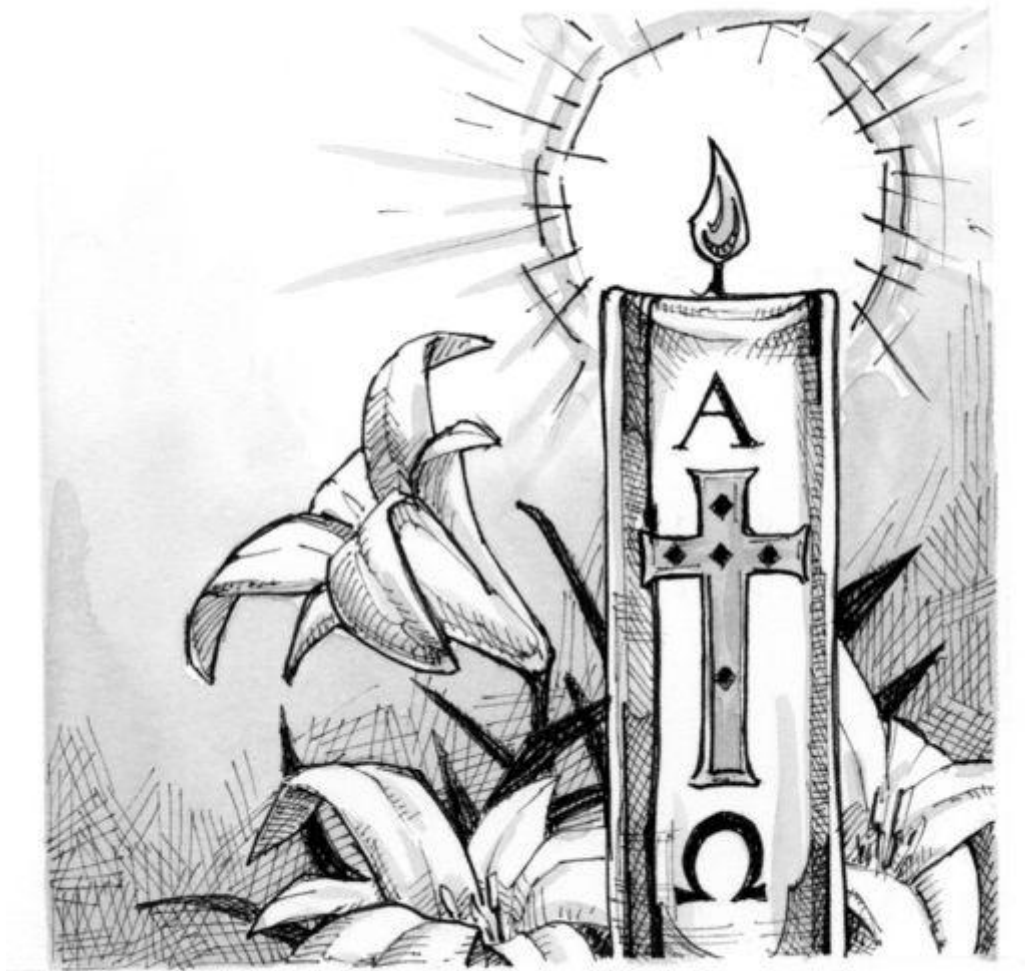


The Great Vigil of Easter



Holy Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Saturday, April 4, 2026

7:00pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak MI

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Episcopal Congregation

Everyone is Welcome! Everyone Belongs!

Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you to enter the open doors of our community and warmly embraces you when you do. At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced and celebrated! We will be better because you are here. *St. John's Welcome Statement - Adopted by unanimous vote at Parish Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016*



Blessed Easter and Welcome to St. John's

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! We come together to proclaim the most central truth that we know as Christian people – that in the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God enters *our* world, *our* lives bringing hope and new life.

Jesus' very life showed us that God excludes no one – he healed the sick and the despised, he welcomed the outcast, he ate with notorious sinners, and he called the most unlikely people to be his friends and disciples. Jesus refused to set any limits on God's love. The religious and political leaders of his day were so threatened by this that they

killed Jesus. But that is not the end of the story! The risen Jesus meets women who have come to his tomb, and he says, "Do not be afraid!" Jesus' resurrection shows us that we have nothing to fear – that the circumstances of our lives and even death do not have the last word! Love tramples fear and death!

