

# CHURCH OF THE CROSS

For if we have been united with him  
in a death like his, we shall certainly be  
united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6:5

The Great Vigil of Easter  
April 3, 2021

Easter is the peak of the year for Christians. Because of that, Christians have always spent time preparing for it. Christians set aside 40 days, modeled on Jesus' time in the wilderness, in which they pray, fast, and give to the poor; we call this season of days, Lent. Our service tonight marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Easter.

The Vigil begins where the Good Friday service ended, in darkness and contemplation of the Cross. Then a loud knock on the door symbolizes the opening of Christ's tomb. The service that follows has four parts—the lighting of the Paschal candle; the liturgy of the word—featuring eight traditional readings recalling God's saving work and promises in the Old Testament; the baptisms and renewing of baptismal vows; and the first Eucharist of Easter. As we celebrate this ancient liturgy we remember the unity we have with fellow Christians throughout the world and across time.

May our shouts of Alleluia tonight bear witness to the joy and hope of the Resurrection of Christ, for us and for all the world.

*"Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him;  
yesterday I died with Him; today I am quickened with Him;  
yesterday I was buried with Him; today I rise with Him.  
But let us offer to Him Who suffered and rose again for us ... ourselves,  
the possession most precious to God, and most fitting;  
let us give back to the Image what is made after the Image.  
Let us recognize our Dignity; let us honor our Archetype;  
let us know the power of the Mystery, and for what Christ died."*

— St. Gregory of Nazianzus

# Prelude

*Almighty God*

McCracken, Leonard, Jordan

*Trisagion*

Fernando Ortega

## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle *(service begins at the back of the sanctuary)*

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire, we pray, and so set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and kindled affections we may attain to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.



*Cantor:* The light of Christ *All:* Thanks be to God



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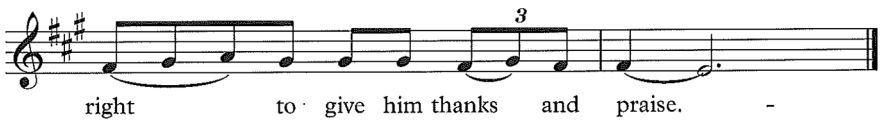
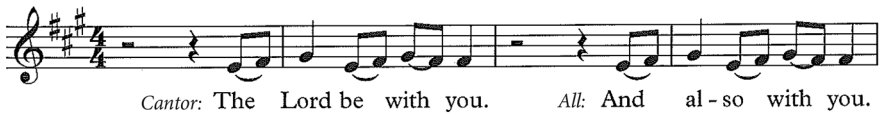
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*Cantor:* Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,  
and let your trumpets shout Salvation  
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,  
bright with a glorious splendor,  
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,  
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,  
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,  
pray with me to God the Almighty  
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;  
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



*Cantor:* It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice. . .

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

## The Liturgy of the Word

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

### Genesis 1:1-2:3

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

# Behold Our God

## *Verse 1*

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

## *Chorus*

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him!

## *Verse 2*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His Words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

## *Verse 3*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

## *Bridge*

*Men:* You will reign forever  
*Women:* Let Your glory fill the earth

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Baird | Stephen Altrogge  
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*Celebrant:* 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.*

## Genesis 3

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Trisagion

Holy God  
Holy and mighty  
Holy immortal One  
Have mercy, have mercy on us

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*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, you sent your blessed Son, the seed of the woman, that he might crush the serpent's head and make all creation new: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Genesis 22:1-18

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose servant Abraham faithfully obeyed your call, and rejoiced to see the day of your Son: Multiply the number of your children by the grace of the Lamb who was slain; that your Church may also rejoice to see your promise to our father Abraham fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Exodus 14:10-15:1

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Go Down Moses

### *Verse 1*

When Israel was in Egypt's land  
Let my people go  
Oppressed so hard they could not stand  
Let my people go

### *Chorus*

Go down, Moses  
Way down in Egypt's land  
Tell old Pharaoh  
Let my people go

### *Verse 2*

The Lord told Moses what to do  
Let my people go  
To lead the Hebrew children through  
Let my people go

### *Verse 3*

As Israel stood by the waterside  
Let my people go  
At God's command it did divide  
Let my people go

### *Verse 4*

When they had reached the other shore  
Let my people go  
They let the song of triumph soar  
Let my people go

### *Verse 5*

Lord, help us all from bondage flee  
Let my people go  
And let us all in Christ be free  
Let my people go

Traditional Spiritual

*Celebrant:* 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.

## Isaiah 2:4-6

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*Celebrant:* 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. Amen.

## Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 46

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.
- <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- <sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Holy Bible, ESV

*Leader and People:*

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

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Lord God of our salvation, you speak the word to your scattered people, and raise us up from the valley of death: Breathe your Spirit upon your Church, that we may live and stand before you confident in your risen Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



## Jonah 1:1-2:10

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Resurrection 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. Amen.

