

# The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

## The Great Vigil of Easter

8:00 PM



April 16, 2022

# What's Happening This Week:

*Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.*

Sunday, April 17  
9:00 am Family Easter Service  
10:00 am Easter Egg hunt in Rittenhouse Square  
11:00 am Second Easter Service  
4:30 pm Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing

Mon., April 18 – Fri., April 22 **Church Closed**

Tuesday, April 19  
4:30 pm Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing

Saturday, April 23  
1:00 pm Camerata Philadelphia

Sunday, April 24  
11:00 am Second Sunday of Easter Service  
12:30 pm Vestry Meeting in Parish House  
4:30 pm Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing

**SAVE THE DATE:** Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> after service,  
both in-person and online.

## **\*CONSIDER DONATING TO THE OPEN HEARTS CAFE**

The Open Hearts Café is a twice-weekly ministry, right here at the church, which provides hot food and warm clothing to our neighbors in need. Currently, our clothing closet is struggling. Scan the QR code to the right or click [here](#) to visit our Amazon Wishlist.



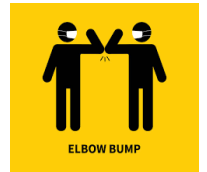
# Gentle Reminders for our Guests today:

As a community in Christ, we are called to work together to create an inclusive worship experience that is **safe for everyone** – ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.



Face Masks are **strongly encouraged** for worship today. If you need a mask we have them in all shapes and sizes – please ask! We ask that you continue to give space to those around you, and to be respectful of the choices others make.

During **the Peace**, we invite you to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Please be sure that your neighbor is comfortable with physical connections before shaking hands.



**Children** are welcome to join us for worship services today! We do not mind little voices and noises that children naturally make, so don't worry if they are not sitting perfectly still and silent! That's not normal! We do ask that all family members sit together throughout the service.

Please **turn off or silence your Cell Phone** during the service Thank you!

**Offering:** You can give an offering to the church in three ways: by placing it in the plate that we pass in church today, by texting **CHT DONATE to 73256**, or use the Realm app on your phone.



**Communion** will be given in the form of bread only today. If you wish to receive communion, we invite you to go to one of two stations at the front of the church (those in the back will come forward first). We will bring communion to those who are not able to come to a standing station. We give the chalice to one person (or family unit) each week – sign up here, if you'd like to receive the chalice: [click here, or check on our website.](#)

Thank you for joining us today. Together — we'll get through this.

## About this Service

The Great Vigil of Easter is one of the oldest known rites of the Christian church, dating back to the second century, moving from darkness into light. The service is comprised of four parts: the kindling of the new fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle; Lessons which recount the ways God has saved and restored his people; remembering our Baptism through Baptismal Vows; and celebrating the first Eucharist of Easter. The *Exsultet* chant invites us to rejoice in Christ's triumph over death and redemption of the world; and the word alleluia ("Praise the Lord") – which has not been spoken during the past 40 days of Lent – is proclaimed enthusiastically, and will remain in acclamations, fractions, hymns, and dismissals throughout Eastertide. Sources: *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*, [churchofengland.org](http://churchofengland.org)

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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## The Service of Light

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### The Kindling of the New Fire

*In the darkness, fire is kindled.*

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and a Minister bearing the Paschal Candle leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing:*



*During the procession, candles and lamps in the church, including those of the people, are lighted. The Altar remains dark. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

## The Exsultet

*Cantor* 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,

The musical notation is arranged in five systems, each with a staff and lyrics below it. The first system is for the People, with a box above the staff. The second and third systems are for the Cantor, with boxes above the staves. The fourth and fifth systems are for the People, with boxes above the staves. The lyrics are as follows:

... for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Cantor* 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 fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

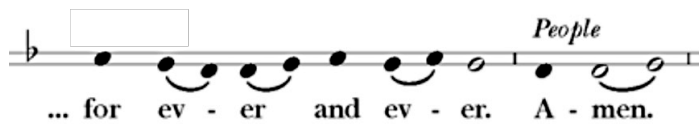
This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

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 man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns



*Hand candles may be extinguished.*

*The Paschal Candle will continue to burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

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

*Please sit for the readings.*

**The First Reading:** Genesis 1:1- 2:4a

*The Story of Creation*

*Reader:* 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.

