

Agnus Dei

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Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God almighty reigns
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*Holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb,
You are holy, holy, are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. You are holy.*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia.
Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ

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

Musicians:

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Church of the Redeemer

We Live and Proclaim Christ's Redeeming Love



The Great Vigil of Easter
April 12, 2009 5:00 am

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.

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

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.

People: Amen.

Proclamation

The candle is born to the East, pausing three times to say:

Bearer: The Light of Christ

People: Thanks be to God.

Exsultet

Candles are lit, after which the following is said:

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.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Sing Hallelujah

Linda Stassen

Sing hallelujah to the Lord, (Sing hallelujah to the Lord,)

Sing hallelujah to the Lord, (Sing hallelujah to the Lord,)

Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah,

Sing hallelujah to the Lord.

Jesus is risen from the dead...

Jesus is Lord of heaven and earth...

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son
and brought us home.

Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;

we who drink his cup bring life to others;

we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing on the people.

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise By him, and with him, 14 and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father

Jill Phillips, Andy Gullahorn

Our - Fath er in heav - en hallow - ed be - Your name. Your -
king - dom come. Your will be done. On - earth as it is in heav - en. Give -
us this day our dai - ly bread. For - give our sins as -
we for - give those tres - pass - es of the ones who have sinned a gainst us. And -
lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion. But de - liv - er us from e - vil. For
thine is the king - dom and the pow - er and the glor - y, for -
ev - - - er. *rit.* A - - - - - men.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of 3 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.

People: Amen.

The Word of God

Leader: 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 Creation Genesis 1:1—2:3

Psalm 36:5-10 Simplified Anglican Chant

Your love O Lord reaches to the | Heavens
And your faithfulness to the | clouds
Your righteousness is like the strong | mountains
Your justice like the great | deep;

How priceless is your love O | God
Your people take refuge under the shadow of your | wings
They feast upon the abundance of Your | house
You give them drink from the river of your de- | lights

Glory be to the Father and to the | Son
And to the Holy | Spirit
As it was in the beginning is now and e-ver | shall be
A- | men

Collect

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Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

The Flood

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Psalm 46: Be Still and Know

music: Jennifer Martin

Be still and know, that I am God

And I will be exalted among the nations.

Repeat

God is our refuge, God is our strength

A very present help in trouble.

Though the earth be moved and mountains fall into the sea,

We will not fear.

God is in the midst of her, she will not be overthrown.

At the break of day, He will help her.

And there is a river, whose streams make glad

The city of God.

Collect

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Collect

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Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . 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:

Sanctus (spoken)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

You did not shun the Virgin's womb,
 You overcame the sting of death,
 You opened the Kingdom of Heaven
 To all who believe.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 And to the Holy Spirit
 As it was in the beginning,
 Is now and ever shall be, Amen.

Collect

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night now past 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.

People: Amen.

The Resurrection

Matthew 28:1-10

Canticle: Pascha nostrum (spoken)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
 therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
 death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
 so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22:1-18

Psalm 33:12-22 (spoken)

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The Lord looks down from heaven, *

and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *

on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them *

and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;

a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *

for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *

on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, *

and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; *

he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *

for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *

as we have put our trust in you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *

As it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Collect

Leader: Let us pray.

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea
Exodus 14:10 – 15:1

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Canticle 8, The Song of Moses (spoken)

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
As it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Collect

Leader: Let us pray.
All: 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.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
As it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

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Collect

Leader: Let us pray.
All: 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.

People: Amen.

The Song of Christ
Philippians 2:5-11

Canticle: Te Deum

setting: Jennifer Martin

Solo: Kendra Hoffert

You are God, we praise You. You are the Lord we acclaim You.
You are the eternal Father, all creation worships You.
To You all the angels, all the powers of Heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise.

You are the Christ, our King of Glory,
The e-ternal Son of the Father.
When You became man, You set us free.

You brought me up O lord | from the dead
You restored my life as I was going down | to the grave
Sing to the Lord you ser- | vants of his
Give thanks for the remembrance | of his holiness

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***Weeping may spend the night,
But joy comes in the morn-ing.***

For his wrath endures but the twinkling | of an eye
His favor | for a lifetime
Weeping may spend | the night
But joy comes | in the morning

You have turned my wailing | into dancing
You have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy
Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing
O Lord my God I will give you | thanks forever.

***Weeping may spend the night,
But joy comes in the morn-ing.***

Collect

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

People: Amen.

The Gathering of God's People Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalm 98 (spoken)

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

God's Presence in a Renewed Israel Isaiah 55

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Psalm 122 – Chant

I was glad when they said | to me
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord”
Now our feet are standing with- | in your gates
Within your gates O Je- | rusalem.

Jerusalem is built | as a city
That is at unity with- | in itself;
To which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,
The assembly of Israel, to praise the Name | of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem
May those who | love you prosper.
Peace be with- | in your walls.
And quietness with- | in your towers

Glory to the Father and | to the Son,
And to the | Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be
A-men

Collect

Leader: Let us pray.
O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The First Song of Isaiah

Book of Common Prayer, Jack Noble White

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be a -
 fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and
 He will be my Sa - vior, Sa - vior.

Verses:

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing,
 From the springs of salvation.
 And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord
 And call upon His name. (refrain)

Make His deeds known among the peoples;
 See that they remember that his name is exalted.
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things,
 And this is known in all the world. (refrain)

Cry aloud inhabitants of Zion,
 Ring out your joy!
 For the great One in the midst of you
 Is the Holy One of Israel. (refrain)

Collect

Leader: 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 Je-
 sus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Psalm 42:1-7(spoken)

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
 so longs my soul for you, O God.
 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
 when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
 My tears have been my food day and night, *
 while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
 how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
 among those who keep holy-day.
 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
 and why are you so disquieted within me?
 Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him,
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
 As it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Collect

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

The Lord Promises Renewal and Resurrection
 Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 30: Joy Comes In the Morning

*Weeping may spend the night,
 But joy comes in the morn-ing.*

I will exalt you O Lord because you have lifted | me up
 And have not let my enemies triumph | over me
 O Lord my God I cried out | to you
 And you restored me | to health