



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
APRIL 16, 2022**

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EASTER EVE – APRIL 16, 2022
7:00 PM
THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

In the 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 children, 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 Blessing of the New Fire

The celebrant says the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Father we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire and enflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Following the blessing of the new fire, the celebrant traces a cross into the wax of the Easter candle. The Greek 'alpha' is then traced above the cross, 'omega' below and the numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross.

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today
and forever, *(the vertical arm of the cross is traced)*
the Beginning and the End *(the horizontal arm)*,
Alpha *(Alpha, above the cross)*.
and Omega *(Omega, below the cross)*.
His are the times *(the first numeral)*
and the seasons *(the second numeral)*
Blessing and honour, glory and power be unto Him for ever and
ever. *(the last numeral)* Amen.

The celebrant inserts five grains (nails) of incense into the candle to form the figure of a cross.

Celebrant:

1. By his Cross	
2. and Passion	1
3. may Christ our Lord	4 2 5
4. Guard us,	3
5. And keep us. Amen	

The celebrant lights the Easter candle from the new fire.

Celebrant: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, drive away all darkness.

The Easter candle is carried in procession.

The following acclamation is sung three times:

Cantor: The Light of Christ!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The candles which have been distributed to members of the congregation are lit 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, as follows:

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King!

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in Glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Cantor: It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices, we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal father!

This is our Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers. This is the night when first you saved our forebears. You freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness. This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

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

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter Candle.

May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The celebrant introduces the scripture readings in these words:

Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how He saved His people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent His own Son to be our Redeemer. *(all seated for the readings)*

The Creation Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Sara Gateman

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.

¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees

bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

Reader: Let us pray. (We observe a moment of silence while standing.)

Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

Hymn #307 “When Long Before Time”

**When long before time and the worlds were begun,
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,
and even our Maker had only a dream...**

**...the silence was broken when God sang the Song,
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,
and with its first birth-cries creation was born,
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.**

**The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord’s,
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
the choir of the creatures re-echoed it long.**

**Though, down through the ages, the Song disappeared -
its harmonies broken and almost unheard -
the Singer comes to us to sing it again:
our God-is-with-us in the world now as then.**

**The Light has returned as it came once before,
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more;
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.**

**To you, God, the Singer, our voices we raise;
to you, Song incarnate, we give all our praise;
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory, forever, through life and through death.**

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea: Exodus 14:10-31,15:20-21 Rachel Robinson

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

¹³ Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶ Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸ The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down

from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He jammed^[a] the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward^[b] it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ³⁰ That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. ³¹ And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

²⁰ Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron’s sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. ²¹ Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea

Reader: Let us pray. (We observe a moment of silence while standing.)
God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song: “El Shaddai” *Sung by quartet*

Chorus

El shaddai, el shaddai,
El-elyon na adonai,
Age to age you're still the same,
by the power of the name.
El shaddai, el shaddai,
Erkamka na adonai,

We will praise and lift you high, El shaddai.
Through your love and through the ram,
You saved the son of Abraham;
through the power of your hand,
turned the sea into dry land.
To the outcast on her knees,
You were the God who really sees,
and by your might,
You set your children free. *Chorus.*

Through the years you've made it clear,
that the time of Christ was near,
though the people couldn't see
what Messiah ought to be.
Though your word contained the plan,
they just could not understand
Your most awesome work was done
through the frailty of your son. *Chorus.*

The Valley of Dry Bones: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Len Robinson

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you

up from them. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'

Reader: Let us pray. (We observe a moment of silence while standing.)

Living 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 power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#647 "Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me -
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me! *Repeat.***

Be Glad and Rejoice: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sylvia Besplug

Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The Lord has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.

The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.

¹⁶On that day
they will say to Jerusalem,

"Do not fear, Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp.

¹⁷The Lord your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.

He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing."

¹⁸"I will remove from you
all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals,
which is a burden and reproach for you.

¹⁹At that time I will deal
with all who oppressed you.

I will rescue the lame;

I will gather the exiles.
I will give them praise and honor
in every land where they have suffered shame.
²⁰ At that time I will gather you;
at that time I will bring you home.
I will give you honor and praise
among all the peoples of the earth
when I restore your fortunes^[a]
before your very eyes,"
says the Lord.

