

Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that everyone be examined and instructed by the Pastor before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishop, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



The Vigil of the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord
April 4th, 2026

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*“He is not here; for He is risen, even as He said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”*

St. Matthew 28:6

Easter Vigil Service

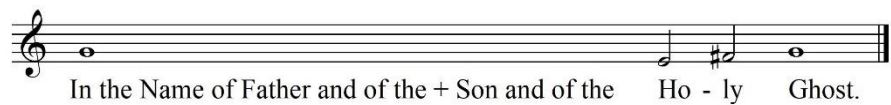
The Service of Light

All gather in a convenient place outside of the church by an open fire.

Candles are distributed to all, later to be lighted from the Paschal Candle. All sung parts are done so a Capella until the appointed time.

The Invocation

The Celebrant, dressed in Amice, Alb, Cincture, Maniple, Stole, and Cope, chants the Invocation:



In the Name of Father and of the + Son and of the Ho - ly Ghost.

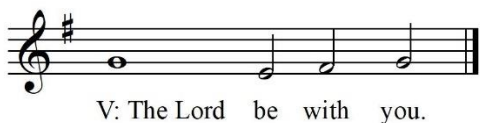
And the Congregation responds, chanting:



R: A - - - - - men.

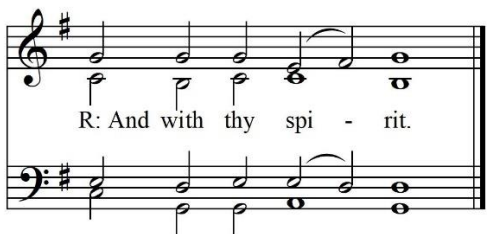
The Salutation

The Celebrant chants the Salutation:



V: The Lord be with you.

The Congregation responds, chanting:



R: And with thy spi - rit.

The Candle bearer, holding the Paschal Candle, steps forward.

day, since He lay in the grave only one day and two nights? According to the Jewish calculation it was only a day and a half; how shall we then persist in believing there were three days? To this we reply that He was in the state of death for at least a part of all three days. For He died at about two o'clock on Friday and consequently was dead for about two hours on the first day. After that night he lay in the grave all day, which is the true Sabbath. On the third day, which we commemorate now, He rose from the dead and so remained in the state of death a part of this day, just as if we say that something occurred on Easter-day, although it happens in the evening, only a portion of the day. In this sense Paul and the Evangelists say that He rose on the third day." *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Easter from the mid-1520s.*

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Dan, Katie, Kelly, Vince Bost, Brandon Dennie, Edward Dulas, Vito Gerardi, Michelle Harris, Peggy Holder, Judy Horn, Glen Madden, Paul Meadows, Barbara Miller, Mike Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Jack Newton, Becky Phillips, Betty Ramsey, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Chuck Webber, Gerald Weerts, and Tammy Wilson.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Tony, WI; and, Pure Blessings Ev. Lutheran Church, Brandon, WI; and their pastor, the Rev. Jeffery Ahonen.*
- That the Lord might send *Faithful Laborers* into His harvest.
- For *St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Seminary* and our seminarians, *Duncan Geldenhuys* and *Jonathan Teo Zin Han.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Bob, Barbara, and Bobby Eisold, and Deacon and Sherrill Smithey.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially *Thomas Allred* and *John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: ASBH 29—"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

Evening: INSERT—"Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"

Calendar for the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection

Today: The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service in Simpsonville, SC and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

11:15 a.m. Fellowship and Snack Time

Monday: Easter Monday—White

4:30 p.m. Private confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Tuesday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection—White

Wednesday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection—White

Thursday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection—White

Friday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection—White

Saturday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection—White

Next Sunday: Quasi modo geniti, the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service in Simpsonville, SC

11:15 a.m. Bible Class

St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The Diocesan seminary is on their Holy Week/Easter Break. Classes will resume Monday, April 13th. This Quarter they are taking Greek Readings, Creation and Redemption, Reformation, and Isaiah. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

The Lutheran Herald

The April issue of "The Lutheran Herald," the devotional booklet of the ELDoNA, is now available. It can be found on Facebook at: <http://tinyurl.com/LutheranHerald> and on the diocesan website: eldona.org. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"The question now arises: How can we say that He rose on the third

The Celebrant traces the vertical line of the cross, while saying:

V: Christ yesterday and today,

He traces the transept of the cross, saying:

V: The beginning and the end.

He traces the Greek letter Alpha at the top of the cross, saying:

V: The Alpha

He traces the Greek letter Omega at the bottom of the cross, saying:

V: And Omega.

He traces the first number of the year upon the Candle in the upper left corner of the cross, saying:

V: His are the seasons

He traces the second number of the year upon the Candle in the upper right corner of the cross, saying:

V: His the ages;

He traces the third number of the year upon the Candle in the lower left corner of the cross, saying:

V: To Him be glory and dominion,

He traces the last number of the year upon the Candle in the lower right corner of the cross, saying:

V: Through ages eternal.

The Celebrant places five wax nails in the extremities of the cross, and the center, representing the wounds of our Lord, in the following order:

Top of the cross, center of the cross, bottom of the cross, left transept of the cross, right transept of the cross, saying:

V: By His wounds, *(nail one)*

V: Holy and innocent, *(nail two)*

V: May He save us, *(nail three)*

V: And redeem us, *(nail four)*

V: Who is Christ the Lord. Amen. *(nail five)*

Then receiving an unlit candle, he lights it from the fire, and then lights the Paschal Candle with this newly lit Candle, saying:

V: Christ rises triumphant, may His light dispel from hearts and minds the darkness of this evil world!

The Salutation

Then the Celebrant chants the Salutation:



V: The Lord be with you.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

R: And with thy spi - rit.

The Collect

The Celebrant chants the Collect:

Let us pray. We beseech Thee, Almighty God, pour forth Thy abundant blessing upon this Thy people, and fill this night with the splendor of the Light of the world, Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Candle we offer tonight shine more brightly through the secret addition of Thine own radiance. And wherever Thy Word and Sacrament shall be carried, may the evil of Satan's guile be driven thence, and the power of Thy majestic glory made manifest; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

R: A men.

