

The Triduum



St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Spirituality in Action

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The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Assembly gathers on the front lawn. A new fire is kindled, after which the Presider addresses the Assembly.

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.

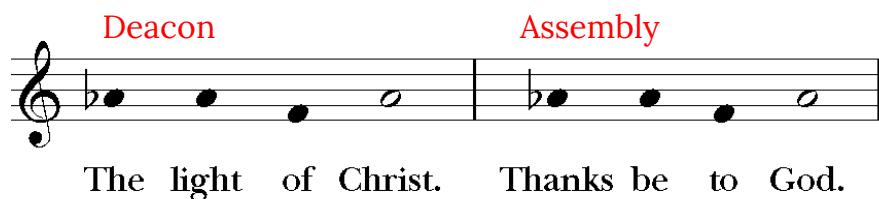
O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly Amen.

The Paschal Candle is then lit from the newly kindled fire, the Presider saying

May the light of Christ gloriously rising dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Deacon bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing



At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

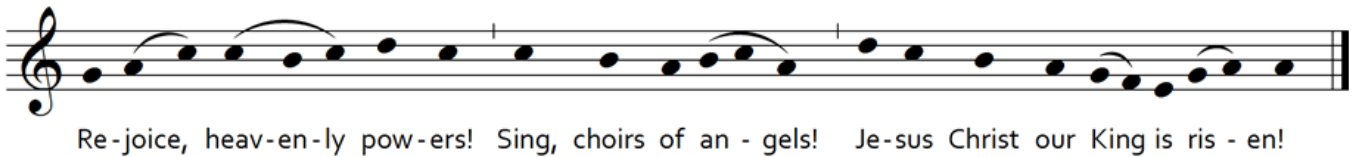
Then the Deacon, standing near the Candle, sings

Easter Proclamation

The Exsultet

4th C Gallican Plainsong

Antiphon; Choir then Congregation.



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

Assembly Antiphon

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

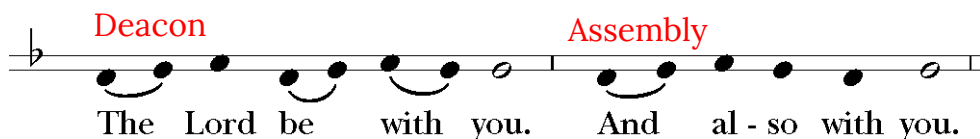
Assembly Antiphon

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

Assembly Antiphon

Deacon 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.

Assembly Antiphon



Deacon

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly

It is right to give him 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, the 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.

Assembly Antiphon

Re-joice, heav-en-ly pow-ers! Sing, choirs of an - gels! Je-sus Christ our King is ris - en!

Deacon This is the night, when you brought our ancestors, 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.

Assembly Antiphon

Re-joice, heav-en-ly pow-ers! Sing, choirs of an - gels! Je-sus Christ our King is ris - en!

Deacon

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 heaven and earth are joined and we are reconciled to God.

Assembly

Antiphon

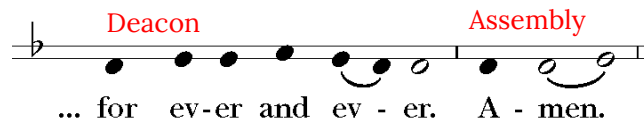


Re-joyce, heav-en-ly pow-ers! Sing, choirs of an - gels! Je-sus Christ our King is ris - en!

Deacon

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 light to all and who lives and reigns



The Liturgy of the Word

Presider

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 First Reading The Flood

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

At the conclusion of the reading

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

“Thy Holy Wings”

Bred Dina Vida Vingar
Brooke Leinbaugh, Soprano

Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my every moment be lived within thy grace.
Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell-Berg (1832-1903)

Deacon Let us pray. **Silence.**

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.

Assembly Amen.

The Second Reading Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea Exodus 14:10-15:1

At the conclusion of the reading

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Please stand and join in singing “Wisdom freed a holy people” as found on the next page.

