

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 15th, 2017, 7:00 pm

Welcome to St. Francis Church.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.



Welcome to the Great Vigil of Easter, the oldest service of the church.

Just as the Early Church did, tonight we too wait and keep watch together, listen to readings of God's faithfulness and promise through the generations, and reflect together on our journey through Lent toward Easter.

Tonight we conclude the season of Lent during which we have refrained from acclaiming Alleluia, and the church bells have remained silent. Tonight we celebrate Christ's resurrection with exuberant Alleluias and the jubilant sounds of bells. Our Lenten fasts conclude, and our liturgical colors change from purple, which signifies penitence, to white, which reflects the resurrection light.

And just as the Early Church celebrated baptisms at the Great Vigil, tonight we will renew our own baptismal vows and recommit ourselves to God, and to God's mission.

May this be a holy night for us all!

Peter+

The Vigil

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The fire is kindled

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 lit from the newly kindled fire. Candles of the congregation are lit from the Paschal Candle, and Mo. Paula, bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession into the church, pausing three times.

As the Congregation enters the Church the Cantor sings the Versicle three times, each time successively in a higher pitch.

Versicle & Response:

<i>Cantor</i>	<i>People</i>
The	Thanks
Light	be
of	to
Christ.	God.

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Peter Huang
Deacon: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

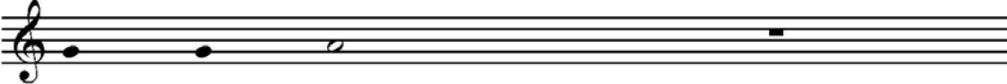
Cantor Most blessed of all nights! Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away, lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

The people sing the response.

Cantor Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out, peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth and all creation reconciled to you.

The people sing the response.

Cantor Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy accept our sacrifice of praise, your church's solemn offering. Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light. For Christ, the morning star, has risen in glory; Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us! Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world! Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

All sing, 

A - men. _____

A period of silent prayer is kept.

Please be seated.

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.

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

Remaining seated, please join in singing

Psalm 46

DIADEMATA



Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence

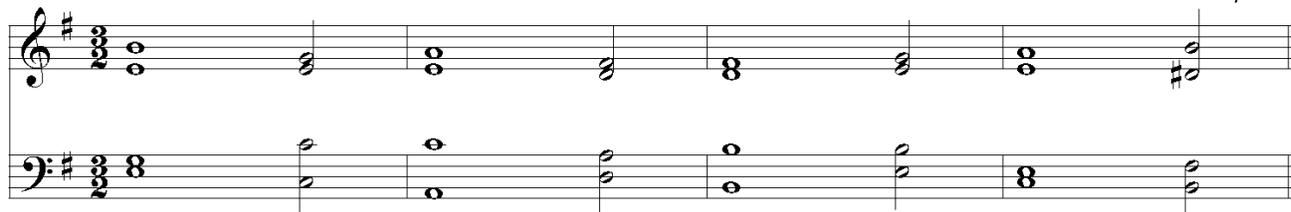
All Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea Exodus 14:10–15:1

Remaining seated, please join in singing

Canticle 8

Hopson



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I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed glóriously,
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the séa.
The Lord is my strength and my sóng
and has become my salvátion.

This is my God whom I will práise,
the God of my forebears whom I will exált.
The Lord is a wárrior,
the Lord is his náme.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in pówer:
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the ényemy.
At the blast of your nostrils, the sea cóvered them;
they sank as lead in the mighty wáters.

In your unfailing love, O Lórd,
you lead the people whom you have redéemed.
And by your invincible stréngth
you will guide them to your holy dwélling.

You will bring them in and plant them, O Lórd,
in the sanctuary which your hands have estáblished.
In your unfailing love, O Lórd,
you lead the people whom you have redéemed.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence

