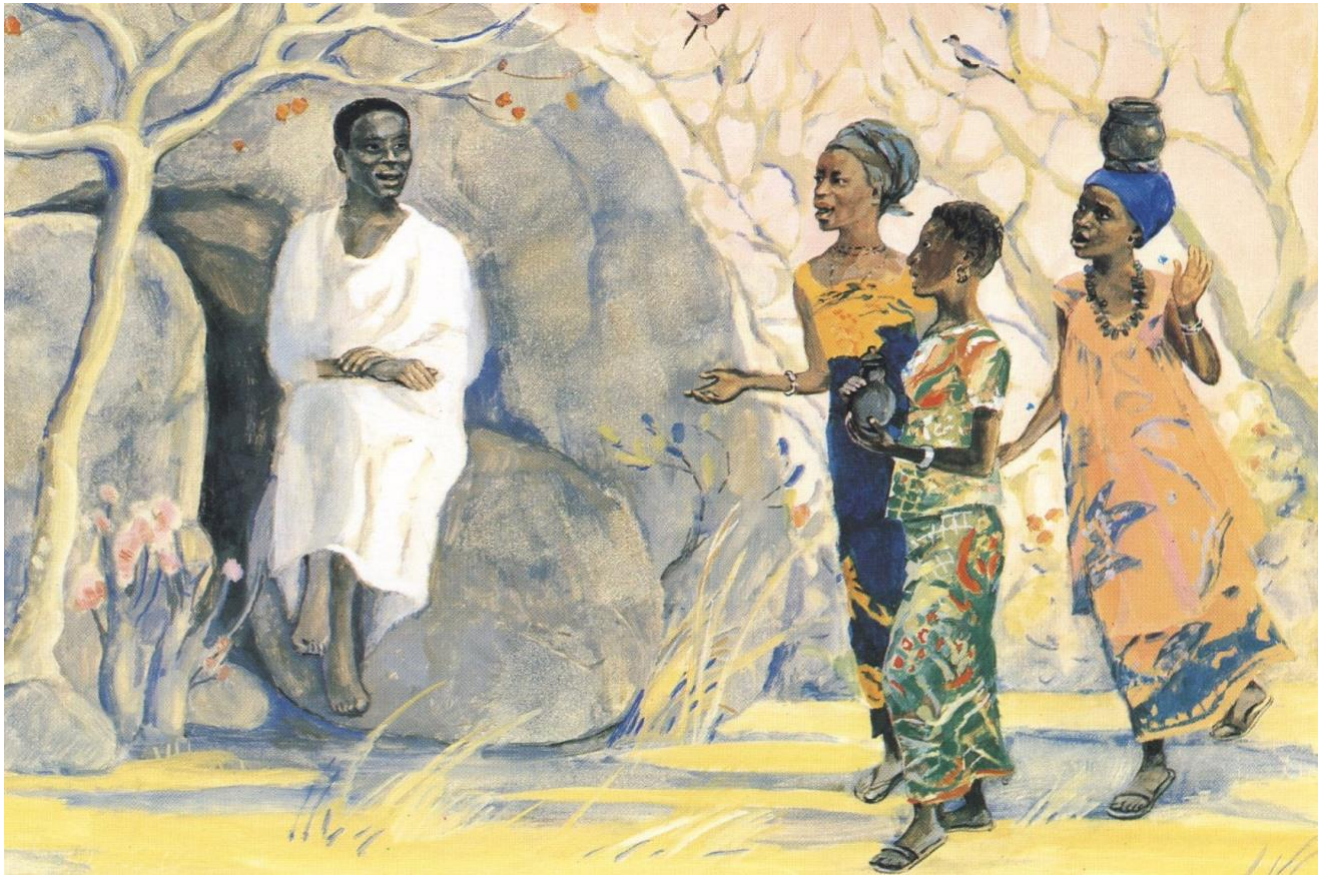




# St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

EASTER VIGIL | MARCH 30, 2024

7:00 pm



*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.
- Recommend that a mask be worn at all times, however, masks are optional for those who have been vaccinated and are healthy,
- Please note that we do not require COVID vaccination to attend worship at St. Barnabas.