1 Wis - dom freed a ho - ly peo - ple, blame - less, from op -
 2 Giv - ing them re - ward of la - bors, led the saints a -
 3 Through the Red Sea safe - ly brought them, led a - long the
 4 For sal - va - tion, Lord, the right - eous praised your name with

pres - sor's sword, and with - stood, with signs and won - ders,
 long her way, she was blaze of stars in dark - ness
 wat - ers steep, but their en - e - mies she swal - lowed,
 one ac - cord: song - filled tongues of new - born peo - ple

ru - lers' dread, to serve the Lord.
 and a shel - ter through the day.
 o - ver - whelmed them in the deep.
 ut - tered Wis - dom's migh - ty word.

Deacon

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 peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly

Amen.

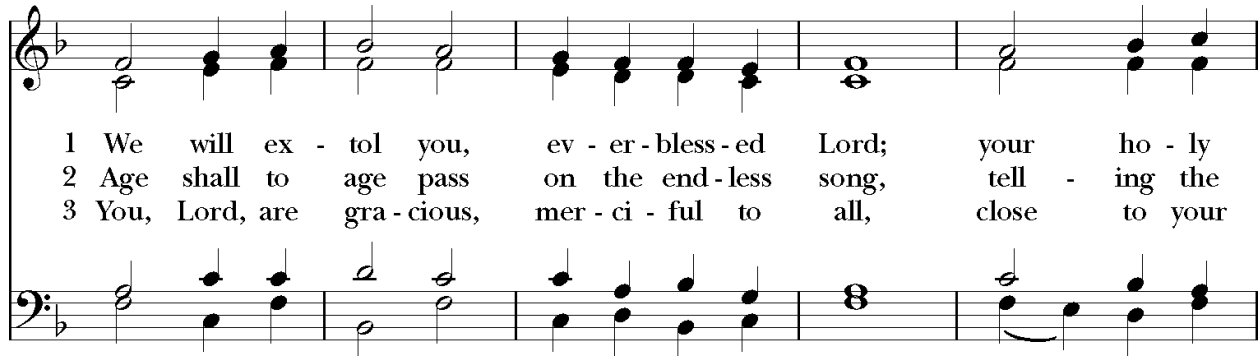
At the conclusion of the reading

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

"We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord"

Old 124th



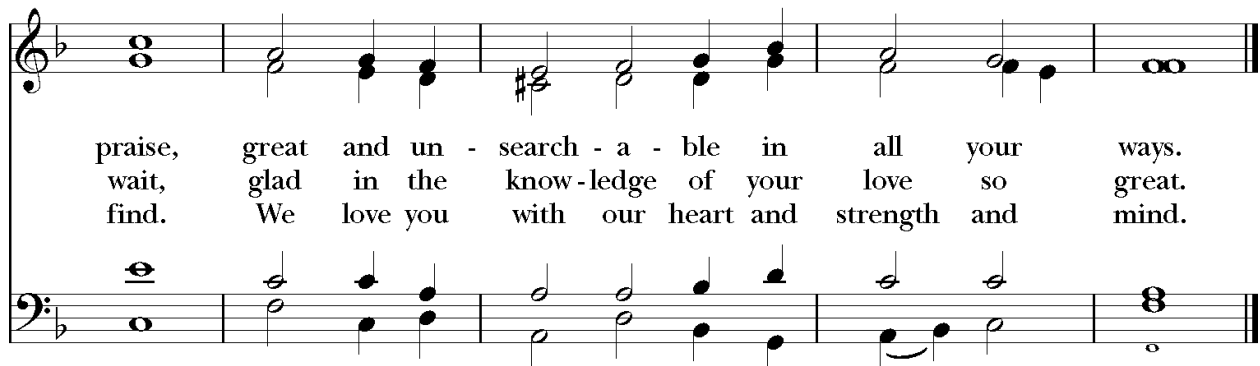
1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly
 2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the
 3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your



Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our
 won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with
 chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,



psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all
 joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we
 mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings



praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
 wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
 find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

Preacher Let us pray. **Silence.**

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.

Assembly Amen.

The Fourth Reading The Valley of Dry Bones Ezekiel 37:1-14

At the conclusion of the reading

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Dry Bones Trad. African American Spiritual
Sung by The St. Luke's Choir

(Refrain) Ezekiel cried, "Them dry bones,"
Now hear the word of the Lord.