This is the night we celebrate the miracle of resurrection that happened years ago – when Jesus burst from the tomb and appeared to women and disciples and to a few others. But we also celebrate that the risen Jesus continues to come to us – to heal us, to transform us, to give us hope and new life!

We are glad you are here! You are welcome at God's table for communion, and you are welcome in this community of love and fellowship. We hope you will come back again and again as we all discover what God is calling us to become as Easter people.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The congregation gathers outside on the Woodward Avenue entrance to light the New Fire. This fire lights the Paschal candle which represents Christ's Resurrection.

The Paschal candle is lit throughout the year to mark the beginning of our life in Christ at baptisms and the beginning of our heavenly life with Christ at funerals. Please take a candle from an usher and gather around the Paschal candle.

Presider Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. As we hear the Word and partake in the sacraments, we share in this sacred mystery of the triumph of life over death.

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 your Light, that our fears and the memory of loss may be scattered from our souls, so that we may live in glorious freedom as children of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

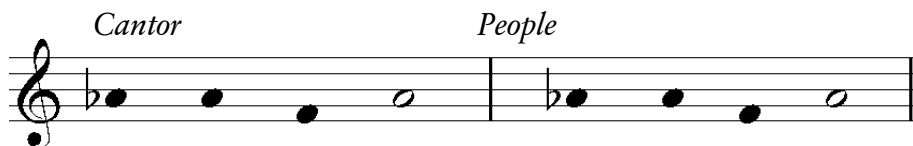
The Paschal candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and then the Presider bearing the candle, leads the procession to the chancel.

The candles distributed to members of the congregation, are lighted from the Paschal candle at this time. Other candles and lamps in church, except for those at the altar, are lit.

The cantor intones the following as the candle is processed into the nave, and the people respond three times.

Leader The light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

THE EXSULTET

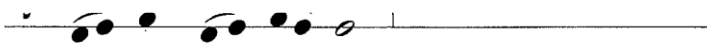
Arr: John Repulski

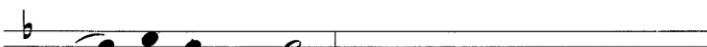
This ancient prayer of the Church is chanted.


Cantor Rejoice now, heavenly host 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.

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.

Cantor 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 Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

Holy God, 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.

People 

A - men.]

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presider

Let us now hear the sacred stories of how God saved the people in ages past, and let us pray, trusting that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption and new life.

The people are seated.

THE CREATION STORY

Genesis 1:1-2:4

Reader

A reading from Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

MUSICAL REFRAIN

I sing the almighty power of God

The Hymnal 1982, 398, v.1

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise, that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies. I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey."

Presider Let us pray.
O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FLOOD

Genesis 7:1-9:13

Storyteller The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

MUSICAL REFRAIN

A Rainbow Song

by Rev. Beth Taylor/Brian Leduc, v.1

121 Gently ♩ = 84 ALL:

125 When God paints a rain-bow up
129 in the sky, it's a co-lor-ful pro-mise to all that
133 walk, swim or fly that we're all con-nec-ted,
137 that we're all be-lov-ed, that we'll ne-ver be for-got-ten, that we'll
141 al-ways be re-mem-bered, and that we all be-long
here. You, you and I.

The musical score is written in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked 'Gently' with a quarter note equal to 84 beats per minute. The score consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece ends with a long horizontal line under the word 'long'.

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

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

PARTING OF THE RED SEA

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

Storyteller The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

MUSICAL REFRAIN

With Miriam we will dance

Voices Found, 16 v.1

1 With Mir - iam we will dance and ce - le - brate the day
when sul - len seas were swept a - part to show the way.
The danc - ers lend us grace to turn from seas of fear
to - wards the un - known wil - der - ness for God is there.

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Storyteller The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

MUSICAL REFRAIN

Spirit of the living God

LEVAS II, 115

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Presider

Let us pray.

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

All

Amen.

The people are seated.