Distribution of bread and wine:

- Starting from the balcony and then the back of the room, Ushers will invite you forward to receive the bread and wine.
- 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 prefer, instead of an individual bowl, you may drink wine from the common chalice.
- 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 lit by Bill Cockshott in memory of his mother, Bea Cockshott and in celebration of Zachary Manos’ birthday.

Greens have been placed on the altar by the children of Charles and Lucille Shepherd in memory of the anniversary of Charles and Lucille Shepherd.

*In addition to our Sunday morning Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:00 am, we offer the following...*

### *Notable Events*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 31</b>	(no 8:00 am Eucharist) <b>Easter Breakfast 8:30 am</b> <b>Easter Eucharist 10:00 am</b> <b>Easter Egg Hunt Following Service</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 13</b>	<b>Peace Gathering at St. Barnabas 3:00 pm</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 17, 18</b>	<b>Diocesan Spring Renewal in Salinas</b>

# 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.*

*Cantor*           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 Deacon, standing near the Paschal Candle, sings 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.***

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

*Cantor* 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.**

# 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 Michele Davenport, Tricia Ottesen

<sup>1</sup>First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. <sup>2</sup> Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

God spoke: "Light!"

And light appeared.

God saw that light was good  
and separated light from dark.

God named the light Day,  
he named the dark Night.

It was evening, it was morning—  
Day One.

God spoke: "Sky! In the middle of the waters;  
separate water from water!"

God made sky.

He separated the water under sky  
from the water above sky.

And there it was:  
he named sky the Heavens;

It was evening, it was morning—  
Day Two.

God spoke: "Separate!

Water-beneath-Heaven, gather into one place;  
Land, appear!"

And there it was.

God named the land Earth.

He named the pooled water Ocean.

God saw that it was good.

God spoke: "Earth, green up! Grow all varieties  
of seed-bearing plants,

Every sort of fruit-bearing tree."

And there it was.

Earth produced green seed-bearing plants,  
all varieties,

And fruit-bearing trees of all sorts.

God saw that it was good.

It was evening, it was morning—  
Day Three.

God spoke: "Lights! Come out!

Shine in Heaven's sky!

Separate Day from Night.

*This version of the Creation Story is from "The Message." This is a transliteration of the Bible in which the author deviates from the words of the original Hebrew to bring greater clarity and understanding to the listener or reader.*



Mark seasons and days and years,  
 Lights in Heaven's sky to give light to Earth."  
 And there it was.  
 God made two big lights, the larger  
 to take charge of Day,  
 The smaller to be in charge of Night;  
 and he made the stars.  
 God placed them in the heavenly sky  
 to light up Earth  
 And oversee Day and Night,  
 to separate light and dark.  
 God saw that it was good.  
 It was evening, it was morning—  
 Day Four.  
 God spoke: "Swarm, Ocean, with fish and all sea life!  
 Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!"  
 God created the huge whales,  
 all the swarm of life in the waters,  
 And every kind and species of flying birds.  
 God saw that it was good.  
 God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Ocean!  
 Birds, reproduce on Earth!"  
 It was evening, it was morning—  
 Day Five.  
 God spoke: "Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind:  
 cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all kinds."  
 And there it was:  
 wild animals of every kind,  
 Cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug.  
 God saw that it was good.  
 God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them  
 reflecting our nature  
 So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,  
 the birds in the air, the cattle,  
 And, yes, Earth itself,  
 and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."  
 God created human beings;  
 he created them godlike,  
 Reflecting God's nature.  
 He created them male and female.  
 God blessed them:  
 "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!  
 Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,  
 for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."  
 Then God said, "I've given you  
 every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth  
 And every kind of fruit-bearing tree,  
 given them to you for food.  
 To all animals and all birds,  
 everything that moves and breathes,  
 I give whatever grows out of the ground for food."

And there it was.  
God looked over everything he had made;  
it was so good, so very good!  
It was evening, it was morning—  
Day Six.  
Heaven and Earth were finished,  
down to the last detail.  
By the seventh day  
God had finished his work.  
On the seventh day  
he rested from all his work.

**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

*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.**

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

Rachel Mann and the Sunday School

<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.”