## Zephaniah 3:12-20

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God

## Zephaniah 3:17

Sing, Daughter Zion  
Shout aloud, Israel  
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart  
Daughter Jerusalem

The Lord your God is with you  
He is mighty to save  
He will take great delight in you  
And quiet you with his love

### *Chorus 1*

He will rejoice over you  
With singing with singing  
He will rejoice over you  
With singing with singing

At that time I'll gather you  
I will bring you home  
I will give you honor and praise  
Among all the peoples of the earth

### *Chorus 2*

When I restore your fortunes  
Before your your very eyes  
When I restore your fortunes  
Before your your very eyes

### *Ending*

Says the Lord

Danny Wilson

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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 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.

## The Great Alleluia

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Garments of Praise

### *Chorus*

Put on the garments of praise  
For the spirit of heaviness  
Let the oil of gladness flow  
Down from Your throne  
Put on the garments of praise  
For the spirit of heaviness  
Your joy is my strength alone  
My strength alone

### *Verse*

Make these broken weary bones  
Rise to dance again  
Wet this dry and thirsty land  
With a river  
Lord our eyes are fixed on You  
And we are waiting for Your garland  
Of grace as we praise Your name

### *Bridge*

Hallelujah, sing hallelujah  
We give all honor and praise to your name  
Hallelujah, sing hallelujah  
We trade our sorrows for garments of praise

*Garments of Praise*

Jamie Harvill

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## The Baptisms of:

4:00pm

Eliana Hope Berg

Florence Betty Day Campbell

7:00pm

Ryan Anthony Voeller

## The Presentation

*Celebrant:* . . . Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

*Parents:* I am, the Lord being my helper.

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

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Question:* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

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

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Question:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

*Answer:* I do.

*Question:* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

*Answer:* I do.

*Question:* Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

*Answer:* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*Celebrant:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People:* **We will.**

*Celebrant:* Let us join with these candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

## The Baptismal Confession

*Celebrant:* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*People:* I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant:* Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

*People:* I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by 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 and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*People:* I do. 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. Amen.

## The Litany for the Candidates

*Leader:* Let us now pray for these candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

That they may come to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Lord in your mercy. . .

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers. Lord in your mercy. . .

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues. Lord in your mercy. . .

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord. Lord in your mercy. . .

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world. Lord in your mercy. . .

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That as living members of the Body of Christ, they may grow up in every way into him who is the head. Lord in your mercy. . .

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That, looking to Jesus, they may run with endurance the race set before them, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory. Lord in your mercy. . .

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

*People:* **It is right to give him 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. . . . and 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.

## The Baptism

*Celebrant:* Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant and People:* **We receive you into the fellowship of the Church.**

**Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.**

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant:* O God, you 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.

## Romans 6:3-11

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia** (please stand)

*(At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us).*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sing praise to his name**

Donald Fishel

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

## Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Holy Bible, ESV

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

*Repeat the Alleluia*

## Sermon

Rev. Christian Ruch

## The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Holy Communion

(Adapted from *Our Modern Services*, published by the Anglican Church of Kenya 2002)

*Celebrant:* Is the Father with us?

*All:* He is.

*Celebrant:* Is Christ among us?

*All:* He is.

*Celebrant:* Is the Spirit here?

*All:* He is.

*Celebrant:* This is our God.

*All:* **Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

*Celebrant:* We are his people.

*All:* **We are redeemed.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

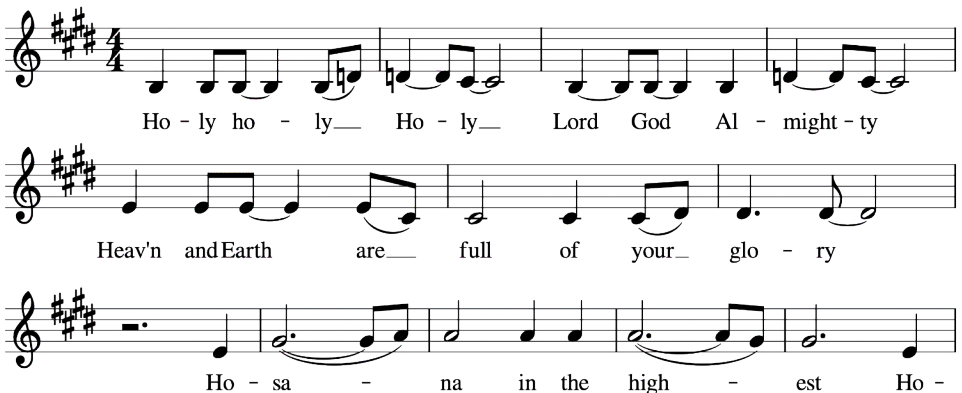
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant:* It is right and our delight...

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in  
heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising  
you and singing:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly ho - ly\_ Ho - ly\_ Lord God Al - might - ty  
Heav'n and Earth are\_ full of your\_ glo - ry  
Ho - sa - na in the high - est Ho -



sa - na in the high - est

Bless-ed is he that comes in the name of the Lord

Ho - sa - na in the high - est Ho -

sa - na in the high - est

Tune by Andene O'Neil

*Celebrant:* Almighty God...

