

Easter Vigil

April 19, 2025



Saint Andrew's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
& CHILDREN'S CENTER

*A nurturing community of faith, serving Christ, and open
to all... wherever you are in your journey with God.*

4400 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604
949.559.4699
email: office@standrewsirvine.org

The Holiest Night of the Year

The church stands dark, silent, expectant. In the midst of the night, the new fire is kindled and blessed; The Paschal candle is lit therefrom. The Candle, symbol of the Risen Christ, is borne into the church as the faithful light their candles from the new fire. “Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels!” rings out as the Exsultet is chanted. This prayer, of ancient origin, calls upon all of God’s people to rejoice in Christ’s victory over death, and notes that by his Passover from death to life, “earth and heaven are joined and we are reconciled to God.”

The Word of God is heard following the Exsultet. Unlike the sunset-to-sunrise scripture-reading marathons of the original vigils, modern versions of the liturgy allow for a shorter number of lections.

Baptisms, in the early church, was an annual event, celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Only on this one, holy night were people initiated into their new life in Christ. Baptism is the climax of the Great Vigil; as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord and our own participation in that resurrection through baptism, we add new members to the Body of Christ. As they pass through the waters of the font, they also pass with Christ through the grave and gate of death to be united with him in his resurrection.

The Great Vigil culminates in the celebration of the Easter Eucharist. The celebration completes the passage from Lent to Easter and our passage with Christ from death to life. The altar candles are lighted, and the shout of “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” is heard, symbolizing the end of Lent and the beginning of the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

It has been said that the Great Vigil of Easter is the keystone about which the rest of the church year is built. Other baptisms of the year reflect this primary baptismal rite. Other Eucharists of the year, are, to use St. Augustine’s analogy, the repeatable part of the rite. In the Easter Vigil we celebrate and make present the pivotal events of the Old and New Testament heritage, from the Passover of the Hebrews from slavery to the Promised Land to our own Passover from the bondage of sin and death to the glorious liberty of new life in Christ Jesus.

Edited by Kent Steinbrenner. Sources: Marion Hatchett, Leonel Mitchell, Daniel B. Stevick, Byron D, Stuhlman.

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

In the darkness, fire is kindled. The Celebrant says

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

The Celebrant says

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 then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon (the Celebrant if there is no deacon) bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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

Candles which have been distributed to members of the congregation are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time.

A Cantor now sings the Exsultet.



Re-joice now, heav'n - ly hosts and choirs of an - gels,



and let your trum - pets shout Sal - va - tion



for the vic - to - ry of our migh - ty King.



Re - joice and sing now, all the round earth,



bright with a glo - ri - ous splen - dor,



for dark - ness has been van - quish'd by our e - ter - nal King.



Re - joice and be glad now, Mo - ther Church,



and let your ho - ly courts in ra - dant light



re - sound with the prais - es of your peo - ple.



[All you who stand near this mar - ve - lous and ho - ly flame,



pray with me to God the Al - migh - ty



for the grace to sing the wor - thy praise of this great light;



through Je - sus Christ his Son our Lord,



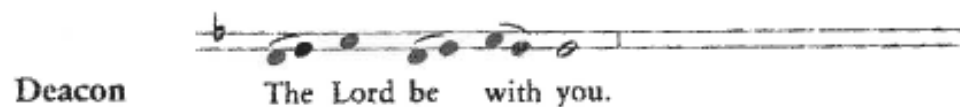
who lives and reigns with him,



in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, one God,

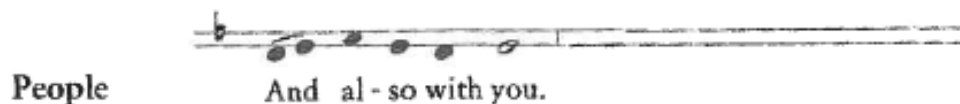


for ev - er and ev- er. A - men.]



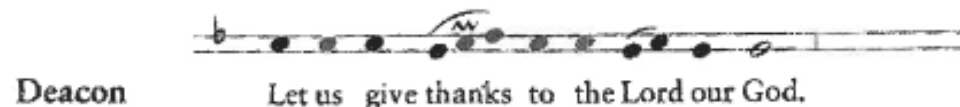
Deacon

The Lord be with you.



