



# St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

EASTER VIGIL | APRIL 9, 2023

6:00 am



*Artist: JESUS MAFA – Easter, Empty Tomb*

God's discerning, inclusive, Christ-centered church, engaged in outreach ministry, growing discipleship, and life changing worship.

### Welcome to Indoor Worship at St. Barnabas'!

Welcome to our in-person indoor worship service. In order to worship safely we will:

- Have doors and windows open to provide fresh airflow,
- Be limited to those who have no COVID-19 symptoms and have not recently tested positive for COVID-19.
- Recommend that a mask be worn at all times, however, masks are optional for those who have been vaccinated and are healthy,
- Prohibit touching, hugging, and handshakes,
- Please note that we do not require COVID vaccination to attend worship at St. Barnabas.

Distribution of bread and wine:

- Starting from the back of the room, Ushers will invite you forward to receive the bread and wine.
- After receiving the bread, you may slip it under your mask to consume it.
- Then you may take a small bowl of wine from the tray and consume the wine before returning to your seat. Empty bowls may be placed in the baskets along the side of the room.
- If you are unable to come forward, let the ushers know so the bread can be brought to you.

Four courtyard and two narthex bathrooms are available for your use. Please use the disinfecting spray that is in the bathroom. If you have any questions or concerns, the Ushers are available to assist you.

### Welcome to Online St. Barnabas!

Welcome to those joining our virtual worship with Facebook Live. We are glad to have you with us in this new way. You may access our livestream starting at 9:45 am at [facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/](https://facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/)

A recording of the live-stream will be posted on the St. Barnabas YouTube Channel ([bit.ly/StBYouTube](https://bit.ly/StBYouTube)) the afternoon following the service.

**Bidding (intercessory prayer) Book** – If you would like to add a prayer to be read during the church service, you may add it to the “Bidding Book” located at the back of the church to the left of the doors. If you cannot join us in person and would like to add a prayer to be read during the church service you can email the name of the person to our parish office at [saintbarnabas.ag@gmail.com](mailto:saintbarnabas.ag@gmail.com) (before Wednesday morning), or add it to the comments section on Facebook Live during the livestream.

**Greens and Candle Dedications** – Candles are lighted by Jerri Pence in celebration of the wedding anniversaries of daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Peter Ryan, and son and daughter-in-law, John and Judy Pence. The greens have been placed on the altar by Johanna Oslovor in loving memory of her mother, Julia Alexis.

### *Notable Events*

Sunday	April 9	Easter Vigil 6:00 am Parish Breakfast 8:00 am Easter Eucharist 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt Following Service
Friday	April 28-29	Diocesan Spring Renewal in Salinas

# THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

## THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRE

*In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the people with these words.*

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.

*The Celebrant say the following prayer*

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 LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon or Cantors sing the following three times. Each repetition is done begun on a higher note.*

The light of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*We light each other's candles from the Paschal Candle by tipping the unlit candle towards the lit one.*

## EXSULTET (A CELEBRATION OF LIGHT)

*Then the Cantors, standing near the Paschal Candle, sing the Exsultet, as follows:*

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.*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Cantors* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Cantors*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*It is customary that the  
Paschal Candle is lit for  
each worship service  
throughout the season  
of Easter.*

# THE SALVATION HISTORY

## INVITATION

*The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings with these words.*

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 STORY OF CREATION: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Kris Vardas

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

<sup>29</sup>God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

### FIRST RESPONSE: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

*Said by All*

- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- <sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the God of gods, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- <sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the LORD of lords, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- <sup>4</sup>Who only does great wonders, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- <sup>5</sup>Who by wisdom made the heavens, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- <sup>6</sup>Who spread out the earth upon the waters, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- <sup>7</sup>Who created great lights, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- <sup>8</sup>The sun to rule the day, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- <sup>9</sup>The moon and the stars to govern the night, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- <sup>23</sup>Who remembered us in our low estate, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- <sup>24</sup>And delivered us from our enemies, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- <sup>25</sup>Who gives food to all creatures, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- <sup>26</sup>Give thanks to the God of heaven, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

