

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Great Vigil of Easter                      8:00pm                      March 30, 2024

Invitation (*In darkness*)                      BCP 285

Kindling of the Paschal Flame

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and will lead the procession to the chancel, pausing **three times** to chant the following versicle and response while the ministers of the liturgy spread the light of Christ to the congregation from the Paschal Candle.*

*Deacon*                      *People*

The light of Christ.                      Thanks be to God.

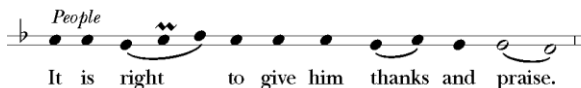
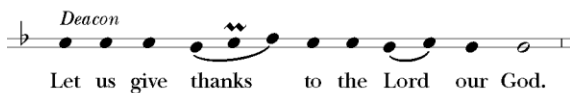
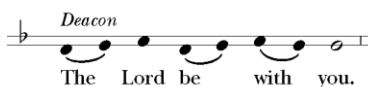
The Exsultet (*Andrew Bolden, Cantor*)                      BCP 286

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, 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.

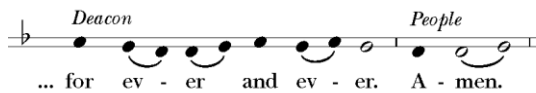
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

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 . . .



*It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*

# Liturgy of the Word

Introduction

BCP 288

## First Reading

Story of Creation

Gen 1:1 - 2:4a

Cong. Response *O Blest Creator, Source of Light*      *see insert*

## Second Reading

Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-15:1

Cong. Response *The Song of Moses*      *see insert*

## Third Reading

A New Heart and A New Spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Cong. Response *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*      *see insert*

## Fourth Reading

The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Choir Response *We Shall Walk Thru the Valley*      William Appling (1932-2008)

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP 292

Gloria in Excelsis

*see insert*

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:3-11

Alleluia Verse *chorus only, sung twice*

*Descant*

*Refrain*

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

The Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom

Prayers of the People Form II BCP 385

The Peace

Offertory

*That Easter Day*

arr. Robert Leaf (1936-2005)

# Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372


Service Music - #125 Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed 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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## Service Music - #141 Memorial Acclamation: Prayer D

*Celebrant* *All*



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

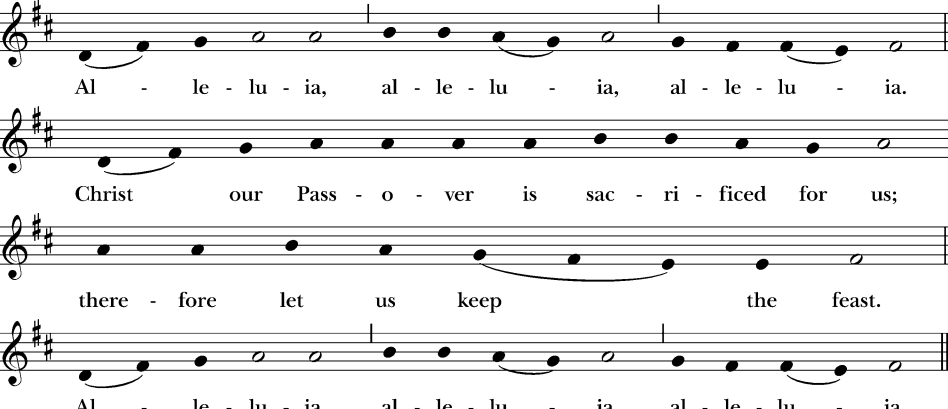
## Service Music - #147 Amen



A - men. A - men. A - men.

## Fraction Anthem

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church.  
Those who do not wish to Commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing, which is indicated by crossing the arms over the chest.

### Communion Music

Choir Anthem: *Jubilate Deo* Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Cong. Hymn: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* see insert

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365

### Blessing

Closing Hymn *He Is Risen* see insert

### Dismissal

### Postlude