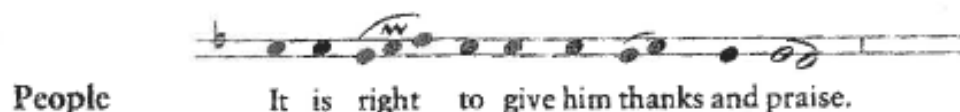
People

And al - so with you.



Deacon

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.



It is tru - ly right and good, al - ways and ev - 'ry - where,



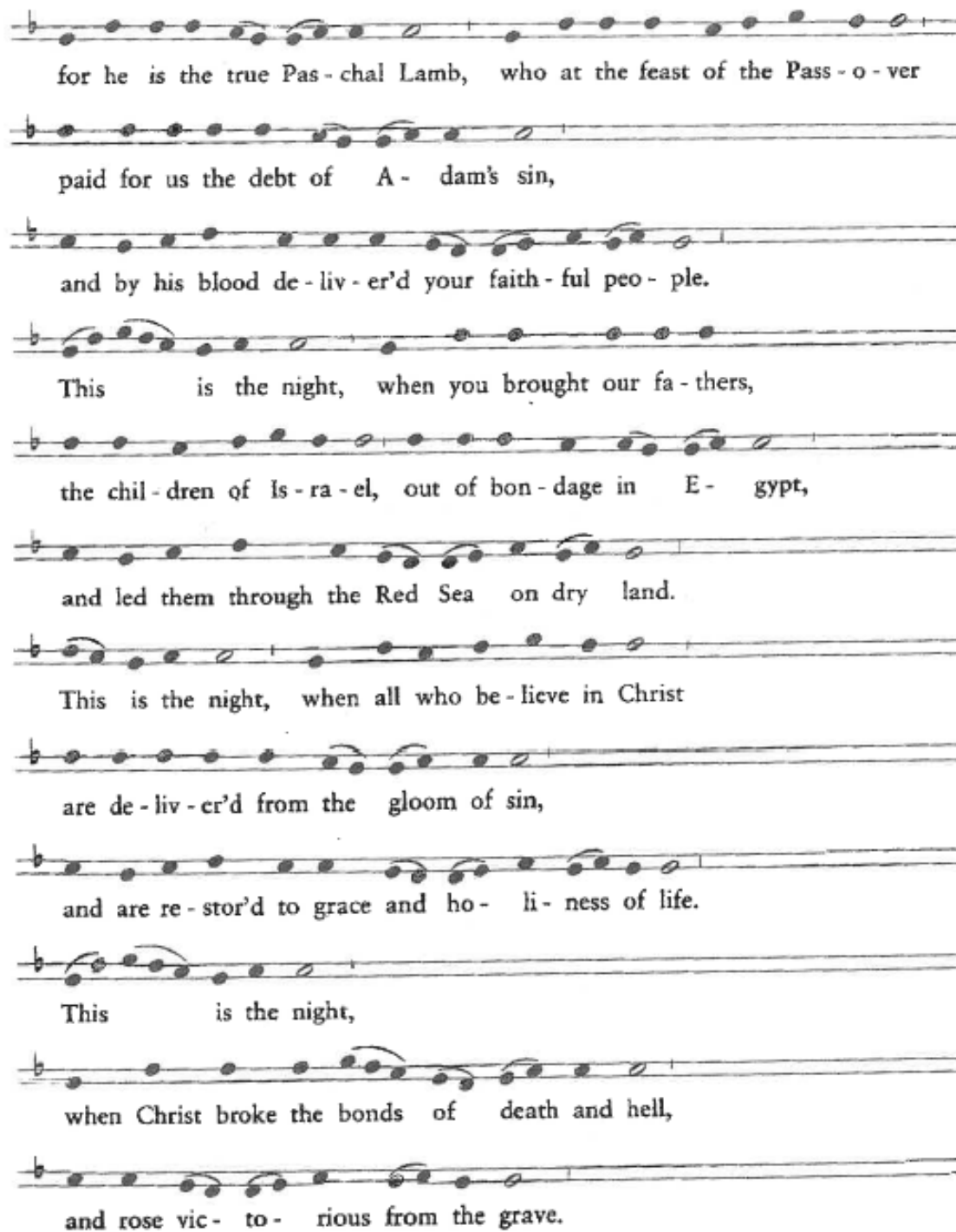
with our whole heart and mind and voice to praise you,



