

St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

The Great Vigil of Easter

April 8 2023



The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the one bearing the Candle, leads the procession into the church, pausing three times and singing or saying

The light of Christ.

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

The Celebrant, standing near the Candle, sings the Exsultet, a hymn which dates from the fifth century;

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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

Answer ***And also with you.***

Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning -- he who gives his light to all 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 God saved God's people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

Everyone sits down

The story of Creation

Genesis 1:1--2:2

The ancient story of how the world as we know it came into being

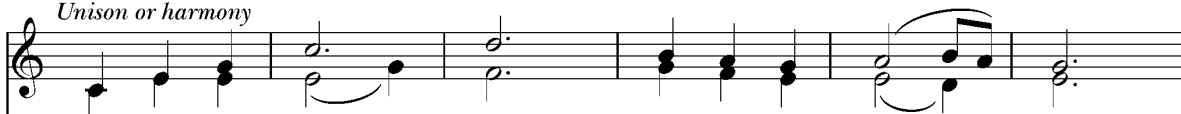
♩ Hymn 8

Morning has Broken

Blue Hymnal

Let us pray. (Silence)

Unison or harmony



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____



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.*

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10--15:1

The great story of the Exodus—how the Hebrews were led through the water out of slavery in Egypt



Verses

1. I will sing to the Lord, in glory triumphant;
horse and rider are thrown to the sea.
God of strength, of song, of salvation, God of mine, hear these praises.
2. My God is a warrior whose name is “The Lord.”
Pharaoh’s army is thrown to the sea.
Your right hand is magnificent in pow’r,
your right hand has crushed the enemy.
3. In your mercy you led the people you redeemed.
You brought them to your sacred home.
There you will plant them on the mountain that is yours.
The Lord shall reign for ever!

Text: Exodus 15; Niamh O’Kelly-Fischer
Music: Niamh O’Kelly-Fischer
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Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Valley of the Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The vision of the mystic Ezekiel who sees the people of God coming to life

Come Lord Je - sus, send us your Spir - it, re -
 new the face of the earth. Come Lord
 Je - sus, send us your Spir - it, re - new the face of the
 earth.

Verses

1. Come to us, Spir - it of God, breathe in us
 2. Fill us with the fire of your love, burn in us
 3. Send us the wings of new birth, fill all the
 now, we sing to - geth - er. Spir - it of
 now, bring us to - geth - er. Come to us,
 earth with the love you have taught us. Let all cre -
 hope and of light, fill our lives,
 dwell in us, change our lives, O Lord,
 a - tion now be shak - en with love,
 come to us, Spir - it of God.

D.C.

Let us pray. (Silence)

All-Compassionate 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. *Amen.*

Reading: A New Heart and a New Spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28

God promises to give God's people a new heart, responsive to God's Spirit

Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

LEVAS 115

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

The first system of the hymn is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord (F2, B-flat2, D3) and continues with quarter notes: F2, B-flat2, D3, F3, G3, A3, B-flat3, C4. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line of quarter notes (F2, B-flat2, D3, F3) and chords in the right hand.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same rhythmic and harmonic structure.

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

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment, with the vocal line moving to a higher register for the final phrase.

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

The fourth system concludes the hymn with a final whole note chord (F2, B-flat2, D3) and a double bar line.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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. *Amen.*

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows - *Please stand*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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

People ***I do.***

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.***

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

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

Blessing over the Water

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, 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 bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant 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 for ever. ***Amen***

♪ Hymn #297

“Descend O Spirit”

Blue Hymnal

During the hymn, the people are sprinkled with Holy Water, as a sign of God's Blessing.



1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant



us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your



sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

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Music: *Erhalt uns Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Peace

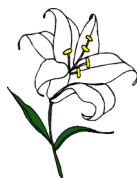
Celebrant
People

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Eucharist

The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***



Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,___ Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.____

Choir Only: ***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to Gods 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,
Refrain***

Choir Only: ***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.
Refrain***

Celebrant: Christ be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: ***O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's
resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism,
that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spir-
it, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

Romans 6:3-11

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

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

“Since by Man came Death” George Frideric Handel

The St. Benedict's Singers

Matthew 28:1-10

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, According to Matthew.