The toe bone connected to the heel bone,
The heel bone connected to the foot bone,
The foot bone connected to the leg bone,
The leg bone connected to the knee bone,
The knee bone connected to the thigh bone,
The thigh bone connected to the back bone,
The back bone connected to the neck bone,
The neck bone connected to the head bone,
Oh, hear the word of the Lord!

Them bones, them bones, gonna walk around,
Oh, hear the word of the Lord!

Preacher 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.

Assembly Amen.

At the conclusion of the reading

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

"He came singing in love"

Colin Gibson (b. 1933-2022)

Sung by The St. Luke's Choir

He came singing love, and he lived singing love.

He died singing love.

He arose in silence.

For the love to go on we must make it our song:

You and I be the singers.

He came singing faith, and he lived singing faith.

He died singing faith.

He arose in silence.

For the faith to go on we must make it our song:

You and I be the singers.

He came singing hope, and he lived singing hope,

He died singing hope.

He arose in silence.

For the love to go on we must make it our song:

You and I be the singers.

He came singing peace, and he lived singing peace.

He died singing peace.

He arose in silence.

For the peace to go on we must make it our song:

You and I be the singers.

Presider Let us pray.

Silence.

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 have grown old have been 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.

Assembly Amen.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider 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.

The Baptismal Covenant

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

Assembly I do.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

Assembly 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?

Assembly 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?

Assembly 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?

Assembly I will, with God's help.

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

Assembly I will, with God's help.

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

Assembly I will, with God's help.

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

Assembly 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.

Assembly Amen.

The Thanksgiving over the Water

The Deacon fills the font with water.

Presider The Lord be with you.
Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly It is right to give him 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, 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.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may remember our baptismal covenant and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Assembly Amen.

The Asperges

The Presider and the Preacher sprinkle the Assembly with Baptismal water.

Music during the Asperges *Wade In the Water* Music: Trad. Negro Spiritual

The Proclamation of Easter **Said thrice.**

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Assembly The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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Assembly The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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Assembly The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Please join in singing the *Gloria in Excelsis*.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.
Assembly And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

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.

Assembly Amen.

The Epistle **Please be seated.** Romans 6:3-11

Lector A reading from *The Letter of Paul 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Assembly

A Portion of the Psalter

Intoned by all.

Psalms 114



- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of / Egypt, *
- the house of Jacob from a people of strange / speech,
- 2 Judah became God's / sanctuary *
- and Israel his do / minion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and / fled; *
- Jordan turned and went / back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like / rams, *
- and the little hills like young / sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you / fled? *
- O Jordan, that you turned / back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like / rams? *
- you little hills like young / sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the / Lord, *
- at the presence of the God of / Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of / water *
- and flint-stone into a flowing / spring

Psalms tone by Karl Schrock (b. 1948)

Serbian Troparion

Sung three times by all.

Christ is ris - en from the dead, tram-pling down death by death,
and up - on those in the tombs, be - stow - ing life.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

Deacon
Assembly

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Assembly

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Prayers of the People: Form 3 Please stand.

Deacon Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
Assembly That we all may be one.

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly
and humbly serve you;
Assembly That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Deacon We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
Assembly That they may be faithful ministers of your
Word and Sacraments.

Deacon We pray for all who govern and hold authority
in the nations of the world;
Assembly That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
Assembly That our works may find favor in your sight.

Deacon Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief
or trouble;
Assembly That they may be delivered from their distress.

Deacon Give to the departed eternal rest;
Assembly Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
Assembly May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Deacon Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Deacon Grant, Almighty God, that the commemoration of our Lord's
death and resurrection may continually transform our lives
and be manifested in our deeds; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever.

Assembly Amen.

The Exchange of Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Assembly And also with you.

Members of the Assembly greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence **Please be seated.**

Presider When you descended into death, O life immortal, you destroyed Hades with the splendor of your divinity, and when you raised the dead from the depths of the pit, all the heavenly powers shouted: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to you.

Offertory Music *Alleluia!*

William Boyce (1711-1779)
The St. Luke's Choir

Eucharistic Prayer A

Please stand for the entire prayer, if able.