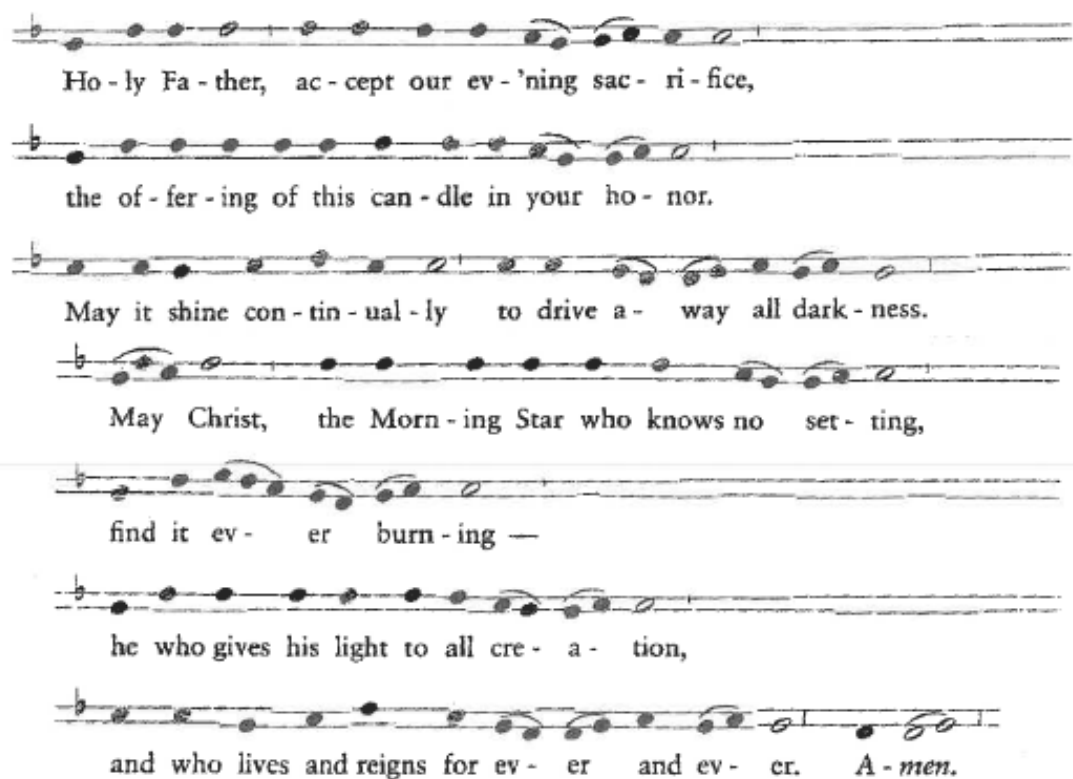
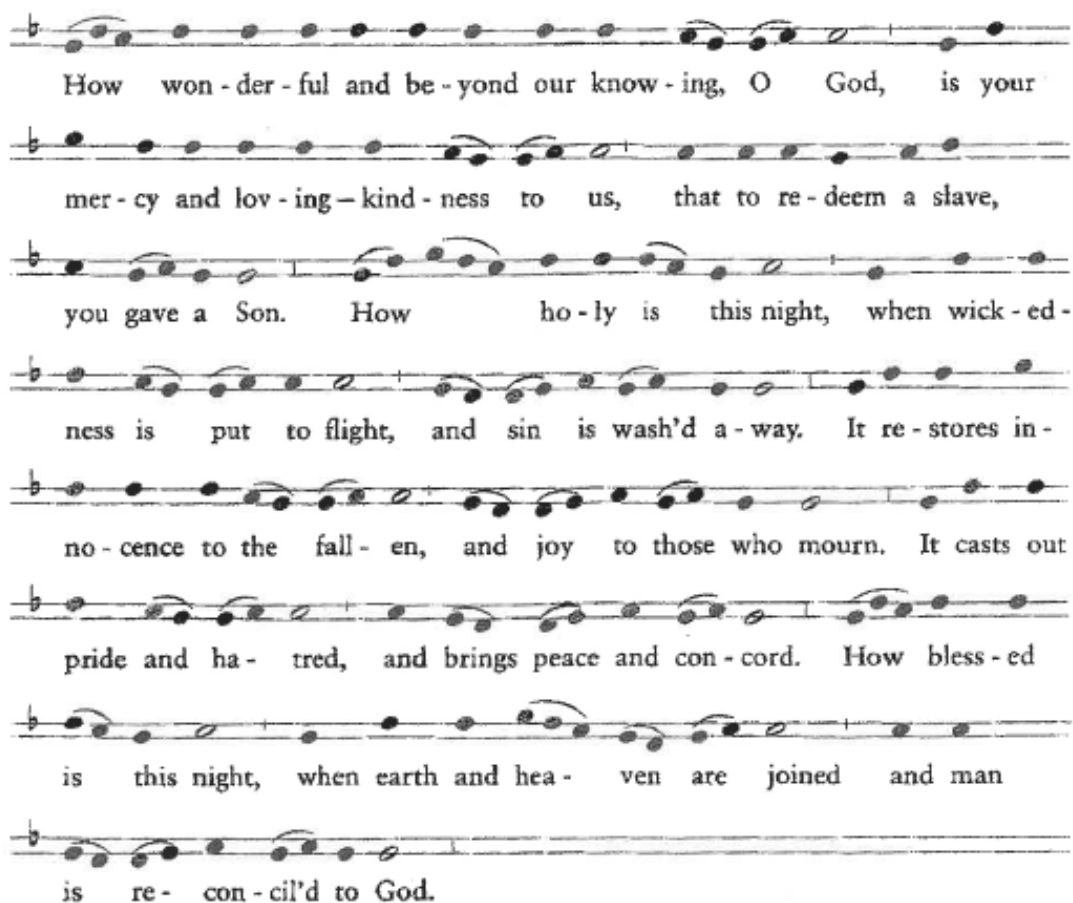
the in - vi - si - ble, al - migh - ty and e - ter - nal God,