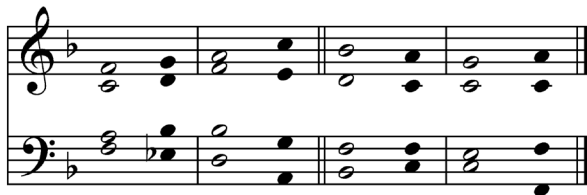
Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

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. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

### Psalm 33: 1-11



- <sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, you | *righteous*; \*  
it is good for the just to sing | *praises*.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord with the | *harp*; \*  
play to him upon the psaltery and | *lyre*.
- <sup>3</sup> Sing for him a new | *song*; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the | *trumpet*.
- <sup>4</sup> For the word of the Lord is | *right*, \*  
and all his works are | *sure*.
- <sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and | *justice*; \*  
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole | *earth*.
- <sup>6</sup> By the word of the Lord were the heavens | *made*, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly | *hosts*.



- <sup>7</sup> He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a | *water-skin* \*  
and stores up the depths of the | *sea*.  
<sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the | *Lord*; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand in | *awe of him*.  
<sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to | *pass*; \*  
he commanded, and it stood | *fast*.  
<sup>10</sup> The Lord brings the will of the nations to | *naught*; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the | *peoples*.

*Repeat the last half of the tone:*

- <sup>11</sup> But the Lord's will stands fast for | *ever*, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to | *age*.

*All stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray. (*A brief silence is kept.*) O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

**The Second Reading:** Exod. 14:10-31; 15:20-21

*Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea*

*Reader* 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.

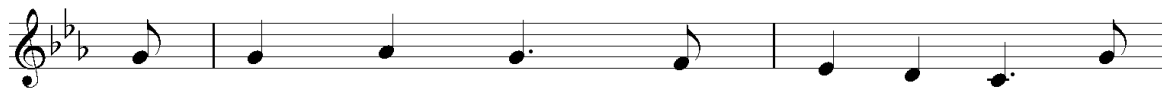
Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians 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 the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'


## Hymn



1 Sing now with joy un - to the Lord, for  
 2 God is our strength, he is our song, he  
 3 He on - ly is the might - y Lord. He



he has tri - umphed glo - rious - ly! The horse, the rid - er,  
 saved us from our en - e - my. All praise and thanks to  
 on - ly can des - troy the foe. He on - ly is to



and the sword he cast in - to the rag - ing sea.  
 him be - long who came to set his peo - ple free.  
 be a - dored for he a - lone can strength be - stow.

*All stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray. (silence) 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.**

*All sit.*

**The Third Reading:** Isaiah 55: 1-11

*Salvation offered freely to all*

*Reader* 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.

## Canticle



1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
 2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with

va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the

liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*All stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray. (*silence*) 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.**

*All sit.*

For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly.  
They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord— the remnant of Israel;  
they shall do no wrong and utter no lies,  
nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths.  
Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.

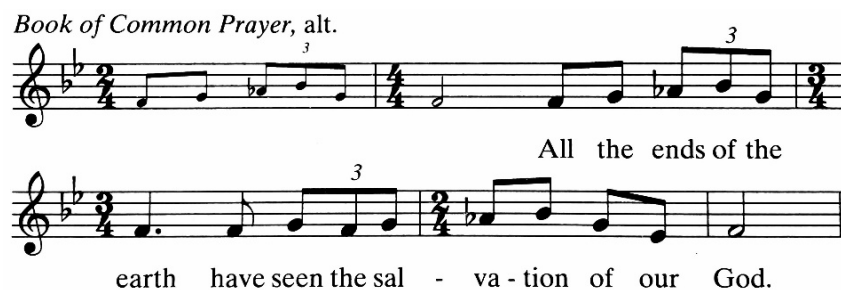
Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

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.

## Psalm 98

*The antiphon is sung once by the choir and then by all.*



*The choir sings verses of Psalm 98 and the people respond with the antiphon.*

*All stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray. (*silence*) 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.**

## **The Holy Baptism**

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### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents/Sponsors* **I present Margot Gaston Moncman to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents/Sponsors* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents/Sponsors* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate, parents and godparents.*

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

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:*

Will you, who witness these vows, do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with this child who is committing herself 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 the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for Margot who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* 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 forever. **Amen.**



## 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 God thanks and praise.**

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

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

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism

*The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant and is baptized.*

*Celebrant* Margot Gaston, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The candidate is marked with the sign of the cross using Chrism oil.*

*Celebrant* Margot Gaston, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*A candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and presented to the newly baptized with these words:*

*Celebrant* Margot Gaston, receive this light and shine as Christ's forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* 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. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