The Procession

The Procession proceeds in silence and in complete darkness, except for the light of the Paschal Candle. This represents the sojourn of the Israelites out of Egypt who followed the pillar of fire by night.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection

	Morning	Evening
Today	Acts 1; St. Matthew 28:1-8	Acts 2; 1 Peter 1:3-12
Monday:	Acts 3; John 20:1-18	Acts 4; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Tuesday:	Acts 5; Matt. 28:1-15	Acts 6; Ezekiel 21:25-27
Wednesday:	Acts 7; John 20:1-18	Acts 8; Haggai 2:20-23
Thursday:	Acts 9; Luke 24:1-12	Acts 10; Zechariah 6:9-15
Friday:	Acts 11; Luke 24:36-49	Acts 12; Ezekiel 17:22-24
Saturday:	Acts 13; Mark 16:9-14	Acts 14; Isaiah 44:21-28

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Ps. 2, 57, 111, 31-32	Psalms 113-114, 33-34
Monday:	Psalms 16, 35	Psalms 30, 36-37
Tuesday:	Psalms 16, 38	Psalms 30, 39-41
Wednesday:	Psalms 16, 42-44	Psalms 30, 45-48
Thursday:	Psalms 16, 49	Psalms 30, 50-51
Friday:	Psalms 16, 52-54	Psalms 30, 55-57
Saturday:	Psalms 16, 58-59	Psalms 21, 60-63

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.177-194
Tuesday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.195-212
Wednesday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.213-226
Thursday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.227-248
Friday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.249-256

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

Sunday:	The Ten Commandments
Monday:	The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer
Tuesday:	Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession
Wednesday:	The Sacrament of the Altar
Thursday:	The Prayers
Friday:	The Table of Duties
Saturday:	Christian Questions with Their Answers

Our Christ has brought us ov - er,
His own "All hail!" and hear - ing,
For Christ the Lord hath ris - en,

With hymns of vic - to - ry.
May raise the vic - tor strain.
Our joy that hath no end. A - men.

The candles may be extinguished

Sit
The Postlude *"Christus ist erstanden"* Samuel Scheidt
Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal.

Δ —Indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 4th—**The Vigil of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord:**

4:30 p.m. Private Confession
 5:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Divine Service

April 5th—**The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord:**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

April 6th—**Easter Monday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

At the entrance to the Nave, the Candle bearer stops, raises the Candle up as high as he can comfortably do so, and a Minister chants:

V: The Light of Christ.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

R: Thanks be to God.

The Celebrant lights his Candle from the Paschal Candle.

When the Candle bearer reaches the middle of the Nave, he stops, raises the Candle up as high as he can comfortably do so, and a Minister chants:

V: The Light of Christ.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

R: Thanks be to God.

The other Ministers, if any, light their Candles from the Paschal Candle.

When the Candle bearer arrives at the entrance to the Chancel, he turns to face the congregation. Then he raises the Candle up as high as he can comfortably do so, and a Minister chants:

V: The light of Christ.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

R: Thanks be to God.

The Congregation continues in procession to the Paschal Candle and light their Candles from it. Then return to their seats.

All the Candles in the Nave and Chancel are lit, but all the electric lights remain off.

The Candle bearer places the Paschal Candle in its stand which is temporarily placed in front of the altar.

The Exsultet

The Celebrant standing before the Paschal Candle turns to face the people and chants the Exsultet:

Re - joi - ce, ye heav'n - ly pow - ers Sing, choirs of an - gels!
Ex - ult, all cre - a - tion a - round God's throne!
Je - sus Christ, our King, is ri - sen!
Sound the trum - pet of sal - va - tion! Re - joi - ce, O Earth, in shining
splendor, radiant in the light now pour - ed up - on thee
and made brilliant by the brightness of the Ev - er - last - ing King!
Know that the an - cient dark - ness
has been for - ev - er ban - nished. Re - joi - ce, O Moth - er Church!
clothed in the bright - ness of this light;

Earth, tell it out a - broad, The Pass - ov - er of
That we may see a - right The Lord in rays e -
Let earth her song be - gin, Let all the world keep

glad - ness, The Pass - ov - er of God.
ter - nal, Of re - sur - rec - tion light;
tri - umph, And all that is there - in:

From death to life e - ter - nal,
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents,
In grate - ful ex - ul - ta - tion,

From earth un - to the sky,
May hear so calm and plain
Their notes let all things blend,

5. He who slumbered in the grave
Is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings
That the Lamb is King of kings!
Hallelujah!

6. Now He bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiv'n,
How we too may enter heav'n.
Hallelujah!

7. Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today Thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for aye,
Hallelujah!

The Salutation
The Benedicamus
The Benediction
The Triple Amen

The Recessional Hymn *"The Day of Resurrection"*

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278. The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus, c. 750
Tr., John M. Neale, 1863

Lancashire
Henry Smart, 1836

1. The day of re-sur-rec-tion,
2. Our hearts be pure from e-vil,
3. Now let the heav'ns be joy-ful,

let all this House of God ring out with re-joic-ing,
with the prais-es of all God's faith-ful peo-ple! My dear-ly beloved,
standing with me in this ho-ly light, join me in
asking Almighty God for mer-cy,
that He may give His unworth-y Min-i-ster
grace to sing His Eas-ter prais-es.

The Celebrant continues chanting:

The Lord be with you.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

And with thy spirit.

The Celebrant continues chanting:

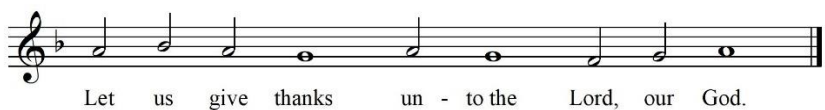
Lift up your hearts.

The Congregation responds, chanting:



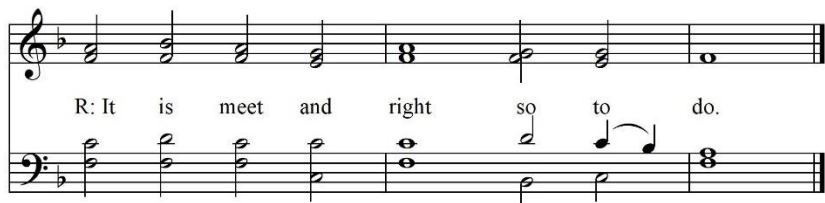
We lift them up un - to the Lord.

The Celebrant continues chanting:



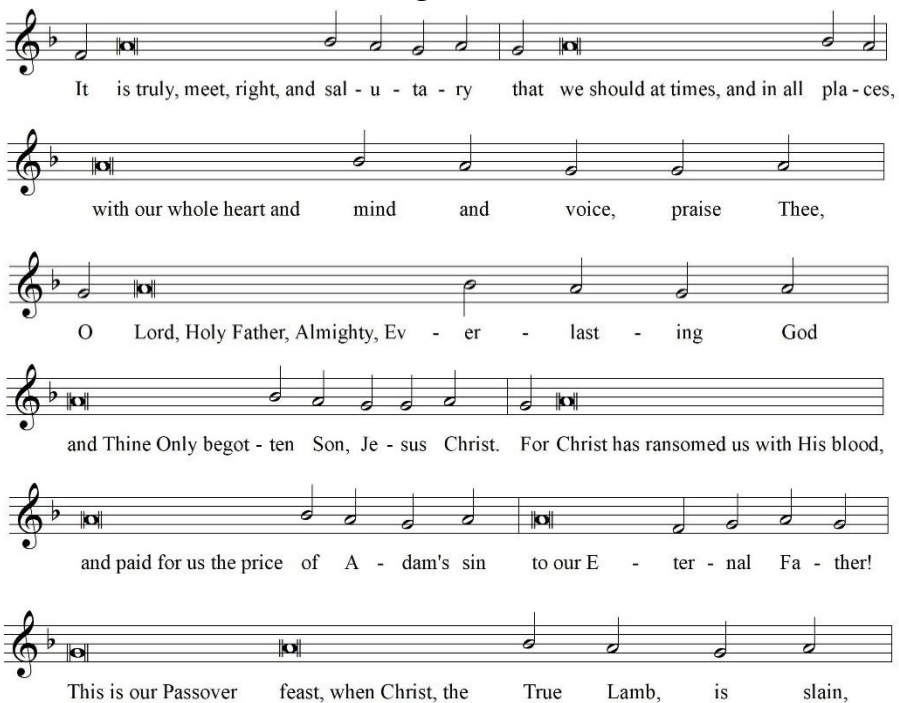
Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