### THIRD RESPONSE: Cantic 8: The Song of Moses

*Said by All*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

### THIRD 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>9</sup>Hear the commandments of life, O Israel;  
give ear, and learn wisdom!
- <sup>10</sup>Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies,  
that you are growing old in a foreign country,  
that you are defiled with the dead,  
<sup>11</sup>that you are counted among those in Hades?
- <sup>12</sup>You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom.
- <sup>13</sup>If you had walked in the way of God,  
you would be living in peace forever.
- <sup>14</sup>Learn where there is wisdom,  
where there is strength,  
where there is understanding,  
so that you may at the same time discern  
where there is length of days, and life,  
where there is light for the eyes, and peace.
- <sup>15</sup>Who has found her place?  
And who has entered her storehouses?
- <sup>32</sup>But the one who knows all things knows her,  
he found her by his understanding.  
The one who prepared the earth for all time  
filled it with four-footed creatures;
- <sup>33</sup>the one who sends forth the light, and it goes;  
he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling;
- <sup>34</sup>the stars shone in their watches, and were glad;  
he called them, and they said, "Here we are!"  
They shone with gladness for him who made them.
- <sup>35</sup>This is our God;  
no other can be compared to him.
- <sup>36</sup>He found the whole way to knowledge,  
and gave her to his servant Jacob  
and to Israel, whom he loved.
- <sup>37</sup>Afterward she appeared on earth  
and lived with humankind.
- <sup>4:1</sup>She is the book of the commandments of God,  
the law that endures forever.  
All who hold her fast will live,  
and those who forsake her will die.
- <sup>2</sup>Turn, O Jacob, and take her;  
walk toward the shining of her light.
- <sup>3</sup>Do not give your glory to another,  
or your advantages to an alien people.
- <sup>4</sup>Happy are we, O Israel,  
for we know what is pleasing to God.

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,  
<sup>4</sup>Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.  
<sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.  
<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.  
<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.  
<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.  
<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.  
<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable  
in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

#### FOURTH COLLECT

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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

## A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT: Ezekiel 36:24-28

Janis Johnson and the Choral Scholars

<sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. <sup>28</sup>Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

### FIFTH RESPONSE: Psalm 42

*Sung by Choral Scholars*

As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you.  
I thirst for the living Lord. When shall I see the face of God?  
My tears have been my food; people say, "Where is your God?"  
Why are you cast down within me, O my soul, cast down within?

My soul's cast down within me, so I remember you.  
Put your hope in God my Savior; I will yet praise the Lord.  
As deep calls to deep, your waves have swept over me.  
At night God's song is with me, a prayer to the God of life.

I say to God my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?  
Why must I walk so mournful, oppressed by my enemies?"  
Why are you cast down within me, O my soul, cast down within?  
Put your hope in God my Savior; I will yet praise the Lord.

MUSIC: DOWN BY THE SALLEY GARDENS, IRISH TRAD.

PSALM 42 ADAPT. K Y WIMBERLY

### FIFTH COLLECT

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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, “Prophesy 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, “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.” <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.”

<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.

**SIXTH 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.

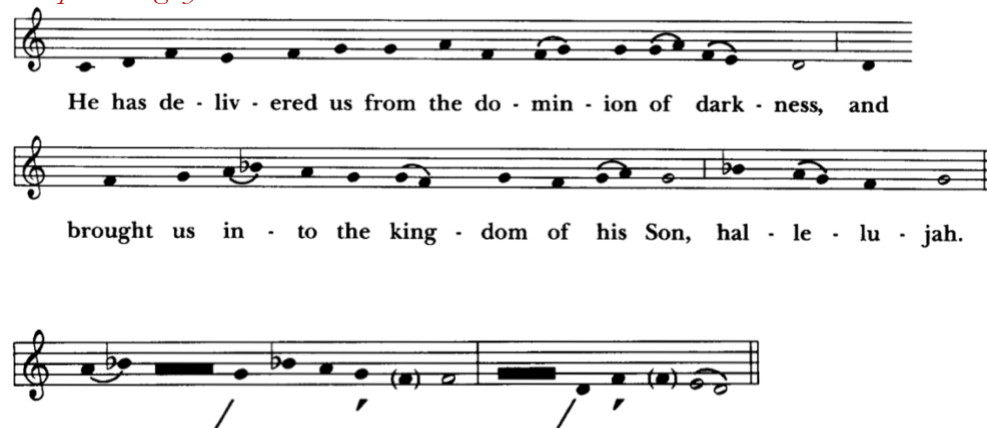
*People*                      Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: 114