### FIRST COLLECT

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. <sup>2</sup>Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; <sup>3</sup>and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. <sup>4</sup>For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” <sup>5</sup>And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

<sup>11</sup>In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. <sup>12</sup>The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. <sup>13</sup>On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, <sup>14</sup>they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. <sup>15</sup>They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. <sup>16</sup>And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

<sup>17</sup>The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. <sup>18</sup>The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

<sup>8:6</sup>At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup>and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; <sup>9</sup>but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup>He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; <sup>11</sup>and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup>Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

<sup>13</sup>In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. <sup>14</sup>In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. <sup>15</sup>Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup>“Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. <sup>17</sup>Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” <sup>18</sup>So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.

<sup>9:8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

SECOND RESPONSE: Psalm 46 26

*Said by All*

- <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup>Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- <sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- <sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- <sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.”
- <sup>12</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND COLLECT

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. **Amen.**



<sup>1</sup>God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

**THIRD RESPONSE: Psalm 16**

*Said by All*

- <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."  
<sup>2</sup>All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.  
<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.  
<sup>4</sup>Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.  
<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.  
<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.  
<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**THIRD COLLECT**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Narrated & Sung by the Choral Scholars

*Instead of reading this passage, the Choral Scholars are singing an embellished version of this same story.*

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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? <sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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."

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>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.

<sup>15:20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

## FOURTH RESPONSE: Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

### Refrain



I will sing, I will sing to the God who sets me free!



Phar-aoh's ar-my and his char-i-ots God cast in - to the sea!

**Cantor:** The Lord is my strength, my protection and my shield:  
Pharaoh's army and his chariots God cast into the sea.  
Our God is a warrior whose name is "the Lord,"  
God of might, God of victory! **Refrain**

**Cantor:** The brave and the mighty, the pride of Pharaoh's army,  
God plunged them to the bottom of the sea like a stone.  
The hand of the Lord is magnificent in power;  
The Lord has crushed our foes! **Refrain**

**Cantor:** O God who redeems, who delivers us from slavery,  
you set us on the mountain of your holy place.  
Your throne and your temple shall endure for all time;  
Your reign shall never end! **Refrain**

## FOURTH COLLECT

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>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.”

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy 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.” <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>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.’ <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>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.”

**FIFTH RESPONSE: Psalm 143**

*Said by All*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, hear my prayer,  
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; \*  
answer me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Enter not into judgment with your servant, \*  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

<sup>3</sup>For my enemy has sought my life;  
he has crushed me to the ground; \*  
he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

<sup>4</sup>My spirit faints within me; \*  
my heart within me is desolate.

<sup>5</sup>I remember the time past;  
I muse upon all your deeds; \*  
I consider the works of your hands.

<sup>6</sup>I spread out my hands to you; \*  
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; \*  
do not hide your face from me  
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,  
for I put my trust in you; \*  
show me the road that I must walk,  
for I lift up my soul to you.

<sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, \*  
for I flee to you for refuge.

<sup>10</sup>Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; \*  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

<sup>11</sup>Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; \*  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

<sup>12</sup>Of your goodness, destroy my enemies  
and bring all my foes to naught, \*  
for truly I am your servant.

**FIFTH COLLECT**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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

*Amen.*

## THE PROCESSION INSIDE WITH THE LIGHT

*The Deacon bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying*

                    The light of Christ.  
*People*              Thanks be to God.

## THE DECLARATION OF EASTER AND THE VICTORY OF LIGHT

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*          Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**People**              **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
*Repeat three times. Those with noise makers make lots of noise.*

## OPENING ANTHEM                      Pascha Nostrum                      sung by the Choral Scholars

*Cantor*          Alleluia

                    Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
                                  therefore let us keep the feast,  
                    Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil  
                                  But with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

                    Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
                                  Death no longer has dominion over him.  
                    The death that he died to sin, once for all;  
                                  But the life he lives, he lives to God.