and your on - ly - be - got - ten Son Je - sus Christ our Lord;



for he is the true Pas - chal Lamb, who at the feast of the Pass - o - ver
paid for us the debt of A - dam's sin,
and by his blood de - liv - er'd your faith - ful peo - ple.
This is the night, when you brought our fa - thers,
the chil - dren of Is - ra - el, out of bon - dage in E - gypt,
and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.
This is the night, when all who be - lieve in Christ
are de - liv - er'd from the gloom of sin,
and are re - stor'd to grace and ho - li - ness of life.
This is the night,
when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell,
and rose vic - to - rious from the grave.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings, saying

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

THE STORY OF THE CREATION

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

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.

*Congregation: **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.

*Congregation: **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.

*Congregation: **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.

*Congregation: **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.

*Congregation: **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.

*Congregation: **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.

*Congregation: **And God saw that 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.

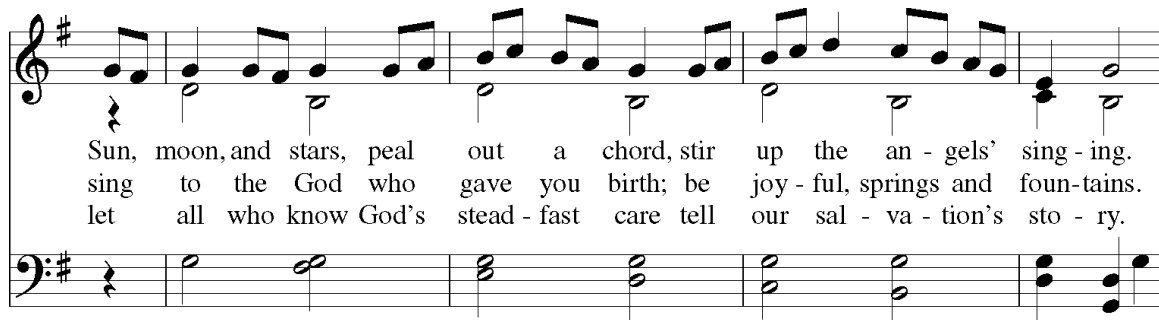
*Congregation: **And God saw that it was good.***