People: ***Glory to You, Lord Christ.***

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: ***Praise to You, Lord Christ.***

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950 Copyright © Hymns Ancient and Modern Limited. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

♪ Doxology:

[sung]

[Hymn tune #400]

Blue Hymnal

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise God the Source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

Holy Communion

Prayer D

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing :

♪ Sanctus

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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 people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

The Celebrant and People:

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

God, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Lucinda our Bishop and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all those who are in any need or trouble at this time.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Benedict and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.
AMEN.*

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

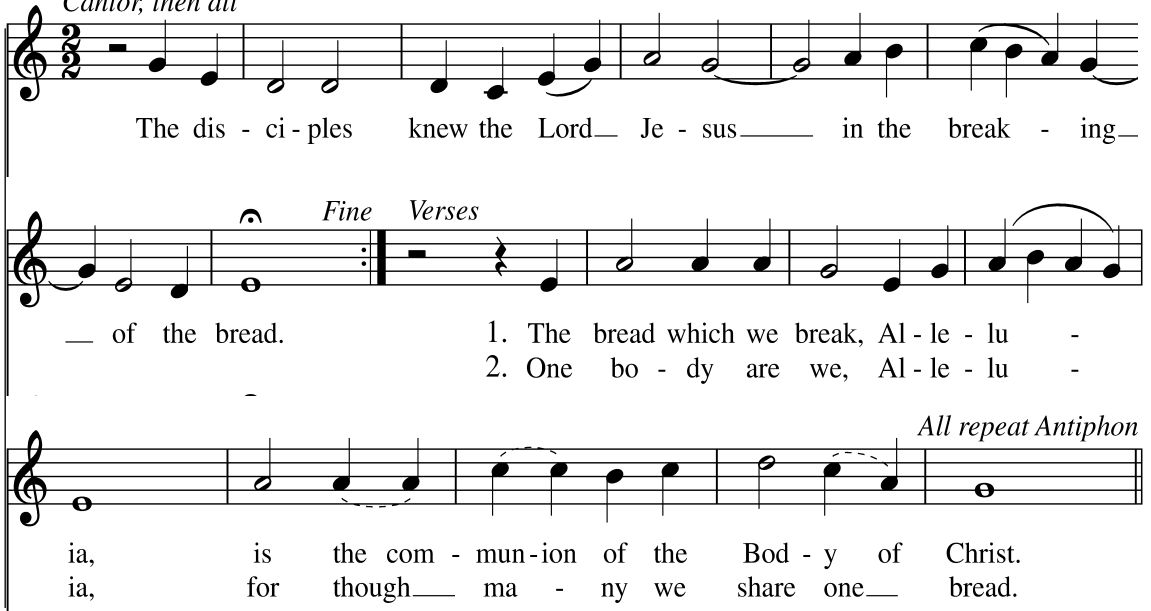
All: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant breaks the Bread.

♪ Fraction Anthem

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Antiphon
Cantor, then all



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing
— of the bread.

Fine Verses

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

If God is calling you, you are welcome to receive communion,
If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

♪ Communion Music

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee" by Lucy Ann Warriner
c. Lorenz Corporation

♪ The Angel Rolled The Stone Away

Arr. Larry Shackley c. Lorenz Corporation

The St Benedict's Singers

Silence

The Celebrant says: Let us pray.

All: *Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Celebrant blesses the people.

♪ Hymn #192

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Blue Hymnal

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
wake the dead in num - ber.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, with the first system containing three numbered lines of text. The second system continues the lyrics, and the third system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains three lines of text. The piano part consists of chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in
vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris - en.

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Music: *Vreuchten*, melody from *Psalmen*, 1685, harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Dismissal

~Postlude~

"March in C" by George Frederic Handel, arr. by Hal H. Hopson

Ministers of the Service

Celebrant: The Rev Caroline Hall

Deacon: The Rev. Jen Crompton

Eucharistic Minister: Diana Hammerlund

Thurifer: Brian Spolarich

Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro, Lorientte Schwenk

Lectors: John Horsley, Bryson McKelvey, Lisa Gonzalez,

Lorientte Schwenk, Sarah Chesebro

Ushers: Carol and Jerry Walton

Flowers: Sharon Porter and Laura Thompson

Musician: Sarah Jane Scott

Technical; Hannah Matthew



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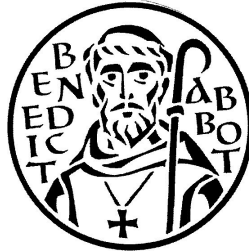
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Help us to be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world.

MISSION STATEMENT

The people of St. Benedict's are called to share God's love as we minister with and to all persons in Los Osos and beyond, providing worship, education, nurture, fellowship, and service. St. Benedict's strives to be an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful, creative sacramental worship, loving service within our congregation and our wider community, thoughtful inquiry through in-depth study and prayer, and commitment to social and environmental justice.

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