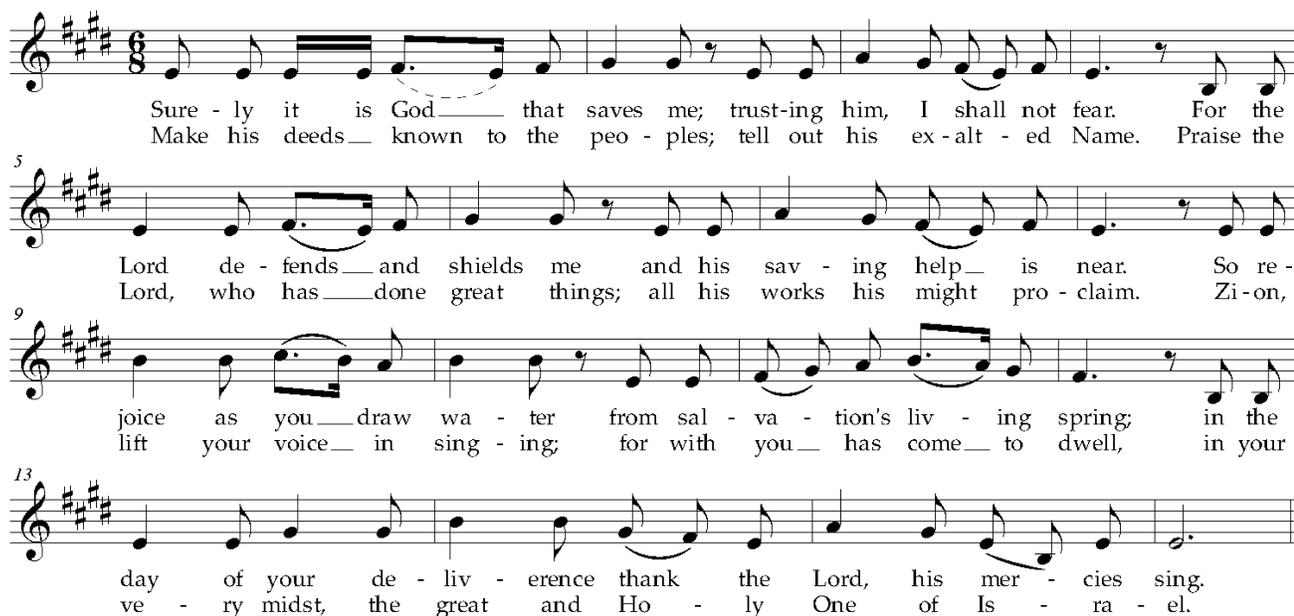
All O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered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

Salvation offered freely to all Isaiah 55:1-11

Remaining seated, please join in singing

Canticle 9

Ray Urwin



Sure - ly it is God that saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not fear. For the
Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed Name. Praise the
5 Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing help is near. So re -
Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might pro - claim. Zi - on,
9 joyce as you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the
lift your voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell, in your
13 day of your de - liv - erence thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

The Hymnal 1982 #679

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence

All O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Salvation has always been God's loving plan. This journey of deliverance and transformation leads us into the mystery of Christ.

The Easter Acclamation

Everyone STANDS, as able.

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

The People SHOUT

The Lord is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia!

As the church bell is rung, please join in ringing your handbells!

Please join in singing,
This Joyful Eastertide

Melody from *Psalmen*, 1685; Harmony Charles Wood

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and sor - row! My
 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the riv - er; Lord
 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son slum - ber, 'til

7
 Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath sprung to life this mor - row.
 of all life, from ill my pass - ing life de - liv - er, Had
 trump from east to west shall wake the dead in num - ber.

12
 Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in vain; but

18
 now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en!

The Collect

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

Please remain STANDING, as able

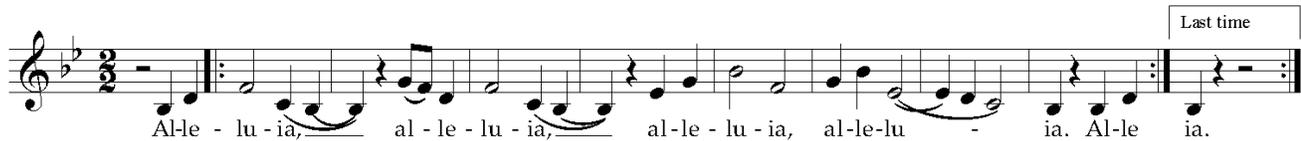
New Testament Reading Romans 6:3-11

Reader A reading from Paul's Epistle 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.

All **Thanks be to God.**



From "Repeating Alleluia" by Calvin Hampton

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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

All 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Peter Huang

Please STAND, as able for,

Renewal of Baptismal Vows



Celebrant 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

Celebrant 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.**

Asperges

Asperges refers to the sprinkling of the congregation with Holy water.

It is taken from the opening lines of Psalm 51.

'Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo et mundabor'

Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be cleansed.



We remember our baptisms as the Celebrant and Deacon sprinkles the Congregation with water.

Please join in singing,

Hymn

Christ Be with Me

*Traditional Irish Melody,
adapted Charles Villiers Stanford*

Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me, Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger, Christ in side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me. hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and strang-er.