A Song of Creation

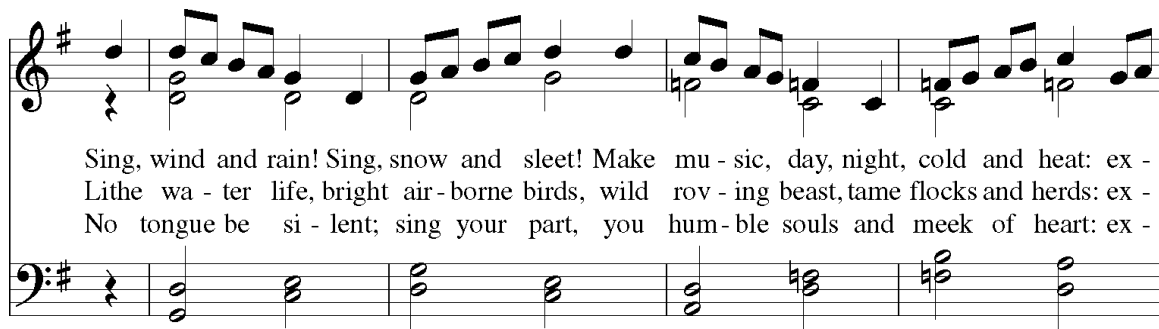
WLP 885



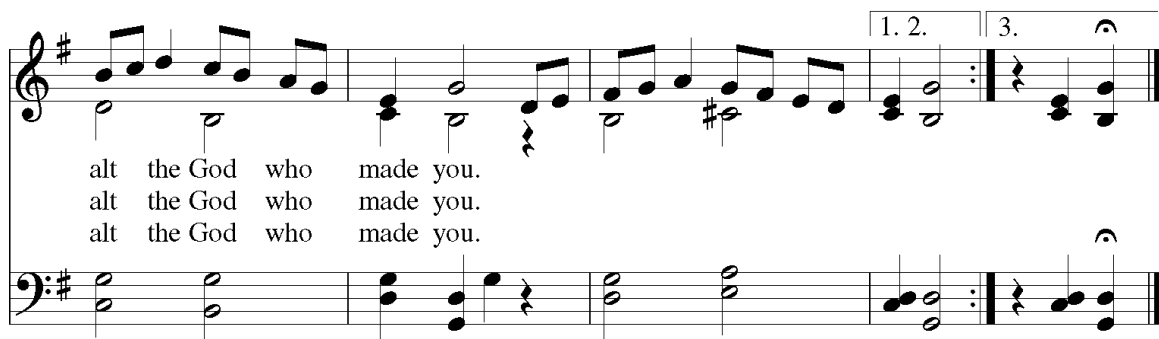
1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.
2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun-tains,
3. O men and wo - men ev - ery-where, lift up a hymn of glo - ry;



Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.
sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun-tains.
let all who know God's stead - fast care tell our sal - va - tion's sto - ry.



Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
Lithe wa - ter life, bright air-borne birds, wild rov - ing beast, tame flocks and herds: ex -
No tongue be si - lent; sing your part, you hum-ble souls and meek of heart: ex -



alt the God who made you.
alt the God who made you.
alt the God who made you.

Celebrant continues

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—31;15:20-21

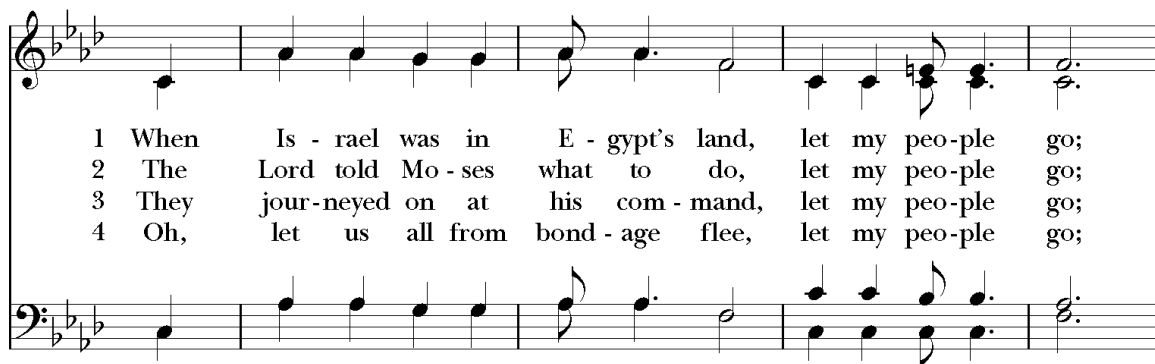
As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing 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."