...*"Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
Do this in remembrance of me."*

*All:* Amen. His body was broken for us.

*Celebrant:* In the same way...

...Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All:* Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*Celebrant:* We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

*All:* We have died together,  
We will rise together,  
We will live together.

*Celebrant:* Therefore, heavenly Father...

...and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

*All:* Amen. Jesus is Lord.

*Celebrant:* This is the feast of victory.

*All:* The lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

*Celebrant:* And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together

*Celebrant and People:*

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.

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All:* Though we are many we are one body,  
for we all share one bread.

*Celebrant:* The cup of blessing which we bless

*All:* Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

*Celebrant:* Draw near with faith and receive.

*All:* Christ is the host and we are his guests.

*Celebrant:* Christ is alive forever.

*All:* We are because he is.

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

*You may receive communion in your seats with wafers and juice picked up in the Gathering Space. Or, if you are coming forward to receive, you will be dismissed by row. Please be mindful of the distance between your household and those around you, and please keep your mask up until you are receiving the bread.*

*You will first receive bread, which you may eat upon receiving. Gluten-free wafers are available from the servers. We also have individually wrapped, allergen-free wafers available for those who need them on the small tables with the bulletins. Please take one before coming forward for communion.*

*After eating the bread, you may receive either wine or grape juice from the trays. Wine will be first, grape juice second. A basket is available nearby for you to place your empty cup in.*

# Almighty God

## *Verse 1*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears  
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy  
Come with Your light we cannot hide from You

## *Verse 2*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
With gratitude we raise our song to You  
Come and fill the praises of Your people  
In grace and truth You make us new again

## *Chorus*

Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

## *Verse 3*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
We long for more than what this world provides  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us  
But Your river deep floods over everything

## *Verse 4*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
You take away our sickness and our sin  
Oh Lamb of God we gather at Your table  
In bread and wine You have supplied our needs

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## Psalm 62

### *Verse 1*

My soul finds rest in God alone  
My rock and my salvation  
A fortress strong against my foes  
And I will not be shaken  
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse  
And lies like arrows pierce me  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness  
I'll look to Him who hears me

### *Chorus*

O praise Him hallelujah  
My Delight and my Reward  
Everlasting never failing  
My Redeemer and my God

### *Verse 2*

Find rest my soul in God alone  
Amid the world's temptations  
When evil seeks to take a hold  
I'll cling to my salvation  
Though riches come and riches go  
Don't set your heart upon them  
The fields of hope in which I sow  
Are harvested in heaven

### *Verse 3*

I'll set my gaze on God alone  
And trust in Him completely  
With ev'ry day pour out my soul  
And He will prove His mercy  
Though life is but a fleeting breath  
A sigh too deep to measure  
My King has crushed the curse of death  
And I am His forever

### *(Bridge)*

O praise Him O praise Him  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
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## Eternal Weight of Glory

### *Verse 1*

Now the days and hours and moments  
Of our suff'ring seem so long;  
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring  
Threaten silence to our song.  
Now our pain is real and pressing  
Where our faith is thin and weak,  
But our hope is set on Jesus;  
And we cling to him, our strength.

### *Verse 2*

Oh eternal weight of glory!  
Oh inheritance divine!  
We will see our Lord redeeming  
Every past and future time.  
All our pains will be transfigured,  
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.  
We will see the weight of glory,  
And our broken years restored.

### *Chorus*

For behold! I tell a myst'ry:  
At the trumpet sound we'll wake  
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!"  
When we meet our King of Grace  
Every year we thought was wasted  
Every night we cried "How long?"  
All will be a passing moment  
In our Savior's vict'ry song

### *Verse 3*

We will see our wounded Savior.  
We'll behold him face to face;  
And we'll hear our anguished stories  
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

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## We Shall Not Be Moved

### Verse 1

Oh, Brothers  
We shall not be moved  
Oh, Sisters  
We shall not be moved  
Like a Tree planted by the water  
Oh we shall not be moved

### Verse 2

Glory hallelujah  
We shall not be moved  
Anchored in Jehovah  
We shall not be moved  
Like a tree planted by the water  
We shall not be moved

### Verse 3

In His love abiding  
We shall not be moved  
And in Him confiding  
We shall not be moved  
Like a tree planted by the water  
We shall not be moved

### Verse 4

Tho' the tempest rages  
We shall not be moved  
On the Rock of Ages  
We shall not be moved  
Like a tree that's planted by the living water  
We shall not be moved

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*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*People:* Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ the First Born from the dead. Amen.

*Celebrant:* All our problems of this life on earth...

*All:* **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

*Celebrant:* All the difficulties of our circumstances...

*All:* **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

*Celebrant:* All the devil's works from his temporary power...

*All:* **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

*Celebrant:* All our hopes for wholeness and eternal life...

*All:* **We set on the risen Christ.**

*Celebrant:* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

*Leader:* Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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



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