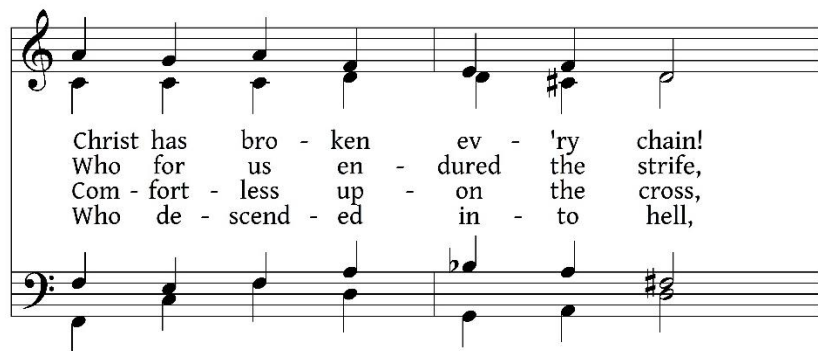


R: It is meet and right so to do.

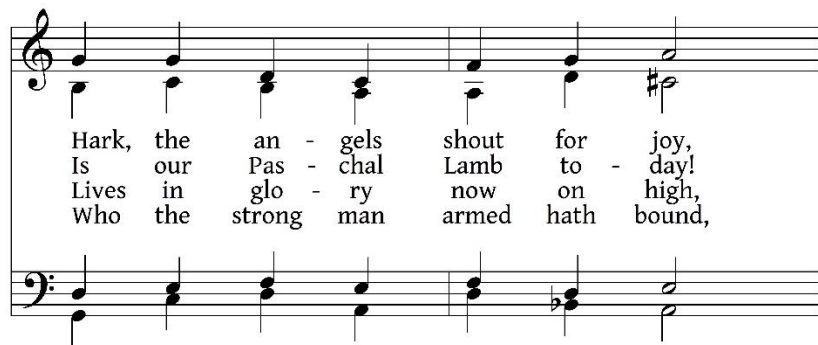
The Celebrant continues chanting:



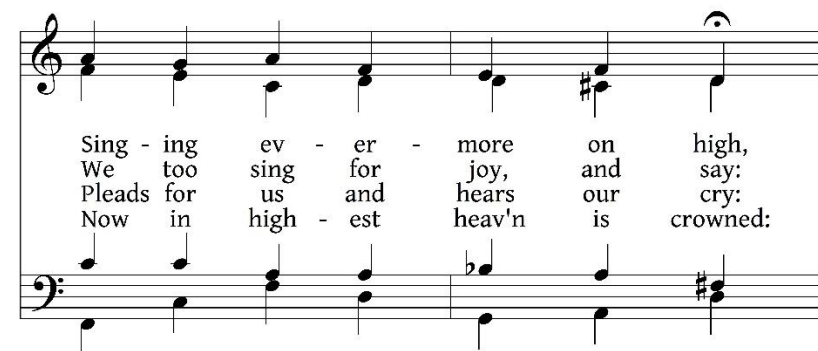
It is truly, meet, right, and sal - u - ta - ry that we should at times, and in all pla - ces,
with our whole heart and mind and voice, praise Thee,
O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Ev - er - last - ing God
and Thine Only begot - ten Son, Je - sus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with His blood,
and paid for us the price of A - dam's sin to our E - ter - nal Fa - ther!
This is our Passover feast, when Christ, the True Lamb, is slain,



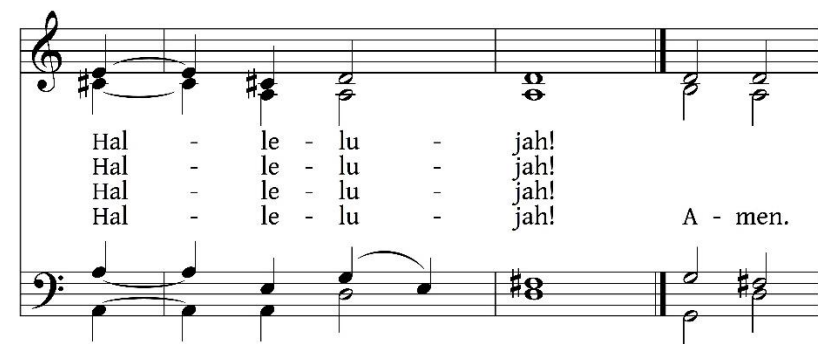
Christ has bro - ken ev - 'ry chain!
Who for us en - dured the strife,
Com - fort - less up - on the cross,
Who de - scend - ed in - to hell,



Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,
Is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day!
Lives in glo - ry now on high,
Who the strong man armed hath bound,



Sing - ing ev - er - more on high,
We too sing for joy, and say:
Pleads for us and hears our cry:
Now in high - est heav'n is crowned:



Hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

7. And may I never fail,
 To thank Thee day and night,
 For Thy true Body and true Blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

Stand

The Post-Communion Canticle *“Dignus est Agnus”*



WOR- **THY** - || is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and rich- |
 es | and | wis- | dom: *
 And strength and honor and | glo- | ry | and | bless- | ing.
 || Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth
 up- | on | the | throne: | - *

And unto the Lamb for- | ev- | er | and | ev- | er.
 || Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord | God | Al- | might- | y: *
 Just and true are Thy | ways, | Thou | King | of | saints.
 || Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glori- | fy | Thy | Name?: | - *
 For Thou | on- | ly | art | ho- | ly.
 || Praise our God, all | ye | His | ser- | vants: *
 And ye that fear | Him, | both | small | and | great.
 || Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omni- | po- | tent | reign- | eth: *
 Hallelujah! Hal- | le- | lu- | jah! | A- | men.

