# Trinity Episcopal Church



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The Great Vigil of Easter:
Baptisms of Thomas and Westley Roberts

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II April 19, 2025 8:30 pm

# Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church

We are delighted to have you with us today.

Everything that you need for the liturgy can be found in this bulletin.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you.

Children are always welcome in the church.

# The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

This service begins outside the church surrounding a fire. For rain, please gather in the parish hall.

In the darkness, the fire is kindled.

Presider:

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, together 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, which is then used to light congregational candles.

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

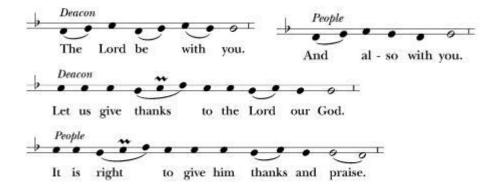


The presider, standing near the Candle, sings the Exultet

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.



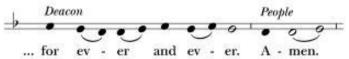
It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin,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

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...



# The Word of God

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.

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

The First Lesson: Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

Lector: A reading from the book of Exodus

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

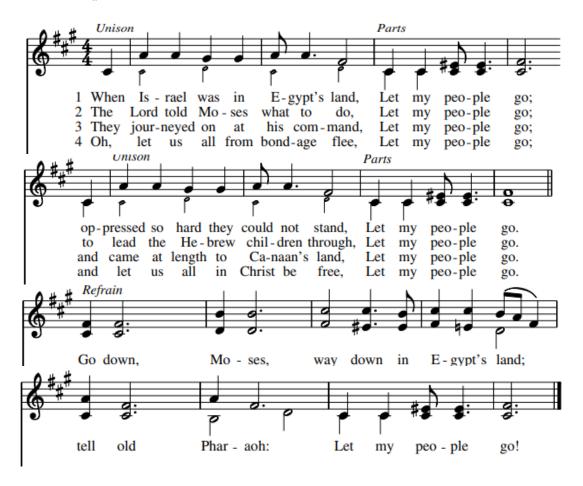
Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

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

People: Thanks be to God.



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. **Amen.** 

Lector: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

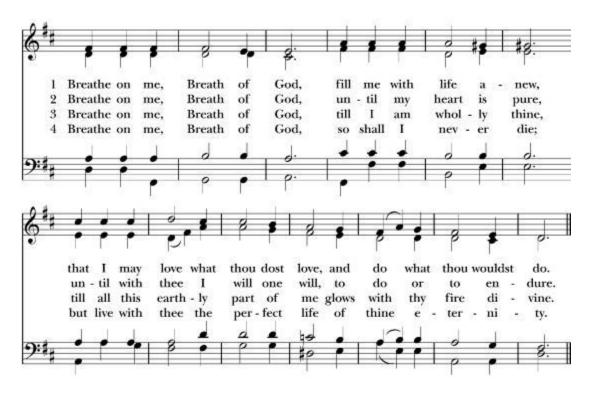
The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God.



Presider: Let us pray.

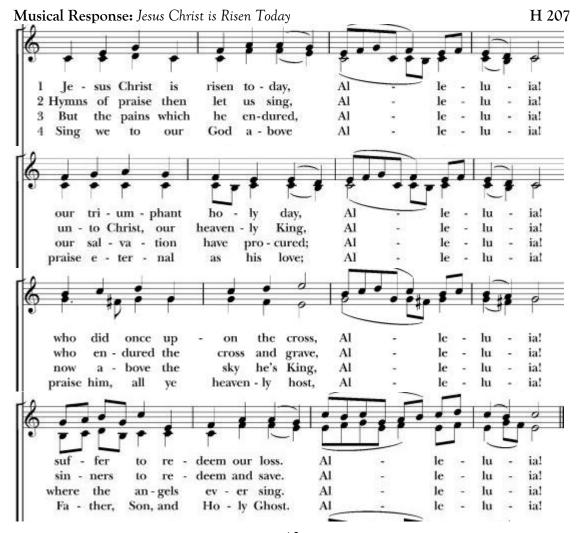
Almighty God, by the Passover of you Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Please stand as you are able as the candles at the Altar are lighted from the Paschal Candle.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The lights are lit at the proclamation of Jesus' resurrection. You may extinguish your candle and ring your bells.



Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: 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. Amen.

The Epistle 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.

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

People: Thanks be to God.



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The Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Homily Mtr. Alane Osborne

Please stand as you are able.

## Holy Baptism

#### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates:

Presider: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: I present Thomas William Roberts and Westley Michael Roberts to

receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates: I do.

Presider: Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are

brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors: I will with God's help.

Presider: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into

the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors: I will with God's help

Presider: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that

rebel against God?

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and

destroy the creatures of God?

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Sponsors: I do.

Presider: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Sponsors: I do.