†                   So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
                                  And alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia,

                    Christ has been raised from the dead,  
                                  The first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
                    For since by a man came death,  
                                  By a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

†                   For as in Adam all die,  
                                  So also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*          The Lord be with you.  
**People**              **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*          Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Collect of the Day is a prayer that “collects” and organizes our thoughts. Like a sonnet or haiku, it follows a traditional structure – a preamble (address, invocation), a petition, and a conclusion (meditation). There is often an allusion to the Gospel reading. There is a Collect of the Day for each week of the year as well as special feast days.*

*As the light has come back into the world, you may now extinguish your lit candles.*

## THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

### FIRST READING: Romans 6:3-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

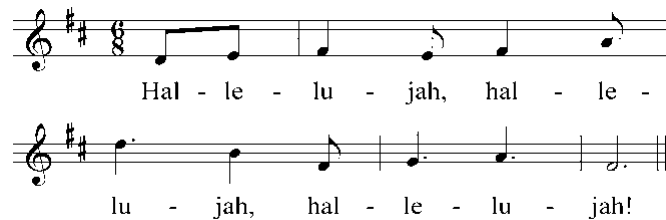
<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### PSALM: 114

*This psalm is a song of praise to God for the acts of salvation that have been done by God. While this psalm references the Exodus and the passing through the Red Sea, we extend that salvation to that which has been made possible by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*



*Choral Scholars sing Refrain. All repeat.  
Choral Scholars sing verses.  
Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

<sup>2</sup>Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion. *Refrain*

<sup>3</sup>The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.

<sup>4</sup>The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep. *Refrain*

<sup>5</sup>What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

<sup>6</sup>You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep? *Refrain*

<sup>7</sup>Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

<sup>8</sup>Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring. *Refrain*



SEQUENCE HYMN

Christ is Alive!

Verses 1 - 2

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - cry in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - cry fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

It is traditional for the **Gospel reading** to be proclaimed from the midst of the people.

Thus, the Deacon and book holder process to the middle of the center aisle with the Gospel Book, and the people all turn toward the reader.

As the Gospel is announced, some people use their thumb to make **the sign of the cross** on their forehead, mouth, and heart.

These three locations indicate that the Gospel reading is to enter the mind, voice, and heart.

This Easter Vigil service is one of the times during our church year when we remember and **renew our baptism** in Christ.

Each of us is made in the image of God, and we each have the beauty of Christ within and around us. These vows help reveal that beauty.

During the vows you will be sprinkled or asperged with **Holy Water**.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **SEQUENCE HYMN**

**Christ is Alive!**

**Verse 3**  
**See prior page**

## **BAPTISMAL RENEWAL INVITATION**

*The Celebrant first address the people in these words, all standing*

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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**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 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 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.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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

You may write prayer requests into the Bidding Book on the shelf at the back of the worship space.

Words and names in **bold** are said together.

Normally at this point in our worship we recite our communal **Confession** and receive absolution. However, in the season of Easter we do not say the Confession. This is a reminder that the resurrection of Jesus "saves" us from those things that separate us from God and one another. After the Easter season ends on Pentecost we will go back to reciting the Confession.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon* Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. In our own community we pray for:  
**Dan & Carl, Marsha, Robert Raynor, Marcie, Catie, Barbara, Leslie Campbell, Mike Staub, Steve Clifton, Kathy & Josh, Hiliary, Caro Lopez, Paul DeTilla, Dennis, Pamela Jones, Julie, and Courtney.**

**And, we pray for repose of soul for: Brad Raynor, Annette Zweig, Mack Haifley, those killed in the Tennessee school shooting, and the victims of the Midwest tornados.**

*(The Intercessor then reads the petitions from the bidding.)*

*Silence*

*The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The people sit.*

**Birthdays:** Matt, Judy Burdick, Georgianna Gleason, and Melissa  
**Anniversaries:** Janice & Peter Ryan, and John & Judy Pence

### **Birthday Prayer**

Gracious God, who made us in your own image, we thank you for life, love, and joy. Send your blessing upon these your children, who have completed another year. Surround them with your grace, fill them with your love, and strengthen them to be your servants in the world. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Anniversary Prayer**