The Thanksgiving and Collect

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The Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Again”

ASBH 145

145. Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Christus ist erstanden

Michael Weiss, 1531

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Christus ist erstanden

Based on "Christ ist erstanden"

Latin melody, c. 1100

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain!
 2. He who gave for us His life,
 3. He who bore all pain and loss
 4. He whose path no rec - ords tell,

Whose blood consecrates the homes of all be - liev - ers.
 This is the night when first Thou didst save our fa - thers:
 Thou freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry shod through the Red Sea.
 This is the night when the Pillar of Fire destroyed the dark - ness of sin!
 This is the night when Chris - tians ev - 'ry - where,
 washed clean of sin and freed from the bond - age of sin,
 are restored to grace and grow together in Chris - tian love.
 This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death
 and rose trium - phant from the grave. What good would life have been to us,
 had Christ not come as our Re - deem - er? Fa - ther, how wonderful Thy care for us!
 How boundless Thy mer - ci - ful love! To ransom a slave Thou gavest a - way Thy Son.
 Most blessèd of all nights, chosen by God to see Christ ris - ing from the dead!
 Of this night Scripture says, "The night will be as clear as day:

it will become my light, my joy." The triumph on this holy night dis - pels all e - vil.
 washes guilt a - way, restores lost innocence, brings mourn - ers joy;
 it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and hum - bles earth - ly pride.
 Night truly blessèd when Christ triumphed over the grave and won reconcili - a - tion with God!
 There-fore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our sac - ri - fice of praise,
 Thy Church's solemn con - fes - sion of faith. Ac - cept this Pas - chal Can - dle
 as a symbol of the light of Christ a - mong His saints,
 a pillar of fire that glows among the peo - ple of God.
 Let it shine as a witness to the Light that continues bravely burning
 to dispel the dark - - - ness of this world!
 May the Morning Star Which has risen, find the flame of faith still burn - ing when He comes.
 Christ, that Morning Star, Who came back from the dead,
 and shed His peaceful light on all man - kind,
 Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Ho - ly Ghost,

Dear Sav - ior, hear my pray'r,
 And mourn their wretch - ed bands:
 Once slain and shed for me,
 In - com - pre - hen - si - bly,

Oh let no un - re - pent - ed sin
 A con - trite heart is ev - er wont
 Are tak - en at Thy ta - ble here—
 Shall eat the pre - cious flesh of Christ

Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 To find grace at Thy hands.
 O won - drous mys - ter - y!
 In blest re - al - i - ty. A - men.

5. Search not how this takes place,
 Nor whether it can be;
 God can accomplish vastly more
 Than seemeth plain to thee.

6. Vouchsafe, O blessèd Lord,
 That earth and hell combined,
 May ne'er about this Sacrament
 A doubt raise in my mind.

Δ5. Alleluia! now we cry
 To our King immortal,
 Who, triumphant, burst the bars
 Of the tomb's dark portal;
 Alleluia! with the Son,
 God the Father praising,
 Alleluia! yet again
 To the Spirit raising.

The Lavabo	<i>(During Hymn)</i>	ASBH p. 21
The Exhortation		ASBH p. 21
The Preface		ASBH p. 22
The Proper Preface		ASBH p. 23-27
The Sanctus and Benedictus	<i>(Bells rung throughout)</i>	ASBH p. 27-28
The Lord's Prayer		ASBH p. 29
The Verba Domini	<i>(All may bow as Pastor genuflects)</i>	ASBH p. 30
The Pax Domini	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	ASBH p. 31
The Agnus Dei	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 31-32
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	
The Hymn	<i>"Thy Table I Approach"</i>	ASBH 292

292. Thy Table I Approach

Ich trete frisch St. Michael
 Gerhard W. Molanus, 1673, cento "Genevan Psalter," 1551
 Tr., Matthias Loy, 1880

1. Thy Ta - ble I ap - proach;
 2. Lo, I con - fess my sins;
 3. Thy bod - y and Thy blood,
 4. Here I with mouth and soul,

ever One God, world with - out end.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

R: A men.

Sit

All may extinguish their candles.

A few lights in the Nave may be turned on.

Music may now accompany the singing of the Congregation.

The Service continues with The Service of Reading.

The Service of Reading

The Celebrant reads the Twelve Prophecies standing before the Paschal Candle (If a shorter Service of Reading is desired only readings I, II, IV, V, VII, and XII may be used):

I. Genesis 1:1—3:24

A reading from the First through Third chapters of the First Book of Moses, commonly called Genesis, beginning at the First verse:

^{1:1} In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light:" and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. ⁶ And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." ⁷ And God made the firmament, and divided

the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. ⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear:" and it was so. ¹⁰ And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas: and God saw that it was good. ¹¹ And God said, "Let the earth

put forth grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit-trees bearing fruit after their kind, wherein is the seed thereof, upon the earth:" and it was so.

¹² And the earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, wherein is the seed thereof, after their kind: and God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years: ¹⁵ and let them be for lights in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth:" and it was so.

¹⁶ And God made the two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. ¹⁷ And God set them in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven." ²¹ And God created the great sea-monsters, and every living creature that moveth, wherewith the waters swarmed, after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind: and God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying,

"Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind, cattle, and creeping things, and beasts of the earth after their kind:" and it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the ground after its kind: and God saw that it was good.

²⁶ And God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ²⁷ And God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. ²⁸ And God blessed them: and God said unto them,

"Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and

the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. ⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear:" and it was so. ¹⁰ And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas: and God saw that it was good. ¹¹ And God said, "Let the earth

put forth grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit-trees bearing fruit after their kind, wherein is the seed thereof, upon the earth:" and it was so. ¹² And the earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, wherein is the seed thereof, after their kind: and God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years: ¹⁵ and let them be for lights in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth:" and it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. ¹⁷ And God set them in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness;
sleep in death, As a sun hath ris - en:
feast of feasts, Comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the seal, Hold Thee as a mor - tal.

Loosed from Phar - aoh's bit - ter yoke
All the win - ter of our sins,
Comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem,
But to - day a - midst Thine own

Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters, Led them with un -
long and dark, is fly - ing From His light, to
Who with true af - fec - tion Wel - comes in un -
Thou didst stand be - stow - ing, Lord, Thy peace, which

mois - tened foot Thro' the Red Sea wa - ters.
whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wea - ried strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
ev - er - more Pas - seth hu - man know - ing. A - men.

The Sermon*The First Day of the Week**Stand***The General Prayer**

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The Lord's Prayer

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Sit—The candles are re-lit during the Hymn. During the Hymn the Celebrant removes his Cope and dons a Chasuble and prepares the altar for Holy Communion and performs the Lavabo.