The musical notation is presented in four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with the Presider's part in red and the Assembly's part in black.

Staff 1: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Staff 2: Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Staff 3: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

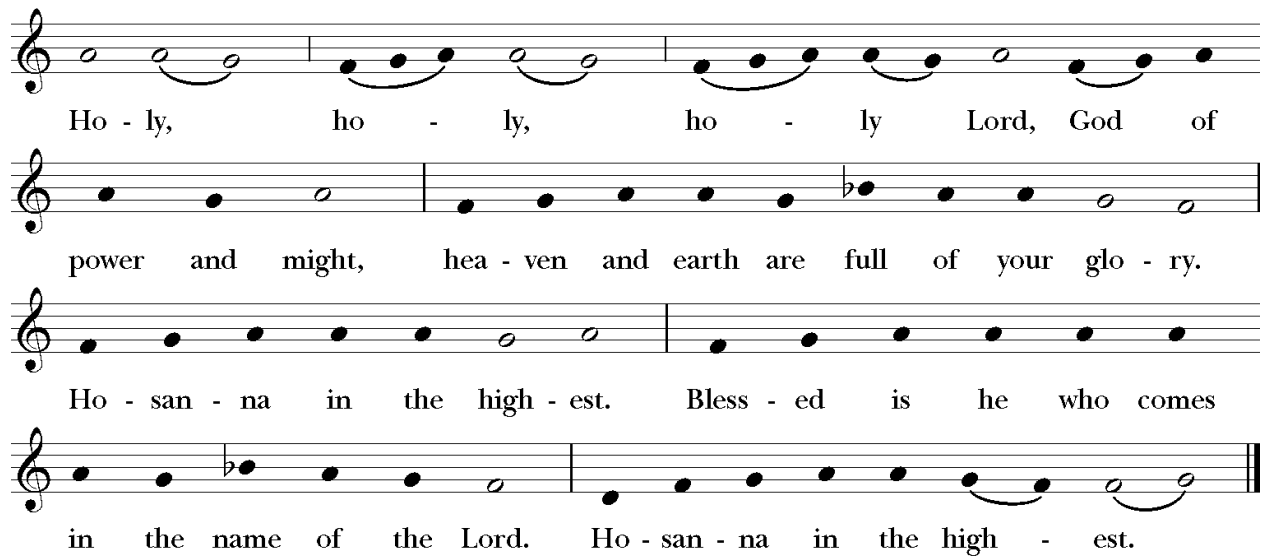
Staff 4: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Presider continues, giving voice to this prayer which we are all praying in our hearts and minds.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Presider

Holy and gracious God:
In your infinite love you made us for yourself;
and, when we had fallen into sin
and become subject to evil and death,
you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ,
your only and eternal Son,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross,
and offered himself in obedience to your will,
a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
our Savior Jesus Christ 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 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 shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Deacon Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

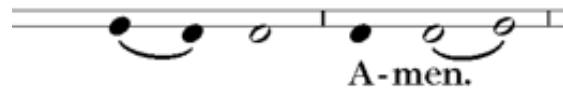
Assembly Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption,
Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension,
we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,
the holy food and drink
of new and unending life in Christ.
Sanctify us also
that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,
and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;
and at the last day bring us with all your saints
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Assembly