We thank you, Gracious God, for the love you have implanted in the hearts of your servants and for your continued blessings upon them. Give them kind and loving hearts, always ready to ask forgiveness as well as to forgive. Support them through times of trial, strengthen their love for one another, and may that love empower them to be instruments of God's love in the world. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer for Travelers**

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM Most Glorious Lord of Life

sung by The Choral Scholars

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day,  
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin:  
And having harrowed hell,  
Didst bring away Captivity thence captive, us to win.  
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
And grant that we for whom thou diddest die,  
Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,  
May live for ever in felicity.  
And that thy love we weighing worthily,  
May likewise love thee for the same again:  
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,  
With love may one another entertain.  
So let us love, dear love, like as we ought,  
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

WORDS: EDMUND SPENCER, 1552-1599

MUSIC: WILLIAM H. HARRIS 1883-1973

## DOXOLOGY

*The people stand and sing*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

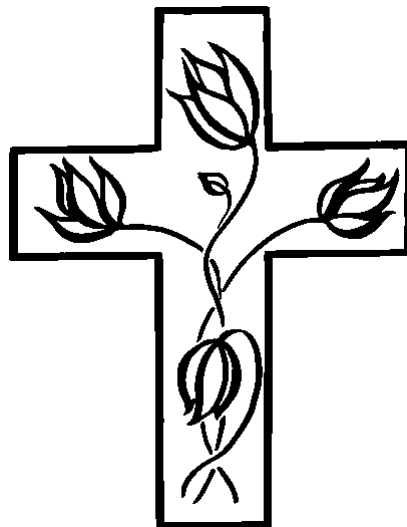
*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



*During the seasons of Easter we are using Eucharistic Prayer A from the Episcopal 1979 Book of Common Prayer. All Eucharistic Prayers follow a set format, though some have more contemporary and inclusive language.*

*The Celebrant and People sing together*

This anthem is known as the **Sanctus**. It is said or sung in almost every version of the Eucharistic Prayer. The word "sanctus" is Latin for "holy." God is holy and worthy of respect, awe, reverence, and devotion.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.



He 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 Lord 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 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. + 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever..

**Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

*This point of the Eucharistic Prayer is known as the **Epiclesus**. It is the invocation or calling down from on high by which the Priest invokes the Holy Spirit on the Eucharistic bread and wine. + "Sanctify us also..." At these words some make the **sign of the cross** as symbol of our sanctification and blessing by the food drink, and by extension the acts of Jesus.*

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant and People sing together*

*Cantor*                      *Choir*                      *Congregation & Choir*

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.

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, the second for the Choir, and the third, fourth, and fifth for the Congregation & Choir. The lyrics are written below the notes. The time signature changes from 3/4 to 4/4 and then to 3/4.

*The Celebrant says* The Gifts of God for the People of God. All are welcomed at God's table.



COMMUNION HYMN

Let all mortal flesh keep silent

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
 Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People say together*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
 of the most precious Body and Blood  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
 And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
 to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The people stand and the Priest blesses the people, saying*

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

*The blessing by the Priest is a reminder of the many blessings we already have from God. We are aware of some of the blessings and unaware of others. Our response to these blessings is gratitude and joy.*

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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

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

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

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

*At our best we take our worship experience back out into the world so that we extend our worship throughout the rest of our day. In addition, our worship should lead to action in which we are the hands and feet and voice of Jesus in the world.*

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ... Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Voluntary**

## LIFE AT ST. BARNABAS

**New Bible Study Topic.** – We are finishing up our study of Paul’s letter to the church in Rome. On Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> we will start a “topical” bible study as we look at “The Lord’s Prayer.” The Lord's Prayer is among the greatest treasures of faith. This study will explore the key phrases of the Lord's Prayer as they lead us to greater spirituality and growth. Is it time for you to add bible study as one of your spiritual practices? If so, then this could be a good time for you to join the class.