The Hymn “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” Δ ASBH 156**156. Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain**

John of Damascus, c. 750
Tr., John M. Neale, 1859

Schwing dich auf
"Geistliche Andachten"
Berlin, 1666

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day;
3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright
4. Nei - ther could the gates of death,

Of tri - um - phant glad - ness: God hath brought His
Christ hath burst His pri - son, And from three days'
With the day of splen - dor, With the roy - al
Nor the tomb's dark por - tal, Nor the watch - ers,

have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food:³⁰ and to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for food:” and it was so.³¹ And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
² And on the seventh day God finished His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.
³ And God blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it; because that in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that Jehovah God made earth and heaven.
⁵ And no plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up; for Jehovah God had not caused it to rain upon the earth: and there was not a man to till the ground;
⁶ but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.
⁷ And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
⁸ And Jehovah God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed.
⁹ And out of the ground made Jehovah God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
¹⁰ And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became four heads.
¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;
¹² and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.
¹³ And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Cush.
¹⁴ And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth in front of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.
¹⁵ And Jehovah God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
¹⁶ And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”
¹⁸ And Jehovah God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.”
¹⁹

And out of the ground Jehovah God formed every beast of the field, and every bird of the heavens; and brought them unto the man to see what he would call them: and whatsoever the man called every living creature, that was the name thereof. ²⁰ And the man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the heavens, and to every beast of the field; but for man there was not found a help meet for him. ²¹ And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: ²² and the rib, which Jehovah God had taken from the man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. ²³ And the man said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. ²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said unto the woman, "Yea, hath God said, 'Ye shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'" ² And the woman said unto the serpent, "Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat: ³ but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, 'Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.'"

⁴ And the serpent said unto the woman, "Ye shall not surely die: ⁵ for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. ⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves aprons. ⁸ And they heard the voice of Jehovah God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Jehovah God amongst the trees of the garden. ⁹ And Jehovah God called unto the man, and said unto him, "Where art thou?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹ And He said, "Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?" ¹² And the man said, "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." ¹³ And Jehovah God said unto the woman, "What is this thou hast done?" And the woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat." ¹⁴ And Jehovah God said unto the

He chas - eth from us sin and night,
 What heav - y stone Thou canst not roll,
 Though all the world were dead to me,
 To bear me whith - er dead He is gone,

And brings us joy and life and light.
 From off the pris - oned, suf - fring soul!
 E - nough, O Christ, if I have Thee!
 For of His own He los - eth none.

Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men!

5. No more to fear or grief I bow,
 God and the angels love me now;
 The joys prepared for me today
 Drive fear and mourning far away.
 Hallelujah!

6. Strong Champion! For this comfort, see,
 The whole world bringeth thanks to Thee!
 And once we, too, shall raise above
 More sweet and loud the song we love;
 Hallelujah!

The Congregation responds, chanting:

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Sit—The candles may be extinguished

The Hymn “Ere Yet the Dawn Hath Filled the Skies” ASBH 28
Holy Saturday

28. Ere Yet the Dawn Hath Filled the Skies

J. Heermann, 1630

Gelobet seist du

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Johann Walther, 1524

1. Ere yet the dawn hath filled the skies,
2. O strong - er Thou than death and hell,
3. If Je - sus lives, can I be sad?
4. He feeds me, com - forts, and de - fends,

Be - hold my Sav - ior Christ a - rise,
Where is the foe Thou canst not quell?
I know He loves me, and am glad.
And when I die His an - gel sends

serpent, “Because thou hast done this, cursed art thou above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: ¹⁵ and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her Seed: He shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel.” ¹⁶ Unto the woman He said, “I will greatly multiply thy pain and thy conception; in pain thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.” ¹⁷ And unto Adam He said, “Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, ‘Thou shalt not eat of it:’ cursed is the ground for thy sake; in toil shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; ¹⁸ thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; ¹⁹ in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” ²⁰ And the man called his wife’s name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And Jehovah God made for Adam and for his wife coats of skins, and clothed them. ²² And Jehovah God said, “Behold, the man is become as one of Us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— ²³ therefore Jehovah God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

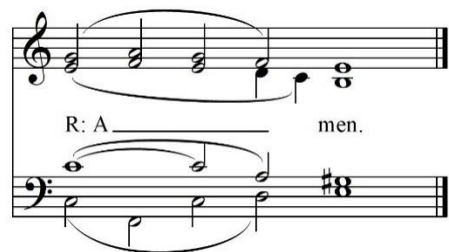
V: Here endeth the reading.

Stand

The Celebrant prays the Collect, chanting:

V: Let us pray. O God, Who hast wonderfully created man and more wonderfully redeemed him: Grant us, we beseech Thee, to withstand by strength of spirit the allurements of sin, that we may be worthy to reach everlasting joys; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

The Congregation responds, chanting:



Sit

II. Genesis 22:1-18

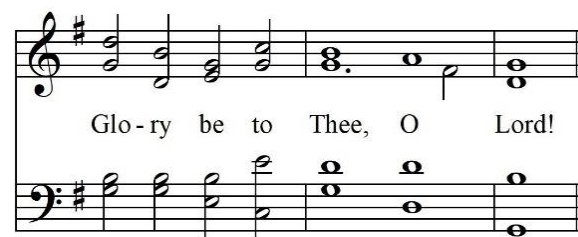
A reading from the Twenty-Second chapter of the First Book of Moses, commonly called Genesis, beginning at the First verse:

¹ And it came to pass after these things, that God did prove Abraham, and said unto him, "Abraham." And he said, "Here am I." ² And He said, "Take now thy son, thine only son, whom thou lovest, even Isaac, and get thee into the land of Moriah. And offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." ³ And Abraham rose early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son. And he clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. ⁵ And Abraham said unto his young men, "Abide ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go yonder; and we will worship, and come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. And they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, "My father." And he said, "Here am I, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood. But where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?" ⁸ And Abraham said, "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹ And they came to the place which God had told him of. And Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ And the Angel of Jehovah called unto him out of heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham." And he said, "Here I am." ¹² And He said, "Lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him. For now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from Me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up

Musical notation for the 15-verse hymn. The treble staff shows a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, C5, and then a whole note chord of G4-B4-D5. The bass staff shows a bass line starting on G2, moving to A2, B2, C3, and then a whole note chord of G2-B2-D3. The lyrics are: 1. Halle - - - lu - jah! 2. Halle - - - lu - jah! 3. Halle - - - lu - jah! 4. Halle - - - lu - jah! 5. your Halle - - - lu - jah! 6. Halle - - - lu - jah! 7. Halle - - - lu - jah! 8. Halle - - - lu - jah! 9. Halle - - - lu - jah! 10. Halle - - - lu - jah! 11. Halle - - - lu - jah! 12. Halle - - - lu - jah! 13. Halle - - - lu - jah! 14. the Son and Spirit we adore. 15. Halle - - - lu - jah! A - men.

V: The Holy Gospel is written in the Twenty-Eighth chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the First verse:

The Congregation responds, chanting:



The Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 28:1-7

¹ Now late on the sabbath day, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it. ³ His appearance was as lightning, and his raiment white as snow: ⁴ and for fear of him the watchers did quake, and became as dead men. ⁵ And the angel answered and said unto the women, "Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek + Jesus, who hath been crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, even as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ And go quickly, and tell His disciples, He is risen from the dead; and lo, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him: lo, I have told you."

V: Here endeth the Gospel.