Presider: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Sponsors: I do.

Presider: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these

persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Presider: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and

renew our own baptismal covenant.

### The Baptismal Covenant:

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and was 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

# Prayers for the Candidates:

Presider: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of

new birth.

Lector: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

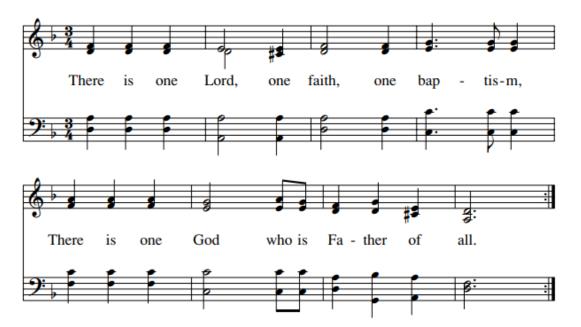
Lector: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: 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 for ever. **Amen.** 

The candidates for baptism, along with their sponsors and parents will process to the baptismal font. The congregation is invited to follow and circle around the font for the baptism, leaving a space for children in the front.



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# Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider: The Lord be with you People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: 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 to 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 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.

# The Baptism

Presider: Thomas William Roberts, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and

of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Westley Michael Roberts, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and

of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.** 

Please return to your seat as the newly baptized return to the front of the church.

Presider: Thomas, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as

Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Westley, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as

Christ's own for ever. Amen.

The newly baptized are presented with candles lit from the paschal candle.

Presider: Thomas, receive the light of Christ.

Westley, receive the light of Christ.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ

crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal

priesthood.

#### The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

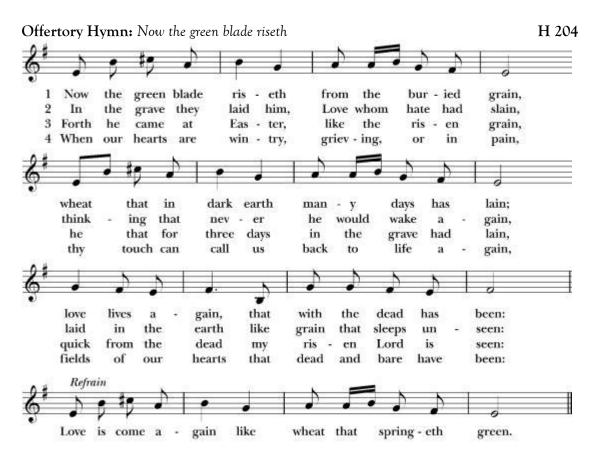
People: And also with you.

You are welcome to share the sign of the peace with the people around you.

#### Announcements

# The Holy Communion

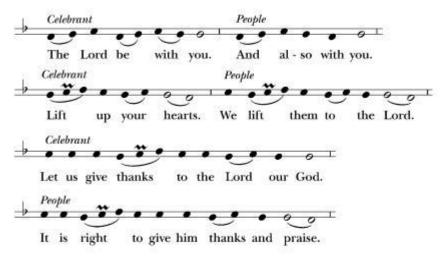
**Offertory Sentence:** Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.



Please stand as you are able.



# The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D



#### The Presider continues

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 forever.

Fountain 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, the 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.



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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 many 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.

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

Lord, 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. And grant that we may find our inheritance with 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 ever. **AMEN.** 

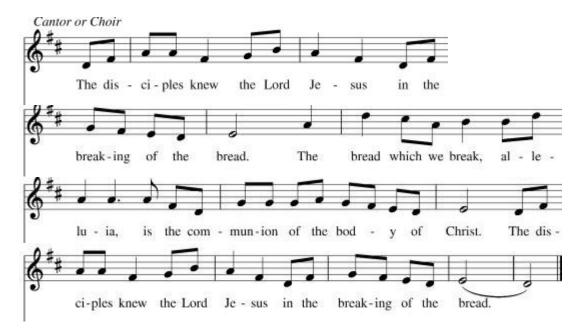
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: WLP 877



Presider: This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more.

So come you who have much faith. And you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been here long; You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come because it is the Lord who invites you.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

You are welcome to join us at communion. Please come forward to the rail when indicated by an usher.

You may drink from the common cup, or intinct (dip) the bread in the second cup.

Cross your arms over your chest if you prefer a blessing.

Please let the presider know if you need a gluten free wafer.



Text: Psalm 103

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# The Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People: God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of the Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### The Blessing:

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. **Amen.** 

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. **Amen.** 

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. **Amen.** 

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



#### The Dismissal:

Presider: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: Now the Green Blade Riseth Michael McCabe

# Those Serving Today

Presider: Mtr. Alane Osborne

Organist Joel Hootman

Lectors/Acolytes: Jerry Knapke and Dave Cobb

Usher: George Gutermuth

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