When Israel was in Egypt Land

Hymnal 648



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;

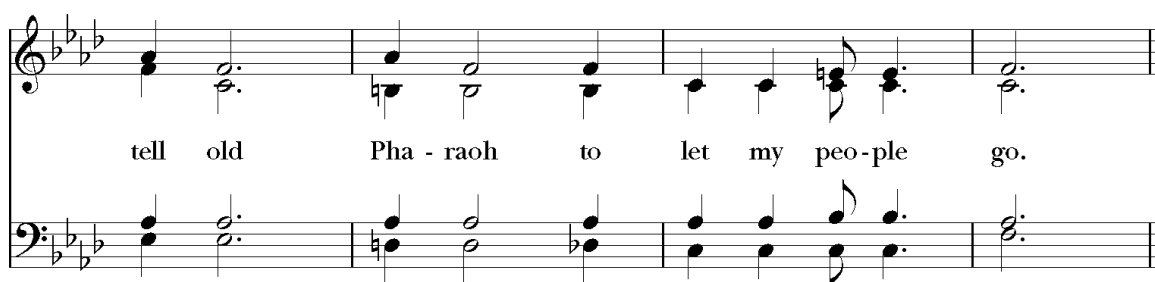


op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
 to lead the chil-dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
 and came at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.
 and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Refrain



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;



tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

Words: Afro-American spiritual Music: *Go Down, Moses*, Afro-American spiritual;
 arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935) Copyright ©1984, Horace Clarence Boyer. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Celebrant continues

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

Thus says the Lord: 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.

As longs the deer for cooling streams

Hymnal 658

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in
2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my
3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope
4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O
thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -
still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who
God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.
hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.
was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Celebrant continues

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.**

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Thus says the Lord God: "I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A

new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

A New Heart I'll Give to You

Unison first two times, then mixed voices

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef, with a double bar line and repeat signs at the end. The lyrics are: "A new heart I'll give to you. A new spir - it I will put with - in you, and I'll take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, while the vocal line is a simple melody.

Celebrant continues

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HOMILY

The Very Rev. Peter Browning

Celebrant continues, all stand

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.

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Parents and Godparents say

I present Amari to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant then continues

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

Parents and Godparents

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 and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant then asks

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 person in his life in Christ?

People ***We will.***

The Celebrant then says

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

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.***

<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says to the people

Let us now pray for Amari who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

<i>Leader</i>	Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Open his heart to your grace and truth.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Send him into the world in witness to your love.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>

The Celebrant says

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. ***Amen.***

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>

*Celebrant
People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our 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, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Amari, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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.***

Then the Priest places a hand on his head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to him

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

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and 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.

The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle. The service continues.

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORY TO GOD

S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - 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



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant then says

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.*

FIRST READING

Romans 6:3-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

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

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

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

God's Paschal Lamb

WLP 880

Descant

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

All stand.

<i>Gospeler</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
<i>People</i>	<i>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</i>

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they 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.

<i>Gospeler</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>

PEACE

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See back of bulletin for announcements.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Choir

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</i>

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy Lord, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Gracious God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to

prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Gracious God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People together say

***We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you,
Lord our God.***

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Michael, John and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, Andrew, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we are bold to say,
People and Celebrant

***Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since some of us are not able now to receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into all of our hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787; from Bishop Curry)

Everyone is invited to come to the altar. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Hymnal 174

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life
and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

BLESSING

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 among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

POST COMMUNION HYMN

The strife is o'er, the battle done

Hymnal 208

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

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

Ped.

DISMISSAL

LEM
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



Holy Week Services

The Great Vigil of Easter – April 19, 7:00 p.m.

In this most ancient liturgy of the Church, we begin outside in darkness to light the new fire of Easter, processing with the light of Christ into the church for a celebration of our salvation, Holy Baptism, and Jesus' victory over death and the grave.

Easter Sunday – April 20, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Festival Eucharist with choir, organ, a triumphant celebration.