### **Spring Renewal 2023** – April 28-29 at Sherwood Hall in Salinas

- Spring Renewal is the new annual gathering for the Diocese of El Camino Real
- Spring Renewal is for worship, thanksgiving and celebration
- Spring Renewal is for shared learning and growth
- Spring Renewal is for everyone in the Diocese

Spring Renewal, 2023, is a wonderful gathering for everyone in our diocese. This year, at our in-person gathering we welcome the Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, as our Keynote Speaker. She will engage us more deeply with our theme for 2023, “Courage in the Wilderness.” Spring Renewal will have all the elements you miss from convention, without the business! We will worship, share a banquet to honor our ministries, enjoy presentations and conversation, and most of all, simply be together as a diocese.

**Ministry Opportunities** - Let Rob know if you are interested in any of the following.

- **Beginners Bible Study** - Some are newer to the Bible and feel our Tuesday morning Bible Study is a bit advanced for them. Are you interested in taking weekly introductory Bible course at St. Barnabas?
- **Emergency Responders** - Sometimes a medical emergency can occur on our campus. Are you interested in getting some CPR and emergency response training so that you can help in a pinch?
- **Social Justice** - We want to restart our Social Justice Coordinating Team. Do you have a heart for social justice and want to serve in this capacity at St. Barnabas?

**Stephen Ministry** — Stephen Ministers are laypeople-Christian men and women-trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation or separation due to military deployment. **Who Can Be A Stephen Minister? Maybe You!** Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ’s love and care to people in time of need. Our Stephen Leaders will train you in the skills you will need. Talk to any of our Stephen Leaders if you would like to know more about this ministry: Susan Arnold, Mark Hall, Elizabeth Hillis, & Paula Smith

**Episcopal Relief and Development** - Bishop Lucinda has asked the deacons in our diocese to let parishioners know that Episcopal Relief and Development is coordinating relief efforts with other religious and non-governmental agencies for earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. To donate go to: [bit.ly/episcopalsyriaturkeyrelief](http://bit.ly/episcopalsyriaturkeyrelief)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER VIRTUALLY

**Sunday morning worship at 10:00 am** – We live-stream our Sunday 10:00am worship services on the St. Barnabas' Facebook page  
[facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/](https://facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/)

All you need is a computer or device with an internet connection and speakers to watch the live-stream; you do not need to have a Facebook account. A recording of the live-stream will be posted on the St. Barnabas YouTube Channel: ([bit.ly/StBYouTube](https://bit.ly/StBYouTube)) following the service.

If you would like to participate more fully in the service, the order of service booklet is available for download on the St. Barnabas website by clicking the big blue "Weekly Bulletin" button on our website. Sunday morning worship bulletin is available starting at 1:00 pm on Thursday.

**Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9:30 am** – Now Hybrid on Zoom and the church library in person. If you have a Book of Common Prayer at home that will be useful to have on hand.

Click this link to attend via your computer or device:  
[bit.ly/stbarnabasmorningprayer](https://bit.ly/stbarnabasmorningprayer)

To dial in call 1-669-900-6833. When prompted put in the meeting id of **878 6513 4138#** and when prompted for a password put in **365072#**, and then hit **#** a second time.

**Bible Study Tuesdays at 10:00 am** – Now Hybrid on Zoom and the church library in person. Bible Study will start at 10:00 am immediately following Morning Prayer. The Zoom login is the same as Morning Prayer (above). In our class we are exploring the Lord's Prayer as taught to us by Jesus. Call Mary Ann if you have any questions.

**Friday afternoon Centering Prayer** – Each Friday afternoon at 4pm we will hold a Centering Prayer Service. After first gathering for a few minutes, we practice our 20 minutes of silent Centering Prayer. Following the practice, we will be reading and discussing a passage from Teresa of Avila, a 16<sup>th</sup> century mystic who in addition to her contemplative prayer, study and writings also carried out difficult reforms of the long-established religious life of the Carmelite order. We'll be using *Let Nothing Disturb You*, an edited collection of her prayers and reflections.