## The Holy Communion

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*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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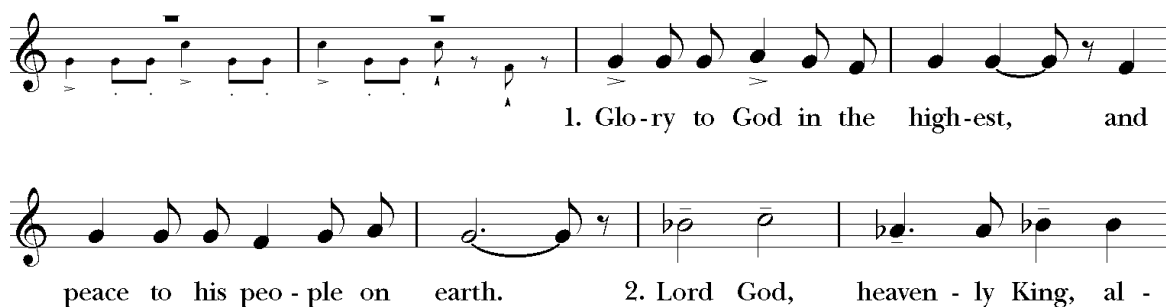
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*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*At the organ fanfare, hand bells may be rung. The candles at the Altar are lit from the Paschal Candle and the lights in the church are raised.*

*During the singing of the Gloria, the Celebrant sprinkles the congregation with blessed water as a reminder of their baptism and commitment to the work of Christ. The sign of the cross may be made as the droplets of water fall on your head.*

## The Gloria



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## Epistle Reading: Romans 6:3-11

*Reader* A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able.*

## Sequence Hymn 183

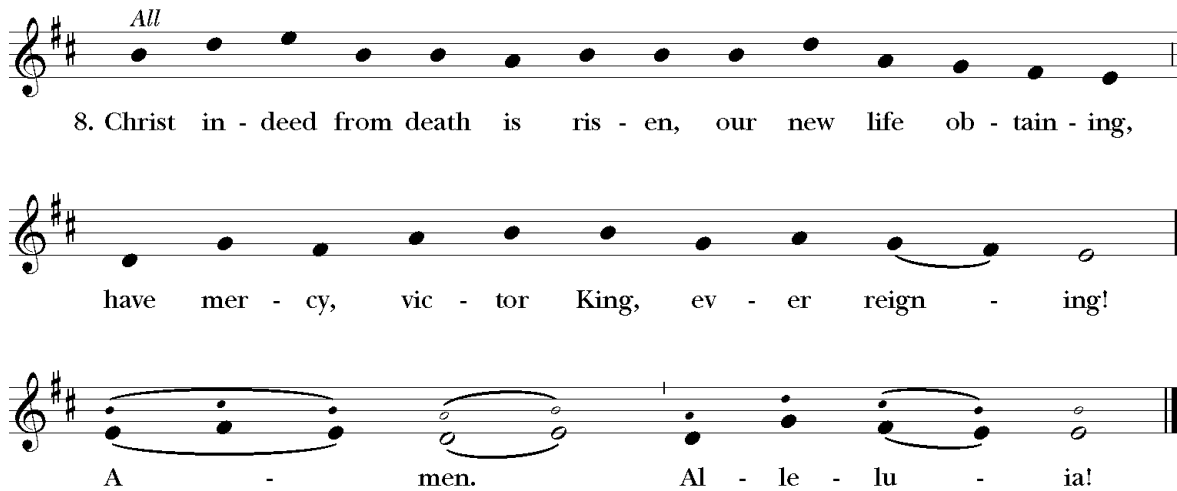
*Victimae Paschali laudes*

*The choir sings:*

Christians, to the Paschal victim offer your thankful praises!  
A lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless,  
reconcileth sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:  
the Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring what thou sawest, wayfaring:  
 "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection;  
 bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.  
 Yea, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you."

*All sing:*



### The Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

*Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Rachel Wenner Gardner

Following the sermon, all stand for the Prayers.