Easter egg hunt follows the 10:00 a.m. service.

Prayer List *Please take this list home to remember those who need your daily prayers.*

For the Church

Archbishop of Canterbury
Sean, Presiding Bishop
John, Bishop of the Diocese
Hosam E. Naoum, Archbishop of Jerusalem

For the Vestry

Kathy, Tom, Wardens
Peter, Thomas, Priests
Ministry of Canterbury Irvine
Saint Andrew's Children's Center

For the Government and the Nations of the World:

Donald, our President
Supreme Court of the United States

Congress of the United States
Gavin, our Governor

For Those in College: Audrey, Tess, Allece, Aidan, Zachary, Jonathan, Caitlin, Matthew, Gram, Emma, Haven, Catherine, Bryce

Guidance: Andrea, Jacob, Rebecca, Jose, Dominick

Healing

Corinne Lakes
Mitsuye
Sandy Wilson
Bernice
Judi Matthews

Louise
Mary Baker
Lisa R
John Salistean
Ethan Lockwood

Jemma & Emma
Staci DeNatali
Mary Dennis
Carl Barton

Heather Harris
Paige & Steve
Gabriel
Wendy

Joyce & Ken Jenson
Susan Berkel
Steve Hudson
Garrick

Long Term Needs

AA Groups
Bob Mitchell
Chris Bennett
Donna Westlund
Jack & John Selman
Merrilee Gardner
Patti
Susan D'Zmura
Lyle Menzel
Julie
Carl

Stacy Watson
Nora
Patti Patel
Dana Hollinger
Wanda Lay
Our Refugee Family
Scott Perrin
Nancy Perrin
Tyler Hudson
Mike Catalano
Leslie Ennis

Dominick Pellegrino
Brian Kingsfield
Rich & Libby Cook
Mel Ricketts
Lynne Raftery
Roy Nichols
Peggy E.
Kevin & Cole Madden
Mollie
Patsy
Jeffrey Marks

Pets: Marcel, Luna, Shiso, Tulip

Repose of the Soul: Ted Morse, Lynn, Gayle Durham

Comfort for: Cynthia Morse, Sami, Cyrene Pellegrino, Don, Elizabeth, Eleanor, McNeal, and Yates
Cook, Rick, Laurie Luft and family, Lynn West

For those in the Military: 1st LT. Ryan Hane

Celebration of Birth: Amelia (Mia) Parker Hanson

Ongoing Scheduled Activities

Monday

10:30 a.m. **Volunteer at Woodbridge Manor**
St. Andrew's volunteers staff a Food Bank for approximately 85 residents at this apartment complex for low-income seniors and disabled adults. We receive food donated by local grocers, unpack it and organize it on tables for the residents to "shop" for their groceries. We have a group of loyal volunteers, and we can always use more help. If you can help, we'd love to have you join us. We meet every other Monday at 10:30 a.m. except for federal holidays. It takes about 2 hours. Contact Catherine Sharbaugh for more information. We can always use empty 1 dozen cardboard egg cartons (not plastic) and small plastic fruit boxes (like the ones blueberries and raspberries come in). Please bring what you can to the church.

Wednesday

The **Virtual Book Group** meets every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. followed by noonday prayer. Scroll down to Events and Activities on our website home page for the current reading and contact the office to be added to the Zoom invitation.

Thursday

6 p.m. **Virtual Evening Prayer** livestreamed via Facebook.

Monthly

First Monday of the Month

- **Grief Support Group** meets at 4 p.m. in Fellowship Court. All who are seeking support are welcome.

First Tuesday of the Month

- **Democrats of Greater Irvine** will meet on May 7 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Third Tuesday of the Month

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets at 3 p.m. in Fellowship Court Patio. Some ministry members who cannot attend the monthly meeting knit or crochet shawls and prayer cloths at home. If you are a newcomer to Prayer Shawl, please contact Donna Catalano at donnajcatalano@gmail.com. If you are in need of a prayer shawl, send a message to Donna or ask any Prayer Shawl member.



Third Saturday of the Month

- **Men's Group** will meet at 8:30 a.m. at Strawberry Farms for breakfast and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact Peter if interested.