A MESSAGE OF JOY

Zephaniah 3:14-20

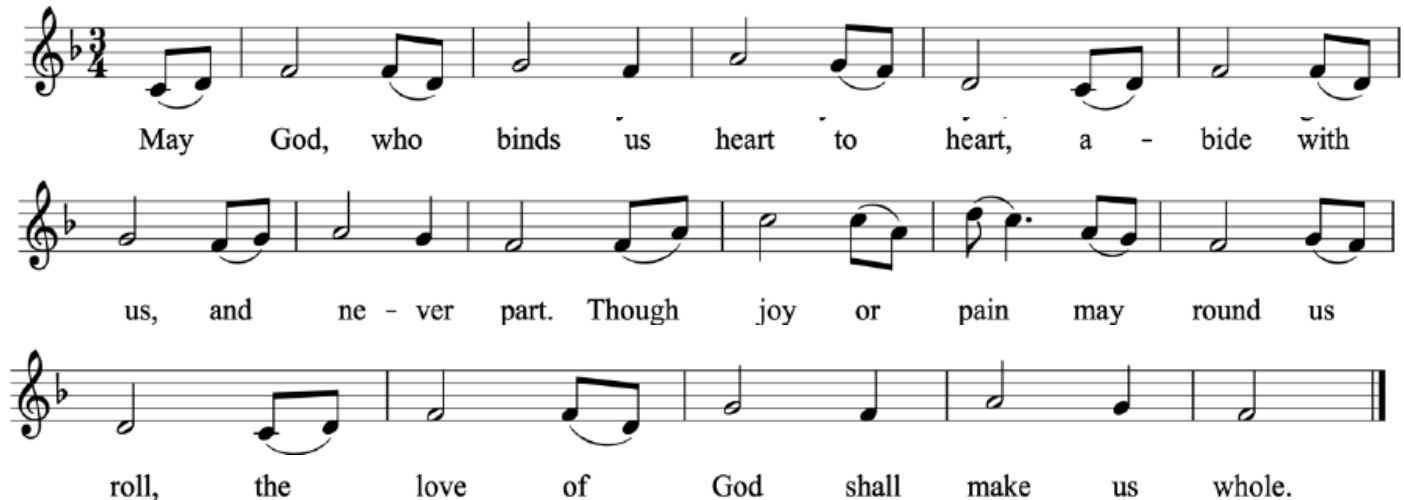
Storyteller The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

MUSICAL REFRAIN

I shall not leave from by your side

SFHO, v.4



May God, who binds us heart to heart, a - bide with
us, and ne - ver part. Though joy or pain may round us
roll, the love of God shall make us whole.

Presider 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 tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

PROFOUND SILENCE

A profound silence is kept as we contemplate all that we have heard and experienced.

Presider Let us pray.

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.

All **Amen.**

THE KNOCKING AT THE DOOR

A loud knock on the doors in the entry of the church prepares us for the entrance of the light of Christ that bursts from the tomb at the Resurrection.

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE GREAT NOISE

In celebration of the Resurrection, the church suddenly comes alive with light and sound, musical instruments make a great noise to express joy in Christ's resurrection.

The altar, which has been bare since Maundy Thursday, is re-adorned in preparation for the Easter Feast. As the altar candles are lighted, the people extinguish their candles.

The Gospel Book is processed into the center of the congregation.

The people stand and sing.

GOSPEL HYMN

The strife is o'er, the battle done

The Hymnal 1982, 208 vv. 1, 2, 4

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!

Antiphon (at the end)

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

The people remain standing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Gospeller †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ!

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

ALLELUIA REFRAIN

The Hymnal 1982, 208 (*refrain sung twice*)



The people remain standing.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider This is the night when we hear the stories of God’s salvation through the ages. This is the night when we recall the mystery of our faith—that Christ was crucified, died, and rose from the dead, bringing new life to all people. This is the night when we join apostles, saints, and martyrs from throughout the generations by affirming our commitment to follow in Jesus’ example. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew our baptismal promises and recommit ourselves to serve God faithfully in the world.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God’s help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God’s help.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Keeping a tradition at St. John's, members are invited to bring water from places - both local and around the world - that hold special meaning. These waters are mingled as a sign of our diversity and unity. Today's waters come from the Jordan River in the Holy Land; the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; and our Great Lakes.