The Lord's Prayer

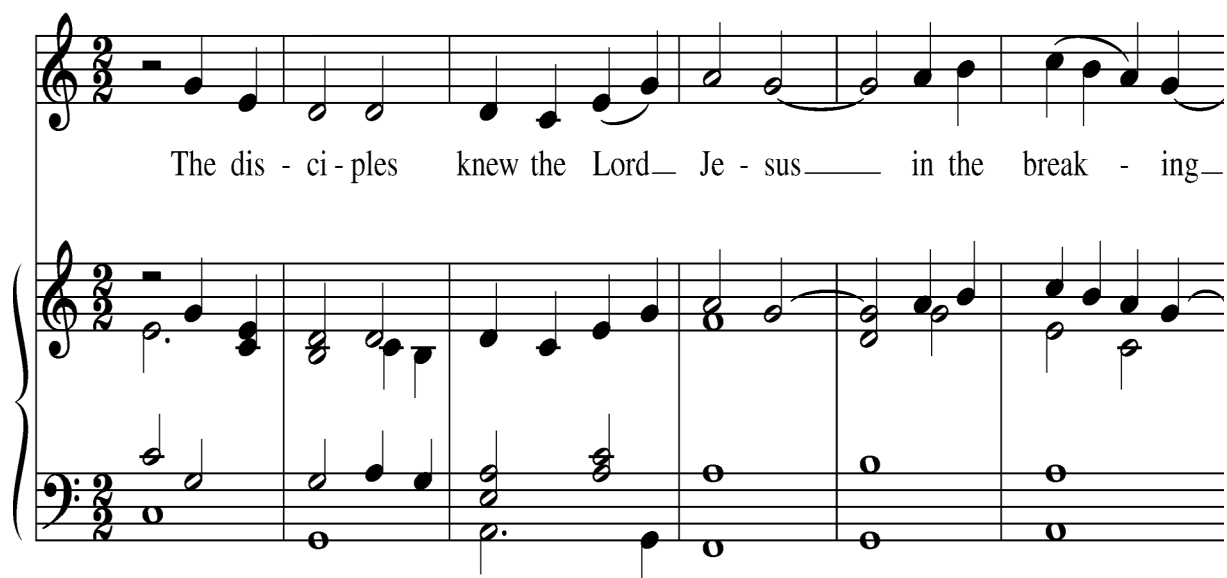
Deacon As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

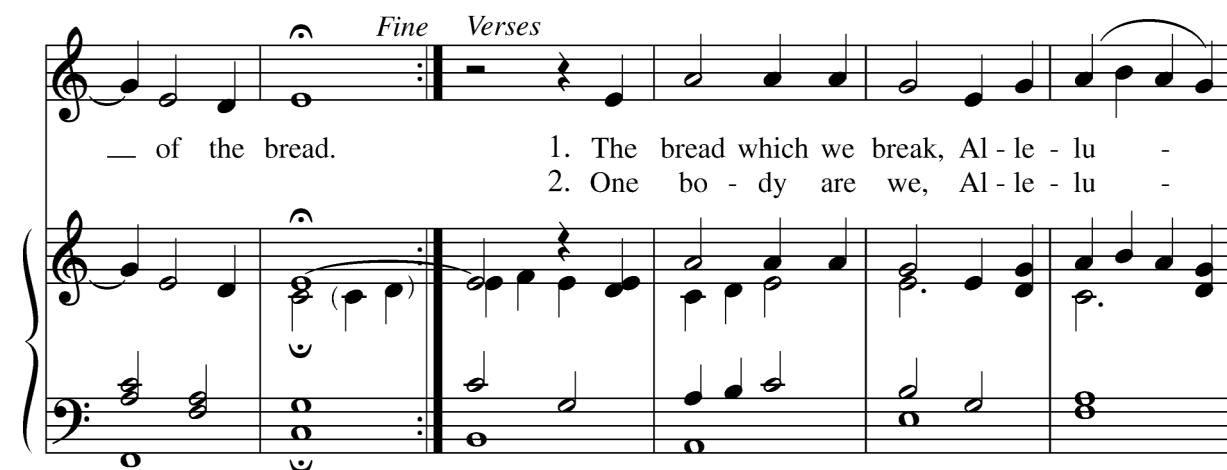
The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

The Choir then sings the antiphon, followed by the Assembly. The Choir sings the verses and the Assembly sings the antiphon with the Choir.