The Sequence Hymn “*The Alleluiatic Sequence*” Notker Balbulus

1. The strain upraise of joy and praise, Halle - lu - jah!
 2. And the choirs that dwell on high
 3. They through the fields of Para - - - - - dise that roam,
 4. The planets glittering on their heav'n - ly way,
 5. Ye clouds that onward sweep, ye winds on pin - ions light,
 6. Ye floods and ocean billows, ye storms and win - ter snow,
 7. First let the birds, with painted plum - age gay
 8. Then let the beasts of earth, with vary - ing strain,
 9. Here let the mountains thunder forth so nor - ous
 10. Thou jubilant abyss of o - cean, cry
 11. To God, Who all cre - - - - - a - tion made,
 12. This is the strain, the eternal strain, the Lord of all things loves,
 13. Wherefore we sing, both heart and voice a wak - ing
 14. Now from all men be out - poured
 15. Praise be done to the Three in One.

1. To the glory of their King shall the ransomed peo - ple sing.
 2. Shall re-echo through the sky,
 3. The blessèd ones, repeat through that bright home,
 4. The shining constellations, join and say,
 5. Ye thunders, echoing loud and deep, ye lightnings, wild - ly bright,
 6. Ye days of cloudless beauty, hoar frost and sum - mer glow,
 7. Exalt their great Creator's praise and say,
 8. Join in creation's hymn, and cry a - gain,
 9. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 10. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 11. The frequent hymn be du - ly paid,
 12. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 13. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 14. Hallelujah to the Lord;
 15. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!

1. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 2. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 3. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 4. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 5. In sweet con - - - - - sent u - nite
 6. Ye groves that wave in spring, and glorious for - ests, sing
 7. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 8. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 9. There let the valleys sing in gentler cho - rus
 10. Ye tracts of earth and conti - nents, re - ply
 11. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!
 12. This is the song, the heavenly song, that Christ Him - self ap - proves,
 13. And children's voices echo, answer mak - ing,
 14. With Hallelujah ev - er - more
 15. Halle - - - - - lu - jah!

his eyes, and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son. ¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh. As it is said to this day, “In the mount of Jehovah it shall be provided.” ¹⁵ And the Angel of Jehovah called unto Abraham a second time out of heaven, ¹⁶ and said, “By Myself have I sworn, saith Jehovah, because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, ¹⁷ that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy Seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is upon the seashore. And thy Seed shall possess the gate of His enemies. ¹⁸ And in thy Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. Because thou hast obeyed My voice.”

V: Here endeth the reading.

Stand

The Celebrant prays the Collect, chanting:

V: Let us pray. O God, Thou promised to faithful Abraham that he would be the father of many peoples, and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Thou raised up for Thyself one people: Grant to Thy Church a hearty trust in all Thy promises; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

R: A - - - - - men.

Sit

III. Exodus 12:1-24

A reading from the Twelfth chapter of the Second Book of Moses, commonly called Exodus, beginning at the First verse:

¹ And Jehovah spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ² “This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. ³ Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household: ⁴ and if the household be too little for a lamb,

then shall he and his neighbor next unto his house take one according to the number of the souls; according to every man's eating ye shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old: ye shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats: ⁶ and ye shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at even. ⁷ And they shall take of the blood, and put it on the two side-posts and on the lintel, upon the houses wherein they shall eat it. ⁸ And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; with bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹ Eat not of it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roast with fire; its head with its legs and with the inwards thereof. ¹⁰ And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; but that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. ¹¹ And thus shall ye eat it: with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is Jehovah's passover. ¹² For I will go through the land of Egypt in that night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am Jehovah. ¹³ And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there shall no plague be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ And this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to Jehovah: throughout your generations ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever. ¹⁵ Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶ And in the first day there shall be to you a holy convocation, and in the seventh day a holy convocation; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done by you. ¹⁷ And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day throughout your generations by an ordinance forever. ¹⁸ In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. ¹⁹ Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a sojourner, or one that is born in the land. ²⁰ Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread." ²¹ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, "Draw out, and take you lambs according to your

The Epistle

Colossians 3:1-4

V: The Epistle for the Vigil of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord is written in the Third chapter of Colossians, beginning at the First verse:

¹ If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth. ³ For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is our life, shall be manifested, then shall ye also with Him be manifested in glory.

V: Here endeth the Epistle.

The Gradual

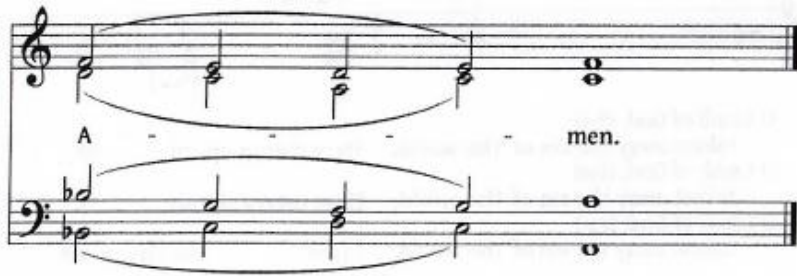
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|| O give thanks to the Lord; for He is | good: | -
 Because His mercy endure- | eth | for- | ev- | er.
 || O praise the Lord, all ye | na- | tions:
 Praise Him, | all | ye | peo- | ple.
 || For His merciful kindness is great toward | us, | - :
 And the truth of the Lord endureth forever. | Praise | ye | the |
 Lord. (*Psalms 118:1; 117:1-2*)

Stand

The individual candles are re-lit during Sequence Hymn



The Service continues with the Order of Divine Service.

The Order of Divine Service

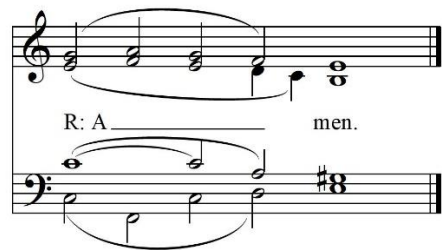
The Celebrant chants the intonation to the Gloria in Excelsis. After the Intonation, during the singing of the Gloria in Excelsis, the Church Bells are rung throughout, announcing the Resurrection of our Lord. The Service continues as usual, except there is no Creed or Offertory, and the Church Bells are also rung throughout the Sanctus. The celebration should remain somewhat subdued, reserving the prime celebration for the Easter Day Service.

The Gloria in Excelsis (Bells rung throughout) ASBH p. 10-13

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V: Let us pray. O God, Who didst enlighten this most holy night with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection: Preserve in all Thy people the spirit of adoption which Thou hast given, so that renewed in body and soul they may perform unto Thee a pure service; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



Sit

families, and kill the passover. ²² And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For Jehovah will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side-posts, Jehovah will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. ²⁴ And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever."

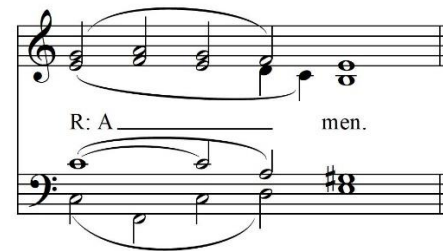
V: Here endeth the reading.

