



ST. ALFRED'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA



The Reverend Peter Lane, Celebrant
The Reverend Dale Hathaway, Preacher

The Holy Week services carry us through the events of *The Passion*. This ancient service leads us from death to life with Christ through fire, light, word, water, and bread and wine. A new fire is kindled, a great candle is lighted, by its light the Bible is read, prayer and praise are offered, and we celebrate the Easter sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

April 4, 2026, 8 p.m.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Those who are able gather in the courtyard for the lighting of the new fire. In darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the people in these words

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 the following prayer.

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 Cantor bearing the Candle, leads the procession, pausing three times; the Cantor sings:



The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The staff is divided into two sections. The first section is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The second section is labeled 'People' and contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: 'The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.'

The candles distributed to members of the congregation are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the Cantor, standing near the Candle, sings the Exsultet.

The Exsultet

Rejoice now, heav'nly 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,

Cantor *People*




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

Cantor




The Lord be with you.

People



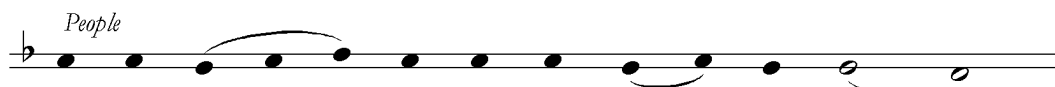
And al - so with you.

Cantor



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.

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.

The Flood

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

Psalm 46 *Deus noster refugium*

Marty Wheeler Burnett

(The Choir sings the Antiphon first; then All repeat. Repeat the Antiphon as indicated.)

Antiphon

Make our dark-ness light, O bright Morn-ing Star!

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **[Antiphon]**
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown. *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **[Antiphon]**
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world: *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **[Antiphon]**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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. Amen.

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

Marty Wheeler Burnett

(The Choir sings the Antiphon first; then All repeat. Repeat the Antiphon as indicated.)

Antiphon



Make our dark-ness light, O bright Morn-ing Star!

- 1 I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
- 2 The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior. **[Antiphon]**
- 3 This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
- 4 The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name. **[Antiphon]**
- 5 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.
- 6 The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone. **[Antiphon]**
- 7 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
- 8 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?
- 9 You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up. **[Antiphon]**
- 10 With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
- 11 You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
- 12 The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
- 13 The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever. **[Antiphon]**

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.

Salvation offered freely to all

Isaiah 55:1-11

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

Marty Wheeler Burnett

The Choir sings the Antiphon first; then All repeat. Repeat the Antiphon as indicated.)

Antiphon



Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior. **[Antiphon]**

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; **[Antiphon]**

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. **[Antiphon]**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. **[Antiphon]**

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.

A New Heart and a New Spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Psalm 42:1-7 *Quemadmodum*

Marty Wheeler Burnett

The Choir sings the Antiphon first; then All repeat. Repeat the Antiphon as indicated.)

Antiphon

Make our dark-ness light, O bright Morn-ing Star!

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? **[Antiphon]**
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, “Where now is your God?”
- 4 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.
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day. **[Antiphon]**
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
For I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God. **[Antiphon]**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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.*

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Celebrant first addresses the people in these words, all standing

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.

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

People I do.

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.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Baptismal Vows as follows:

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

Please extinguish your candle at this time.

At the Eucharist

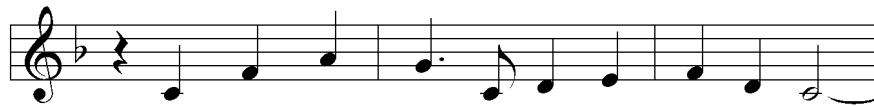
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Canticle

God's Paschal Lamb is Sacrificed for Us

Charles Stanford



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



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



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



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

The Collect

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 for ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle Romans 6:3-11

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.

Hymn 187 *Through the Red Sea Brought at Last* *Straf mich nicht*

The Holy Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not

here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dale Hathaway

The Prayers of the People

Following each petition, the Leader says,

Leader Risen Christ,

People To you we give undying praise.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
And let it be heard, Alleluia!

- Isaiah 48:20; Psalm 66:1-2,

- Latin; tr. Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1828-1896)

The people stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* *Lasst uns erfreuen*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

In this prayer, the lines in Italics are spoken by the People.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

 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.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. *By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, Heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem*Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus*

Gary James

(The Choir sings the Refrain first; then All repeat it. Repeat the Refrain as indicated.)

Refrain 

Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

Choir The bread that we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ. **[Refrain]**

Choir One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread. **[Refrain]**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Anthem*O Christ, Our Joy and Gladness*

Carlton T. Russell

O Christ, our joy and gladness,
O Dayspring of our night,
We come with fear and sadness
At Easter dawn's first light:
The stone is laid aside,
Death's wrappings now lie useless,
O wondrous Eastertide!
With Mary, we've stood weeping,
Not knowing you are there,
With death a vigil keeping,
Hearts half-set on despair.
Now, life's no more the same:
As once you spoke to Mary,
You call us each by name.
Rabboni, Teacher, Savior,
You ask us now to go
By voice and by behavior
To tell all what we know.
Enlightened by your Word,
We'll share our joy and gladness,
For, "We have seen the Lord!"

- Edward R. Dufresne

The Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Hymn 180

He is Risen

Unser Herrcher

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Toccatà

Charles Marie Widor

(Organ Symphony No. 5 in F)



Easter Flowers



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