Open Hearts, Open Minds"**