Stand

The Celebrant prays the Collect, chanting:

V: Let us pray. Gracious God, heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that through Thy Son Jesus Christ Thou hast for our good instituted the blessed Sacrament of the Holy Supper, wherein under the consecrated bread and wine He truly gives us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink for the forgiveness of our sins: And we beseech Thee, grant us Thy grace that we may at all times be truly worthy and well prepared to receive this gift, and order our lives aright, until we shall finally obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

The Congregation responds, chanting:



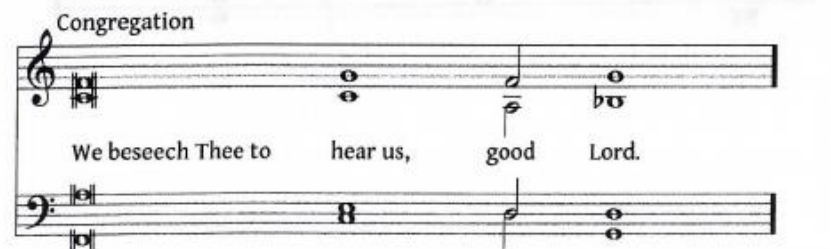
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IV. Jonah 1:1—4:11

A reading from the First through the Fourth chapters of the Prophet Jonah, beginning at the First verse:

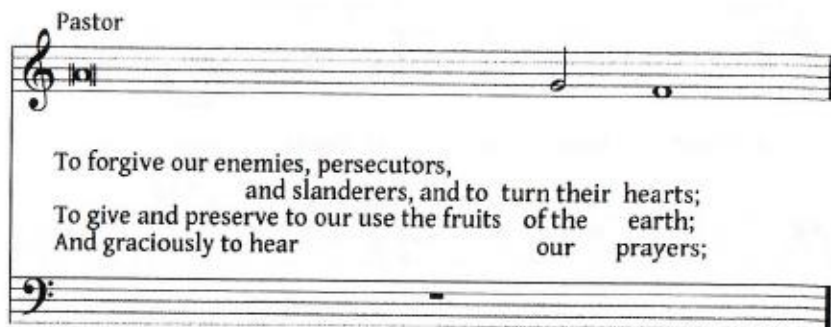
^{1:1} Now the word of Jehovah came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before Me." ³ But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of Jehovah; and he went down to

Congregation




We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor



To forgive our enemies, persecutors,
and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;
To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth;
And graciously to hear our prayers;

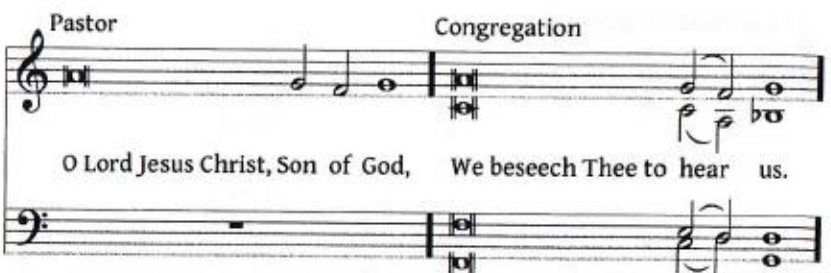
Congregation



We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor

Congregation



O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, We beseech Thee to hear us.

me about, even to the soul; The deep was round about me; The weeds were wrapped about my head. ⁶ I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; The earth with its bars closed upon me forever: Yet hast Thou brought up my life from the pit, O Jehovah my God. ⁷ When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Jehovah; And my prayer came in unto Thee, into Thy holy temple. ⁸ They that regard lying vanities forsake their own mercy. ⁹ But I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation is of Jehovah.” ¹⁰ And Jehovah spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

^{3:1} And the word of Jehovah came unto Jonah the second time, saying, ² “Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.” ³ So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of Jehovah. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city, of three days’ journey. ⁴ And Jonah began to enter into the city a day’s journey, and he cried, and said, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; and they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. ⁶ And the tidings reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he made proclamation and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, “Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, nor drink water; ⁸ but let them be covered with sackcloth, both man and beast, and let them cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knoweth whether God will not turn and repent, and turn away from His fierce anger, that we perish not?” ¹⁰ And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil which He said He would do unto them; and He did it not.

^{4:1} But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed unto Jehovah, and said, “I pray thee, O Jehovah, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I hastened to flee unto Tarshish; for I knew that Thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and repentest Thee of the evil. ³ Therefore now, O Jehovah, take, I beseech Thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And Jehovah said, “Doest thou well to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city.

⁶ And Jehovah God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his evil case. So Jonah was exceeding glad because of the gourd. ⁷ But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd, that it withered. ⁸ And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ And God said to Jonah, "Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd?" And he said, "I do well to be angry, even unto death." ¹⁰ And Jehovah said, "Thou hast had regard for the gourd, for which thou hast not labored, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: ¹¹ and should not I have regard for Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?"

V: Here endeth the reading.

Stand

The Celebrant prays the Collect, chanting:

V: Let us pray. Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

R: A men.

Sit

V. Exodus 14:24—15:21

A Reading from the Fourteenth and Fifteenth chapters of the Second Book of Moses, commonly called Exodus, beginning at the Twenty-Fourth verse:

Congregation

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor

To give to all nations peace and con - cord;
 To preserve our country from discord and con - ten - tion;
 To give to our nation perpetual victory over all its ene - mies;
 To direct and defend our President and all in au - thor - ity;
 And to bless and keep our magistrates, and all our peo - ple;

Congregation

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor

To behold and succor all who are in danger, -
 necessity, and tribu - la - tion;
 To protect all who travel by land or wa - ter;
 To preserve all women in the perils of child - birth;
 To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young chil - dren;
 To set free all who are innocently im - pris - oned;
 To defend and provide for all fatherless children and wid - ows;
 And to have mercy upon all men;

Pastor

In all time of our trib - u - la - tion;
 In all time of our pros - per - i - ty;
 In the hour of death;
 And in the Day of Judg - ment;

Congregation

Help us, good Lord.

Pastor

We poor sinners do be - seech Thee To hear us, O Lord God.

Congregation

Pastor

And to rule and govern Thy holy Chris - tian Church;
 To preserve all bishops, pastors, and deacons of
 Thy Church in the true knowledge and
 understanding of Thy Word, and in holiness of life;
 To put an end to all schisms and causes of
 of - fense;
 To bring into the way of truth all such as have
 erred, and are de - ceived;
 To beat down Satan under our feet;
 To send faithful laborers into Thy har - vest;
 To accompany Thy Word with Thy Spirit and grace;
 To raise up them that fall, and to strengthen such as do stand;
 And to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the dis - tressed;

14:24 And it came to pass in the morning watch, that Jehovah looked forth upon the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of cloud, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians. 25 And He took off their chariot wheels, and they drove them heavily; so that the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel; for Jehovah fighteth for them against the Egyptians." 26 And Jehovah said unto Moses, "Stretch out thy hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." 27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and Jehovah overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, even all the host of Pharaoh that went in after them into the sea; there remained not so much as one of them. 29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. 30 Thus Jehovah saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea-shore. 31 And Israel saw the great work which Jehovah did upon the Egyptians, and the people feared Jehovah: and they believed in Jehovah, and in His servant Moses.