The Presider blesses the water.

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God for all that we have and all that we are.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

At the following words, the Presider touches the water

†Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

THE ASPERGES

All remain standing as the clergy asperge the people by sprinkling them with the blessed baptismal water saying the words, 'Remember your baptism.'

THE PRAYERS

Intercessor Let us pray. Gracious God, we pray for peace on this most holy night, for our country and the nations of the world, and especially for those devastated by war and violence.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the welfare of your church and all her people, that we will follow faithfully in the footsteps of the risen Christ. Give us courage to strive for justice and to stand with the oppressed and marginalized.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray your comfort and healing for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, we pray for the sick and the dying, and we †commend to your mercy all who have died.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray that we may always have an awareness of your presence in our lives, and give us thankful hearts for all the blessings of this life.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send us into the world in witness to your love.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider Remember your Baptism, and may the Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The peace is exchanged among the people. The people are seated.

OFFERTORY

Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, the outreach, and the fellowship offered through St. John's. Gifts of pledges and offerings may be placed in collection baskets or at the basins at the steps of the altar as you come up for communion.



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PRESENTATION HYMN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Hymnal 1982, 380, v. 3

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a sharp sign, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics underneath. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The piece ends with a double bar line.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Hymnal 1982, S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 3/4 time signature. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three distinct triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over the notes 'san - na', 'Bless - ed', and 'Ho - san - na'. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make †us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 270

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lamb of God' in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The score consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' The music features a simple melody with some rests and ties, and the lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes.

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is gluten-free. If you are unable to come to the altar, but desire Communion, please notify an usher.

Presider Alleluia! These are the gifts of God
People And we are the People of God. Alleluia!

Healing - Those who would like prayers for healing may go to the healing station in the west transept for prayers during communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus

LEVAS II, 43

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus; He came to love, —
2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride, —
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my
2. — and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -
3. - nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

1. par-don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —
2. sur - ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives. —
3. vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives. —

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He lives —

— all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the

fu - ture, And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives. —

At break of day

Voices Found, 50

Em Am Em D G Am Dsus4 D

1 At break of day three wo - men came to find where Christ was laid.
2 O Ma - ry, see your son a - gain, in re - sur - rec - tion joy.
3 Come ce - le - brate the death of death! Come share e - ter - nal life!

C D Em D G Am Em

With myrrh pre - pared to a - noint his corpse, they wept and mourned the dead.
Shine, shine Je - ru - sa - lem, for Christ is ris'n in ma - jes - ty.
Come leap and praise the liv - ing God who o - pens par - a - dise!

Bm Em Am Em Cmaj7 Dsus4 D

But now the stone is rolled a - way, they wor - ship in full day,
Lift up your eyes, look around and see, re - joic - ing, strong and free,
For dawn is come all shin - ing bright, to show sal - va - tion's might

C D G D G Am Em

then run to take the good news back and share their ho - ly joy.
your child - ren come to find their home for all e - ter - ni - ty.
to break the tomb, burst through the gloom, and flood the world with light.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The people stand as they are able and pray together.

Presider Let us pray.

All Eternal God, 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.

EASTER BLESSING

Presider May God the Creator bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength, this day and forever more.

All Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

He is risen, he is risen

The Hymnal 1982, 180

The people may ring 'bells' to express joy in Christ's resurrection.

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

EASTER DISMISSAL

Presider

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

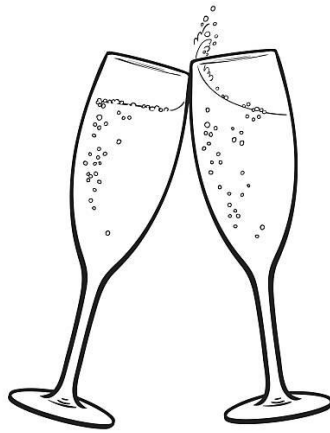
Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



RECEPTION

All are warmly invited to a joyful reception immediately following Easter Vigil tonight!