From Hymn #370 The Hymnal 1982 "I Bind Unto Myself Today"

Please remain STANDING, as able

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

He Lives!

Allen Pote

*I know that my Redeemer lives. He lives! He lives! He lives!
I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
My flesh may be destroyed, yet from this body will I see God! My eyes will behold him.
I know that my Redeemer lives...*

*For now is Christ risen, risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that slept.
Death has been destroyed, the victory complete, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
I know that my Redeemer lives...*

Please STAND, as able, for

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

From Enriching Our Worship, supplement to the Book of Common Prayer

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.**

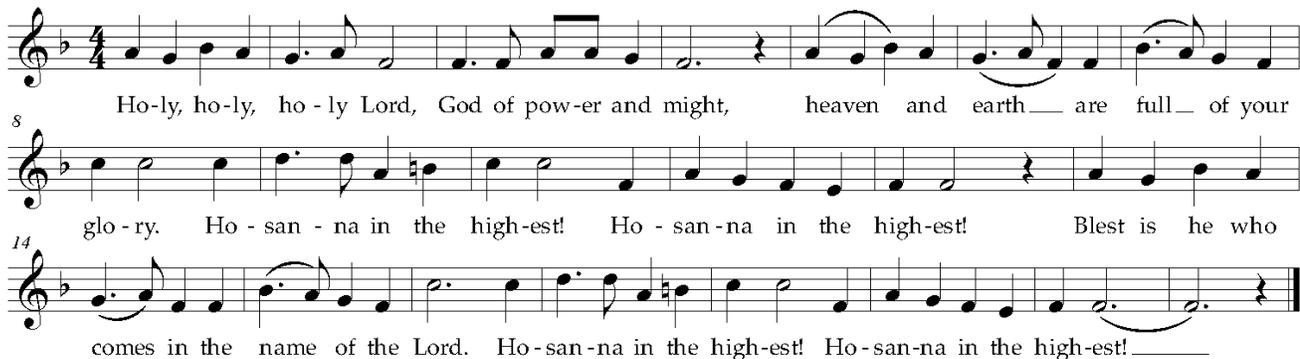
The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Proulx



8 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are full of your
14 glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est! Ho-san-na in the high-est! Blest is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

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The People stand or kneel as able as the Celebrant continues. The People read the words in Bold.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

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 all bishops, clergy, and laity who minister in your church. Inspire and equip us to love and serve as you have served.

Remember all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Kelly Hall, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman, and Steve, that they may be kept from harm's way.

Remember those in our parish who are ill or in any other need or trouble, especially: Andrea, Lynne, Ceri Falk, Dato Family (Kelly Lynch's sister), Rob and Pam Fitting, Mama Hill, Elizabeth Hodgson, Gail Joerger, Chong-Kyun Kim, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith, Chris Snapp and Hayward and Phyllis Thomas, and all those we name to you now...

(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud). May their spirits be sustained and their bodies renewed.

Remember our youth confirmands, O God: Aidan, Chloe, Cole, Grace, Hannah, Joe, Lauren, Maxwell, Sidney and Sofia; and for adults who will be confirmed, received or reaffirmed in their baptismal vows: Liz and Dick, Donna and Richard, Mark and Doug, Michele, Beth, and Billy and Magee.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially those we name to you now...*(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud).* Sustain them in eternal joy and light.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Francis and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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. Amen.

Celebrant 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 consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus

Burnam



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The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ. (Refrain)

The Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Each person receives the Bread in the palm of the right hand and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you are not baptized or would prefer to receive a blessing rather than Communion, we encourage you to simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers. If you require one of these, simply ask when you approach for Communion.

Communion Hymn

Alleluia

Randall Thompson



People remain standing or kneeling for
The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

An Easter Blessing

Celebrant God our Creator, whose love raised Christ from the dead; God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has given you new joy in an Easter faith; God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower and fill you with Christ's peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,

The Recessional Hymn

Christ is Alive!

Arr. Hal Hopson

Christ is a - live! Let Christ - ians sing. His cross stands emp - ty
Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant years in
Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and ev - 'ry
7 to the sky. Let streets and homes with prais - es
7 Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the here and
7 fu - ture age, 'til all cre - a - tion lives and
12 ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
now and con - quer ev - 'ry place and time.
12 learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Words by Brian Wren TRURO from 1789

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Festive Postlude on "Llanfair"

Robert Williams

Please stay for champagne, sparkling cider, cookies and strawberries following the service!