Reader: Let us pray. (We observe a moment of silence while standing.)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Song: "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

**Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth
To show the way,
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift Your name on high. *Repeat.***

During the Old Testament readings the altar has been vested and the candles have been lit. When the large cross on the eastern wall is unveiled, all remaining lights are turned on, the congregation remains standing and the celebrant proclaims:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
All: **The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

The congregation makes a joyful noise with bells and other instruments as the organ sounds for the first time since Maundy Thursday. All remain standing for the GLORIA.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your Glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the father, receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (All kneel)

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

The Person and Work of Christ: Colossians 1:15-20

Allan Besplug

⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ: Romans 6:3-11

Karen Hudson

³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gradual Song “The Power of the Cross”

**Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day.
Christ on the road to Calvary.
tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
nailed to the cross of wood.**

Chorus:

**This, the power of the cross.
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh to see the pain written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
crowning your blood-stained brow. *Chorus.***

**Now the day light flees, now the ground beneath
quakes as its maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
“Finished!” the victory cry. *Chorus.***

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
won through Your selfless love! *Chorus.***

The Gospel of the Resurrection

The Rev. Canon James Robinson

Reader: The Lord be with You.

People: **And also be with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:1-12

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Sermon

The Rev. Br. Jason Carroll

The Renewal of our Baptismal Vows

(all standing)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

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

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship with him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism Covenant

The Celebrant then says.

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

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 neighbour as yourself?

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

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

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

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

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

Priest: God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation is invited to gather at the font and to physically mark the renewal of their baptismal commitment using newly-blessed water from the font.

During the renewal of Baptismal vows we sing: "The River"

Offertory Song: "The River"

**To the river I am going,
bringing sins I cannot bear;
Come and cleanse me, come forgive me;
Lord, I need to meet You there.**

**In these waters, healing mercy
flows with freedom from despair;
I am going to that river;
Lord, I need to meet You there.**

Chorus

**Precious Jesus, I am ready
to surrender ev'ry care;
Take my hand now, lead me closer;
Lord, I need to meet You there.**

**Come and join us in the river;
Come find life beyond compare;
He is calling, He is waiting;
Jesus longs to meet you there. *Chorus.***

**He is calling He is waiting
Jesus longs to meet you there**

Ending

**Take my hand now, lead me closer.
Lord, I need to meet You there.**

THE PEACE (All standing)

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord

Song "What the Lord Has Done in Me"

**Let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Let the blind say I can see
It's what the Lord has done in me (Repeat)**

**Hosanna Hosanna
to the Lamb that was slain
Hosanna Ho-sanna
Jesus died and rose again (Repeat)**

**Into the river I will wade
There my sins are washed away
From the heavens mercy streams
Of the Saviour's love for me**

I will rise from waters deep

Into the saving arms of God

I will sing salvation songs

Jesus Christ has set me free (Repeat chorus 2 times)

(Repeat first verse)

Prayer over the Gifts

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

Eucharistic Prayer 3. (*please remain standing*)

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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 our thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted. Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
All **we remember his death,**
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;
Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (All kneel)

Celebrant And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
All **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**
Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God
All: **Thanks be to God**
Celebrant: The body and blood of Christ given for you.
All: **Amen.**

The Communion

All baptized Christians regardless of denomination are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Those joining from home may say the prayer which appears on your screen.

The celebrant and people then receive communion. The sacrament is given with the following words.

The body of Christ (given for you).

The blood of Christ (shed for you).

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. *(All kneeling)*

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

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Thine Be the Glory

**Thine be the glory risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away
Kept the folded grave clothes Where Thy body lay
Thine be the glory Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won**

**Lo! Jesus meets us Risen from the tomb
Lovingly, He greets us Scatters fear and gloom
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing
For her Lord now liveth Death hath lost its sting
Thine be the glory Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won**

**No more we doubt Thee Glorious Prince of life
Life is naught without Thee Aid us in our strife
Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above
Thine be the glory Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.**

Dismissal

Priest: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

People: **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

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