Come celebrate the joy of the Resurrection together with sweet treats, great company, and a few festive bubbles. Champagne and sparkling water will be on hand for a celebratory toast!

We look forward to celebrating with you!

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to ALL who worked joyfully to prepare for this Holy Week – especially all our 100+ volunteers, and the St. John's staff.

Easter Sunday Services 8:00am and 10:15am

DON'T FORGET - Bring bells to ring!

Ministers of Tonight's Service

Acolytes	Griffin Bruns, Jennifer Bruns, Owen Kornmiller
Altar Guild	Denise Barnett, Martie Falconer, Allyson Frank, Maryann LeComb, Barb Moran, Joyce Morey, Mary Ann Morrow, Kathy Stricker, Bette Ann Wright
Bread Baker	Christy Scott
Closer	Steve Fairman
Eucharistic Ministers	Aubrey Muth, Janice Pedersen, Rachel Andrews
Fire Keeper	Tim Morgan
Greeter	Janice Pedersen
Greeter during Service	Steve Fairman
Healing Ministers	Bob Davis, Joyce Morey
Hospitality/Reception	Maryann Maiuri
Intercessor	Rachel Andrews
Lector	Linda Watkins
Musicians	Dr. Steve McGhee, <i>Music Director/Organist</i> Debbie Smith, <i>Cantor</i>

Storytellers

Amelia Scott
Annalise Galat
Jenny Galat
Celeste A. Stone
Rachel Andrews
Veronica Griffith
Cathy Holcomb
Bob Nagaj

Tech Team	Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones, Laurie McLaughlin, Mark Valenti
Vergers	Rachel Andrews, Kevin McLogan

Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry	Emma Bruns
Interim Rector of St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

Easter Flower Memorials & Dedications

Angela Stough

(in memory of Violet Bluemer and
Donna "TB" Stough)

Andy Legeay & Janise Donovan

Barbara & Dale Gilbertson

(in memory of Christopher Casey & Linda Rivetto)

Bob Davis & Linda Watkins

(in memory of our loving parents)

Cathy L. Holcomb

(in memory of Ron Smith, Jack Morgan, Anna
Horrath, Andy Shedlock & Joan Cameron)

Charles & Linda Tucker

(in memory of Chuck & Kay Tucker, Maynard &
Mae Harot, Richard Harot, Carol Harot, Pat
Shepich, Mike Shepich, Vickie Tucker)

Gabriela Paola Bernt

(in memory of Cordula MacDonald)

Gail M. Gordon

(in memory of Paul Gordon Jr.
and in thanksgiving for my family)

Janice Pedersen

(in memory of James & Cora Antola, Arthur and
Nancy Pedersen, Maria Antola, Douglas Pedersen,
Marie & Kenneth Guenther)

Justina Misuraca

(in memory of Josephine & Vincent Misuraca)

Kayleigh Long

(in memory of Halleck, Phyllis, and Kevin Long)

Kathy Stricker & Maryann LeComb (in memory of
Jean Coury & Bernice Lang, and in thanksgiving
for Bob Lang, Gail Habucke & David Sargent)

Mary & Woodie Adams

(in memory of our parents and grandparents)

Rosemary & Dennis Spatafora

(in memory of Chiodini & Spatafora family,
and in thanksgiving for Tom Knoblock)

Richard LeJeune

(in memory of Charles & Jennifer LeJeune, in
thanksgiving for my family & St. John's family)

Robert Nagaj

(in memory of Trudy Nagaj)

Susan Tower

(in memory of John, Carrie, Jeff, Peter and in
thanksgiving for my family and friends)

Tamra Zakar

(in memory of Susan Lynn Newman and Donna
Jean McCullough)

The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

(in memory of Francis & James Prill)

The Rev. Linda Northcraft & Ellen Einrich (in
thanksgiving for the hard work and dedication of
the St. John's Search Committee)

Tom Richards

(in memory of Alfred Graziance & Al & Dara
Richards)

Yve Jones

(in memory of Liliane Jones, my grandparents;
Rosalie & David James and Arthur & Mary Jones
In thanksgiving for my father Melvin Jones, my
brother Lee Jones, and my godchildren)