We will meet Friday, April 14th (and every 2nd Friday) from 4 to 5pm IN-PERSON at St Barnabas. Other Fridays we meet via Zoom: [bit.ly/stbarnabascenteringprayer](https://bit.ly/stbarnabascenteringprayer)

To dial in call 1-669-900-6833. When prompted put in the meeting id of **867 7756 1670#** and when prompted for a password put in **034979#**, and then hit **#** a second time.

**Making donations to St. Barnabas** – Even though some are not able to meet in-person for worship, many may want to continue to contribute to St. Barnabas. We have several options to continue giving as we progress through this change in how we worship.

Electronic transfer

This might be a good time to consider setting up electronic transfer of funds. At St. Barnabas we have Quick Pay with Zelle set up and many banks and financial institutions also use this software. Payments can be set up as one-time or recurring. To transfer money, use the email address of the Financial Secretary ([stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com](mailto:stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com)) as the recipient. If you have questions or difficulties setting it up, call Janette Sofranko at 805-801-4526

Auto pay from your financial institution

Many banks and financial institutions offer a service often called Auto Pay or Bill Pay. It's fairly easy to set up online if you do online banking. We have several donors using this option today. The payment can be set up one time or recurring. The bank will issue the check on the date you give them and mail the check to St. Barnabas.

Mail your check

You can also mail your check to St. Barnabas. The address is: 301 Trinity Ave., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420 Please put "Attn Financial Secretary" on the envelope.

If you have any questions on how to make your donation at this time, please feel free to contact Janette Sofranko, Financial Secretary, at 805-801-4526. You can also send an email to [stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com](mailto:stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com). Thank-you for your continued support of St. Barnabas.



**Donations of time and talent are just as important as financial donations.  
Thank you to everyone who helps make things happen on Sunday!**

**Vestry Members** – The governing board of our parish is made up of the following:

- Class of 2024 – Melissa Biel, Steve Jerrick, Kris Vardas (Sr. Warden)
- Class of 2025 – Rachel Mann, Carlos Ortiz (Jr. Warden), Brian Petersen
- Class of 2026 – Robert Merritt, Sheila Miller, Tracy Schiro

**The Altar Guild Team:**

Tricia Ottesen, Marsha Fasse, Paula Smith

**Sunday School Teachers:**

Pam and Aly Pano

**Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Hosts:**

- 8:00 am Michele Davenport, Ann Mathias, Tracy Schiro
- 10:00 am Julie Shires

**This Week's Coffee Hour Hosts:**

Kitchen/Brotherhood

**CALENDAR**  
**Week of April 9 – April 16**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
	Great Vigil of Easter.....	6:00 am
	Parish Breakfast.....	8:00 am
	In-Person Easter Eucharist* .....	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Easter Egg Hunt (after service) .....	11:15 am
Monday	Stephen Ministry Meeting .....	12:30 pm
Tuesday	Morning Prayer (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library).....	9:30 am
	Biblical Roundtable (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library) .....	10:00 am
	12-Step Meeting (outdoors) .....	12:00 pm
	Finance Committee (Zoom) .....	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Senior Fitness with Sigrid.....	12:00 noon
	Choir Rehearsal.....	6:30 pm
Friday	Senior Fitness with Sigrid.....	12:00 noon
	Centering Prayer (in person) .....	4:00 pm
Sunday	In-Person Holy Communion.....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion* .....	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am

*\*In-person and via Facebook Live*

**SERVING TODAY**

Presider / Preacher    Rev. Rob Keim  
 Deacon    Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold

Minister of Music    Janis Johnson  
 Choral Scholars    Katelyn Caron, Rachel Koenigsberg, Chris Marston,  
 Alexander Miller

Eucharistic Minister    Robert Merritt  
 Lector    Lorrie Erno  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Chalice    Michele Davenport  
 Ushers    Michele Davenport, Karen Reinecke  
 Vestry    Kris Vardas  
 Coffee Hour    Brotherhood and others



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SAINT BARNABAS’ OFFICE HOURS: TUES: 9AM – NOON, WEDS 9AM – 1PM, THURS 9 AM – 12:30 PM, 1:30 – 2 PM