## The Prayers of the People

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

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

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

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

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*A brief silence is kept*

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

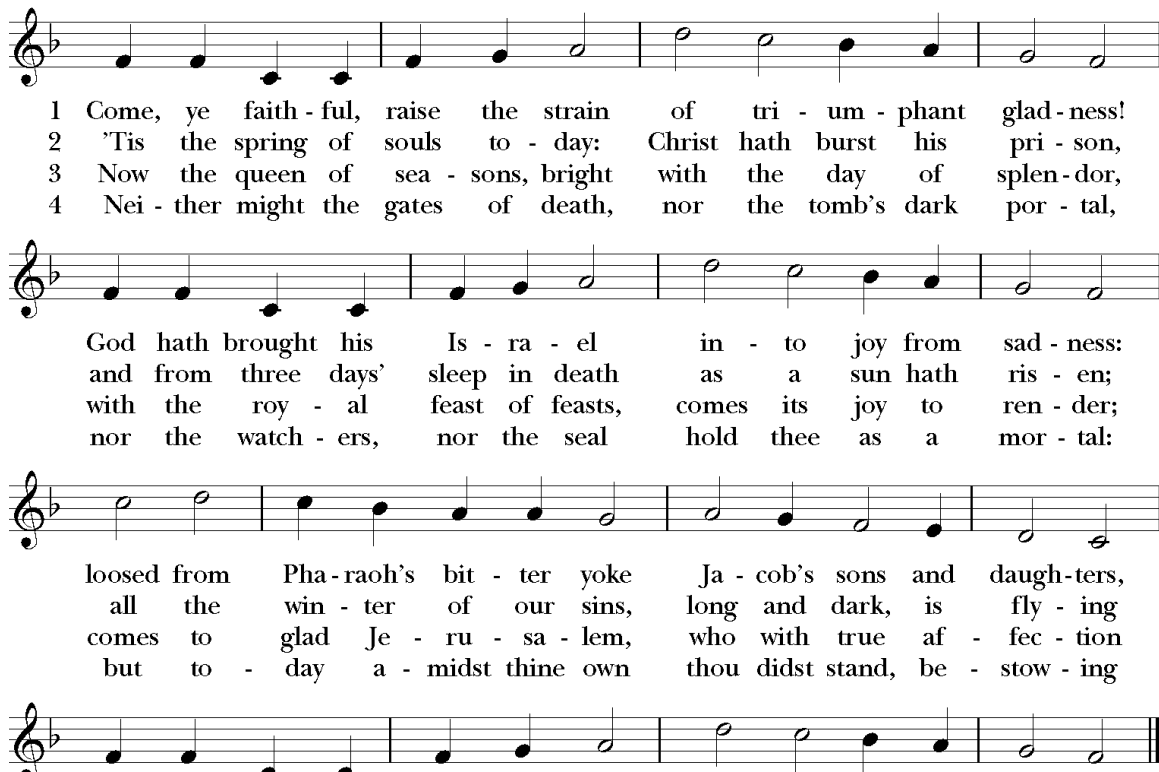
*The minister and the people greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

Sing ye to the Lord,      Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 for He hath triumphed gloriously.      hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;  
 Pharaoh's chariots and his host      Thou hast conquered in the fight,  
 hath He cast into the sea.      Thou hast brought us life and light.

Now no more can death appall,  
 now no more the grave enthrall;  
 Thou hast opened Paradise,  
 and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.  
 Alleluia! Amen.

*Please stand as able.*

## The Offertory Hymn



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

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

*Celebrant*                      *People*

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

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who





*Celebrant* 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."

*All* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:  
*All* Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

### The Fraction Anthem

The Fraction Anthem is a musical setting of the Eucharistic prayer. It consists of four staves of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding text line. The first staff is for the Cantor, and the second and third staves are for the All. The fourth staff is for the Cantor. The music is in a simple, homophonic style, using a single melodic line for each part. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." followed by "Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast." and then "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The Cantor's part is in a higher register than the All's part.

*Cantor*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*All*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor*  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

*All*  
keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*The following prayer may be prayed silently by those not receiving communion or those who are at home.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

## Distribution of Communion

*Communion will be given in one kind only (bread) today. If you wish to receive communion, you are invited to come to one of the stations at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come to a standing station. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know.*

## The Communion Hymn *(see pages 30 - 31)*

*Alexandra*

*Please stand as able.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting 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 upon you, and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Dismissal Hymn

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, with the final stanza being a 'Final Ending' marked with a repeat sign and a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows. Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life. The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le - Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.'

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as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -  
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

*Final Ending*  
lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## Postlude

“Acclamations” from *Suite Medievale*

Jean Langlais

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# The Communion Hymn

1. As new-born stars were stirred to song when all things came to  
 2. In psalms that raise the sing-er's sense to un-i-vers-al  
 3. When God's re-deem-ing Word took flesh to make sal-va-tion  
 4. But si-lence won no vic-t'ry there; a rest was all it

be, as Mir-i-am and Mos-es sang when  
 truths, in pro-phet's dark-toned o-ra-cle or  
 sure, un-heed-ing hearts at-tuned to strife re-  
 scored be-fore glad al-le-lu-ias rose to

Is-rael was set free, so mu-sic bursts un-bid-den  
 hymn of three brave youths: the song of faith and praise en-  
 fused love's o-ver-ture. Yet to the end the song went  
 greet the ri-sen Lord. The church still keeps that song a-

forth when God-filled hearts re-joyce, to wak-en  
dured through those God called to be a cho-sen  
on: a sup-per's part-ing hymn, a psalm in-  
live, for death has lost its sting, and with the

awe and grat-i-tude and give mute faith a  
peo-ple bearing light for all the world to see.  
toned on dy-ing lips when sun and hope grew  
gift of life re-newed the heart will ev-er

voice.  
see.  
dim.  
sing.

*Return to page 27 for the Post-Communion Prayer.*

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