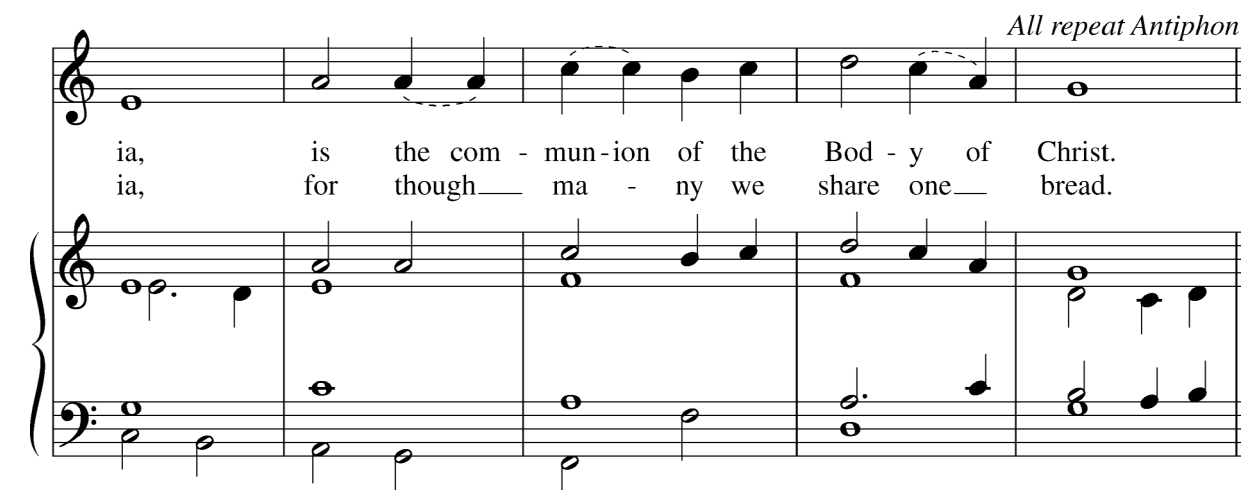
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord — Je - sus — in the break - ing —



Fine Verses

— of the bread.

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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Deacon Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

P. Tchaikovsky

One is ho - ly, One is Lord: Je - sus Christ,

to the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Holy Communion is available to all baptized Christians
regardless of age or denomination.

If you are not baptized but desire a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ,
you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

If you do receive Holy Communion,
please make yourself known to one of the clergy after today's liturgy.
Our clergy would be happy to work with you
to deepen your relationship to Christ.

Please stand and join in singing hymn 185, as found on the next page.



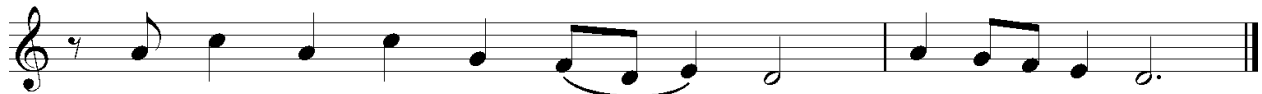
1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens - es giv - en;
 2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;
 3 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;
 4 Then let us feast this ho - ly day on the true bread of hea - ven;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from hea - ven;
 the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed;
 Christ is him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us;
 the word of grace hath purged a - way the old and wick - ed lea - ven;



there - fore let us joy - ful be, and sing to God right thank - ful - ly
 stripped of power, no more he reigns, an emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
 by his grace he doth im - part e - ter - nal sun - shine to the heart;
 Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our meat and drink in - deed;



loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 his sting is lost for ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the night of sin is end - ed! Al - le - lu - ia!
 faith lives up - on no o - ther! Al - le - lu - ia!

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand.

Presider

Let us pray.

Assembly

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.

Announcements Please be seated.

Easter Blessing Please stand and make your responses loudly!

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

Assembly Amen!

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

Assembly Amen!

Presider May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

Assembly Amen!

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Assembly Amen!

Please join in singing hymn 205 as found on the next page.

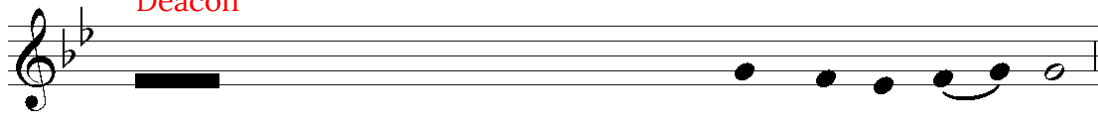
1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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

The Dismissal

Deacon



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia.

Assembly



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Postlude *Trumpet Voluntary in D Major*

John Stanley (1712-1786)

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