Community Groups

Al-Anon - Mon 7 p.m., Fellowship Court

Brothers in Sobriety - Fri 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Court

Sunrise Sobriety - Daily 6:30 a.m., Fellowship Court

High School Performance Group - Wednesday 6-8 p.m. (Sept. – Dec.)

Korean Orchestra - Saturday 6 – 8 p.m.

Pneuma Chapel - Sunday 12:30 p.m., Church.
Saturday 6:00-7:00 a.m.

Announcements



Sunday School News

Day care for infants and children 3 yrs old and younger during the 10 am service will be provided by Samira Sameni, a preschool teacher at our Saint Andrew's Children's Center. **Sunday School** for children 4 yrs and up will be taught by Tammy Smecker-Hane during the 10 am service. Both will happen together in the Kangaroo Room of the Children's Center, whose entrance is located in the far left-hand corner of the courtyard (just follow the sign).

This Sunday we will learn about Jesus' rising from the dead on the first Easter Sunday, and we'll be making Easter crosses to celebrate the good news. The Easter Egg Hunt for the children will begin as soon as Father Peter is finished greeting people after the 10 am service. There is a special area just for the youngest children ages 3 years and below, and the majority of the lawn will be for the children aged 4 and above. After the service, have the children come to the table, get their paper bag and write their name on it, and then they'll be ready to join in when Father Peter announces the start. Note that next week we'll take a break and not have Sunday School. We'll begin again on the following Sunday, May 4, with a free play day on the playground. If you have any questions or feedback about Sunday School, please contact our Sunday School teacher, Tammy Smecker-Hane (tsmecker@cox.net).



Easter Flowers For Wooden Cross

Please bring fresh flowers on Easter Sunday for the cross outside of church, as we transform it from a wooden cross of hopelessness to a beautiful cross of HOPE.


Altar Flowers



Traditionally, there are no flowers at the altar during Lent and Holy Week. Any dedications received at this time will be printed in the Easter bulletins. To make a donation for Easter flowers, please fill out a flower donation envelope in the pews and place it in the offering plate. The Altar Guild thanks you for your donation. We will continue to accept Easter flower donations throughout the Easter Season.

A Celebration of Life for Ted Morse will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Ted's name.

Save the Date for Spice It Up!

SPICE IT UP!


This year's fundraising gala will take place on **Saturday, June 7**. Building on last fall's success, we will have a taco truck and silent auction. We still need a volunteer to be in charge of non-alcoholic drinks, so if you would like to take this on, please contact JoJo Caprini at casacaprini@att.net. More details to follow as we get closer to the event.

Creation Care



As a follow up to our Creation Care Exhibition in March, we've posted a summary on our website: <https://standrewsirvine.org/outreach-justice/creation-care>

Coffee Hour Composting

We are continuing our coffee hour composting. Please note the posted signs for disposing of organic waste.

We have compostable cups for coffee, tea, and cold drinks. Napkins and uncoated plates can be composted.

- Utensils and coated plates cannot be composted.
- We ask that you put all the compostable waste in cardboard boxes and/or the Waste Management organics bin.
- You are also welcome to bring your own commuter cups.

If you are bringing snacks, please use the compostable or reusable materials we have provided. Many of the items supplied by restaurants or bakeries are coated and cannot be composted.



Saint Andrew's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
& CHILDREN'S CENTER

Clergy & Staff

The Very Rev. Peter Browning, Rector
The Rev. Thomas Lee, Assistant (Korean)
Paul Sammon, Minister of Music
Brandy Lemon, Accountant
Kim Jensen, Office Administrator
Office Administration Hours:
In-office: Monday & Thursday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Remote: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Vestry

Kathy Cartelli, Senior Warden
Tom Pietryga, Junior Warden
Bill Langsdorf, Treasurer
Carolyn Ybarra, Clerk
Susanna Brown
Mary Ann Frericks
Sue Ha
Grace Marcotrigiano
Larry Wheeler

Today's Service

7:00 P.M.

Celebrating: The Very Rev. Peter Browning
LEMS: Nick Baldasari, Bonnie Tucker



Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Our service will be video recorded. If you do not wish your image to appear in the livestream, please ask an usher for assistance.

Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-711276. All rights reserved. Hymn permission used by Rite Song a one-time use reprint license for congregational use.

All Anthem music used with permission by St. James Music Press, license No. #5555555.