*Antiphon sung by Cantor*

*Sung by the Choral Scholars;*

*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.*



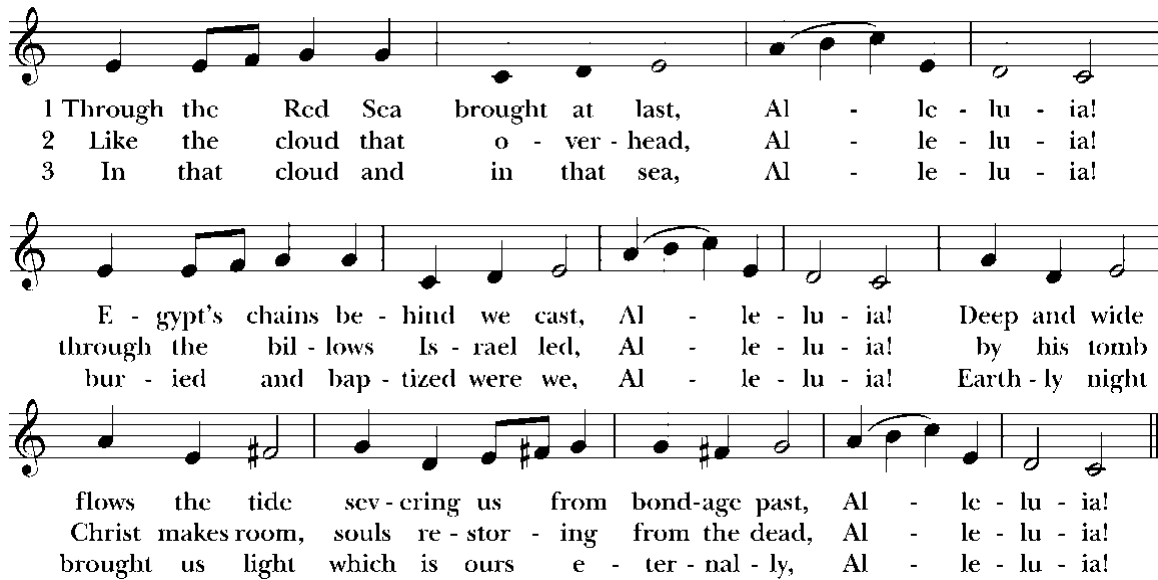
- 1 When Israel / came out of Égypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people / of stránge spëech,
- 2 Judah became / God's sanctuáry \*  
and Israel his / domínion.
- 3 The sea / beheld it ánd fled; \*  
Jordan turned / and wént bäck.
- 4 The / mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills / like yóung shëep.
- 5 What ailed you, / O sea, that yóu fled? \*  
O Jordan, that / you túrned bäck?
- 6 You moun/tains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills / like yóung shëep?

- 7 Tremble, O earth, at / the presence <sup>of</sup> the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God / of Jáçöb,  
8 Who turned the hard rock into / a pool of wáter \*  
and flint-stone into / a flówing spring. [Ant.]

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Through the Red Sea brought at last

Verses 1 & 2



1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!

E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide  
through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb  
bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night  
flows the tide sev - ering us from bond - age past, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!  
brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

*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.*

## GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Through the Red Sea brought at last

Verse 3

*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.***

## **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.**

## **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:**

**Richard R., the Stokes families, Sagan Johnson, Alvin Rocca, Steve, Amie Yernall, Tom W., Ric C., Cyndi W., and Derrick Williams.**

**And, we pray for repose of soul for: John Lane, Jason Stokes, and Deborah Byrd.**

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

*Silence*

*The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.*

*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.

## 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.*



# 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

## Eastertide Carol

sung by The Choral Scholars

Rise up in early morning; sing of the risen Savior.

Sing tidings of salvation with alleluias ringing:

*In cymbalis, in cymbalis bene sonantibus. †*

Go forth, ye saints, to meet him; light up your lamps of gladness.

Sing tidings of salvation with alleluias ringing:

*In cymbalis, in cymbalis bene sonantibus. †*

WORDS: BASED ON JOHN OF DAMASCUS, CA. 675-749

MUSIC: MAINZ GESANGBUCH, 1628; ARR. BY RICHARD PROULX, 1937-2010

† Translation: with the clash of cymbals

## 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.

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

## 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*

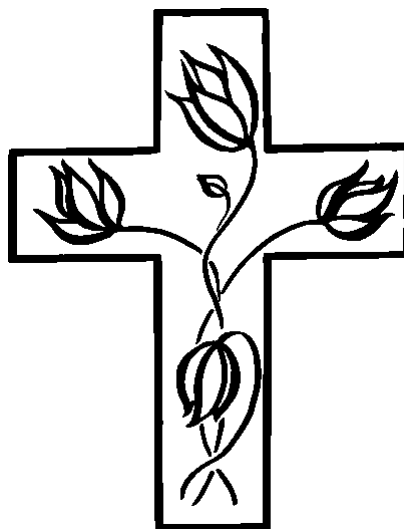
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*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:



*The Celebrant and People sing together*

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.

*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.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Barnabas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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*

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



# COMMUNION HYMN

Christians, to the Paschal victim

*Christians, to the Paschal victim, known as Victimae paschali laudes is attributed to Wipo of Burgundy, a chaplain to the Holy Roman Emperor Conrad II. It was composed sometime during the early eleventh century. It is sung on East Sunday and throughout Easter week.*

*All*

1. Chris-tians, to the Pas - chal vic - tim of - fer your thank - ful prais - es!

*Men*

2. A lamb the sheep re - deem - eth: Christ, who on - ly is sin - less, rec - on - cil - eth sin - ners to the Fa - ther.

*Trebles*

3. Death and life have con - tend - ed in that com - bat stu - pen - dous: the Prince of life, who died, reigns im - mor - tal.

*Men*

4. Speak, Ma - ry, de - clar - ing what thou saw - est, way - far - ing:

*Trebles*

5. "The tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing, the glo - ry of Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion; 6. bright an - gels at - test - ing, the shroud and nap - kin rest - ing. 7. Yea, Christ my hope is a - ris - en; to Gal - i - lee he will go be - fore you."

*All*

8. Christ in - deed from death is ris - en, our new life ob - tain - ing, have mer - cy, vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing!

A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

# COMMUNION HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen again



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!  
 2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,  
 3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.  
 takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:  
 is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

## Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

*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 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

The strife is o'er

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

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

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has bc - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*



*Deacon*

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

***People***

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

**Voluntary**

*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.*



# LIFE AT ST. BARNABAS

## SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER –

**Sunday, March 31** – *(there is no 8:00 am Eucharist on this Sunday)*

8:30 am – **Easter Breakfast**

10:00 am – **Easter Eucharist**

11:30 am – **Easter Egg Hunt**

**NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING** – Our Tuesday morning Bible Study group is finishing up a study of the Book of Genesis. On **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** we will start a study of the Gospel of Jesus according to Mark. Take a journey through Mark with twenty-five sessions of scripture readings, meditations, questions, and prayers. Twenty-five dynamic spiritual leaders from around the world serve as guides to Mark, believed to be the first gospel written and considered by many to be the most reliable historical source for understanding the life of Jesus. Join us each Tuesday morning at **9:30 am** for Morning Prayer, and then at **10:00 am** for an hour of Bible Study. We meet in the parish library and on Zoom. Log-in information is on the next page.

**PERGOLA HELP** – We need some help with a few small projects prior to the shade roof structures being installed. Sand, Prep, and Paint, Debris removal, Get planters ready for planting, And miscellaneous small tasks. All equipment and materials provided. Work days will be April 2 & 3 and April 4 if needed. We need about 3 more helpers, even if it's for an hour or two. Thanks! Let Paul Schiro know: 805-748-2120.

## **SPRING RENEWAL 2024** – May 17-18 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, 2024, is a wonderful gathering for everyone in our diocese. This year, at our in-person gathering we welcome the Rt. Rev. Michael Hunn, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rio Grande, as our Keynote Speaker. She will engage us more deeply with our theme for 2024, "Stepping Out With Soul." 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.

**UCEFA NEWS** – Canon Edwards is grateful to report that their family foundation completed 10 water wells so far this year, and joyously a month-long rescue just completed freed 21 children, 8 girls and 13 boys. Canon Doug and Lynn thank you for your prayers and support of UCEFA. As Jesus preached in his first sermon, "I have come to proclaim release to the captives."

**AARP TAX-AIDE** – will offer free income tax preparation services at St Barnabas's church on Thursdays, beginning February 1st. Reservations can be made now at [ccfreetax.org/appointment.html](https://ccfreetax.org/appointment.html) or by calling (805) 931-6308. A photo ID is required for the principal taxpayers and Social Security cards are required for every person in the tax return.



## OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER VIRTUALLY

**Sunday morning WORSHIP at 10:00 am** – We live-stream our Sunday 10:00 am 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). We are looking at the book of Genesis and for each of the 50 chapters, the text is printed and followed by a reflection, questions, and a prayer. The publisher invites us to "Come and explore the advent of humanity and the interplay of God and Humans with this daily guide..." The reflections are written by a variety of authors, clergy, scholars, and laypeople. Feel free to contact Gerti Garner at [ggarner@gmail.com](mailto:ggarner@gmail.com) for more information.

**Friday 4:00 pm CENTERING PRAYER** – Each Friday at 4 pm 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 Catherine of Siena, a 14<sup>th</sup>-century mystic who composed and dictated *The Dialogue*, a summary of her theology, her spirituality, and her pastoral concerns, becoming the first woman published in one of the Italian dialects. We are using *Set Aside Every Fear*, an edited collection of her prayers and reflections.

We meet every Friday from 4 – 5 pm. We next meet **in person on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** (and every 2nd Friday) at St Barnabas. On all 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

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER: You can make an electronic transfer to St. Barnabas using Quick Pay with Zelle set up. Many banks and financial institutions offer this method of funds transfer. Donations 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. There are no fees associated with this type of transfer.

PayPal is another option for electronic transfer. You can find St. Barnabas using the email address of the Financial Secretary: [stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com](mailto:stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com) PayPal does charge St. Barnabas a processing fee.

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 or at the bank. The donation can be set up as 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. Please put "Attn Financial Secretary" on the envelope. The address is: 301 Trinity Ave., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

If you have any questions on how to make your donation, 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.



**DONATE**

Donations of time and talent are just as important as financial donations.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS SERVE EACH SUNDAY!**

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

Class of 2025 – Rachel Mann, Carlos Ortiz (Jr. Warden), Brian Petersen

Class of 2026 – Robert Merritt, Sheila Miller, Tracy Schiro (Sr. Warden)

Class of 2027 – Leslie Campbell, Tom DeNatale, Corey Kielan

**Holy Week's Altar Guild Team:**

Marigay Ross, Barbara Conry, Paula Mason,

Janette Sofranko, Ann Mathias, Michele Davenport, Susan DeNatale,

Tricia Ottesen, Marsha Fasse, Paula Smith, Jeff Diehl

Jane Delgadillo, Pam Pano, Jerri Pence, Charmaine Petersen, Gerti Garner

**CALENDAR**  
**Holy Week | March 30 – April 7**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b> .....	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>Easter Breakfast</b> .....	<b>8:30 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	In-Person Holy Communion* .....	10:00 am
	Children's Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> .....	<b>11:20 am</b>
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 noon
Wednesday	Senior Fitness & Stretching with Sigrid .....	12:00 noon
	Writing from Life Class .....	2:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal.....	6:30 pm
Thursday	AARP Tax Prep .....	9:00 am
	Yoga with Sigrid.....	9:30 am
Friday	Senior Fitness & Stretching with Sigrid .....	12:00 noon
	Centering Prayer ( <b>via Zoom</b> ) .....	4:00 pm
Saturday	<b>People's Kitchen</b> .....	<b>11:45 am</b>
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    The Rev. Rob Keim  
Deacon    The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold

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

**7 pm**

Eucharistic Minister/Usher    Carlos Ortiz  
Chalices    Michele Davenport, Bob Taylor  
Lector/Usher    Lorrie Erno  
Livestream    Jeff Diehl



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