15:1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto Jehovah, and spake, saying, "I will sing unto Jehovah, for He hath triumphed gloriously: The horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea. 2 Jehovah is my Strength and Song, and He is become my Salvation: This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him. 3 Jehovah is a man of war: Jehovah is His Name. 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea; And his chosen captains are sunk in the Red Sea. 5 The deeps cover them: They went down into the depths like a stone. 6 Thy right hand, O Jehovah, is glorious in power, Thy right hand, O Jehovah, dasheth in pieces the enemy. 7 And in the greatness of Thine excellency Thou overthrowest them that rise up against Thee: Thou sendest forth Thy wrath, it consumeth them as stubble. 8 And with the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were piled up, the floods stood upright as a heap; The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.' 10 Thou didst blow with Thy wind, the sea covered them: They sank as lead in the mighty waters. 11 Who is like unto Thee, O Jehovah, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? 12 Thou stretchedst out Thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. 13 Thou in

Thy lovingkindness hast led the people that Thou hast redeemed: Thou hast guided them in Thy strength to Thy holy habitation. ¹⁴ The peoples have heard, they tremble: Pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Philistia. ¹⁵ Then were the chiefs of Edom dismayed; The mighty men of Moab, trembling taketh hold upon them: All the inhabitants of Canaan are melted away. ¹⁶ Terror and dread falleth upon them; By the greatness of Thine arm they are as still as a stone; Till Thy people pass over, O Jehovah, till the people pass over that Thou hast purchased. ¹⁷ Thou wilt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Thine inheritance, the place, O Jehovah, which Thou hast made for Thee to dwell in, the sanctuary, O Lord, which Thy hands have established. ¹⁸ Jehovah shall reign forever and ever.” ¹⁹ For the horses of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and Jehovah brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel walked on dry land in the midst of the sea. ²⁰ And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. ²¹ And Miriam answered them, “Sing ye to Jehovah, for He hath triumphed gloriously; The horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.”

V: Here endeth the reading.

Stand

The Celebrant prays the Collect, chanting:

V: Let us pray. O God, of Whose wondrous works of old we feel the splendor even in our days, when Thou dost perform for the salvation of all peoples, through the water of regeneration, that which Thou didst for one people, delivering it from the Egyptian persecution by the power of Thy right hand, grant that the fullness of all the world be shared by the sons of Abraham and with the dignity of Israel; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

R: A men.

Pastor

From the crafts and as - saults of the devil;
 From sud - den and evil death;
 From pesti - lence and famine;
 From war and blood - shed;
 From se - di - tion and re - bellion;
 From light - ning and tempest;
 From all calamity by fire and wa - ter;
 And from ev - er - lasting death;

Congregation

Good Lord, de - liver us.

Pastor

By the mystery of Thy holy In - car - na - tion;
 By Thy ho - ly Na - tivity;
 By Thy Baptism, fasting, and temp - ta - tion;
 By Thine ag - ony and bloody sweat;
 By Thy cross and Pas - sion;
 By Thy precious death and burial;
 By Thy glorious Resur - rec - tion and As - cen - sion;
 And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comfort - er;

Congregation

Help us, good Lord.

Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;
Grant us Thy Ho - ly Spir - it;

Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ,
Look Thou on our in - firm - i - ty

He is a new cre - a - tion.
Thro' Je - sus' blood and mer - it.

Thro' Christ's re - demp - tion he shall stand
Grant us to grow in grace each day

knowest it all. ¹⁹ Where is the way to the dwelling of light? And as for darkness, where is the place thereof, ²⁰ that thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest discern the paths to the house thereof? ²¹ Doubtless, thou knowest, for thou wast then born, and the number of thy days is great! ²² Hast thou entered the treasuries of the snow, or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, ²³ which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? ²⁴ By what way is the light parted, or the east wind scattered upon the earth? ²⁵ Who hath cleft a channel for the waterflood, or the way for the lightning of the thunder; ²⁶ To cause it to rain on a land where no man is; On the wilderness, wherein there is no man; ²⁷ To satisfy the waste and desolate ground, and to cause the tender grass to spring forth? ²⁸ Hath the rain a father? Or who hath begotten the drops of dew?"
V: Here endeth the reading.

Stand

The Celebrant prays the Collect, chanting:

V: Let us pray. Almighty God, our great Redeemer, in the sacrifice of Thy Son Thou puttest to death our wretched flesh, and in His rising restored our life: Grant that we may always cling to Christ by faith in this life that at the last we may rejoice to stand in our own flesh and see Thee face to face; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

R: A - men.

Sit

VIII. 2 Kings 2:1-22

A Reading from the Second chapter of the Fourth Book of the Kings, commonly called Second Kings, beginning with the First verse:

¹ And it came to pass, when Jehovah would take up Elijah by a whirlwind into heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. ² And

Elijah said unto Elisha, “Tarry here, I pray thee; for Jehovah hath sent me as far as Beth-el.” And Elisha said, “As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.” So they went down to Beth-el. ³ And the sons of the prophets that were at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, “Knowest thou that Jehovah will take away thy master from thy head to-day?” And he said, “Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.” ⁴ And Elijah said unto him, “Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for Jehovah hath sent me to Jericho.” And he said, “As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵ And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came near to Elisha, and said unto him, “Knowest thou that Jehovah will take away thy master from thy head to-day?” And he answered, “Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.” ⁶ And Elijah said unto him, “Tarry here, I pray thee; for Jehovah hath sent me to the Jordan.” And he said, “As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.” And they two went on. ⁷ And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood over against them afar off: and they two stood by the Jordan. ⁸ And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. ⁹ And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for thee, before I am taken from thee.” And Elisha said, “I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.” ¹⁰ And he said, “Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.” ¹¹ And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, which parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² And Elisha saw it, and he cried, “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof!” And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. ¹³ He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, “Where is Jehovah, the God of Elijah?” and when he also had smitten the waters, they were divided hither and thither; and Elisha went over. ¹⁵ And when the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho over against him saw him, they said, “The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha.” And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. ¹⁶ And they said unto him, “Behold now, there are with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master, lest the Spirit of Jehovah hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley.” And

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. Amen.

The Celebrant continues, saying:

V: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth through water and the Holy Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

The Congregation responds, saying:

R: Amen.

The Celebrant continues, saying:

V: Peace be with you. +

The Congregation responds, saying:

R: Amen.

The Candles may be extinguished.

A Hymn is sung.

During the Hymn the Paschal Candle is now removed to its normal position. All other lights are now turned on.

Sit

Hymn

“He that Believes and is Baptized”

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181. He that Believes and is Baptized

Enhver som tror og bliver døbt
Thomas Kingo, 1689
Tr., George T. Rygh, 1909

Es ist das Heil
German melody, c. 1400

1. He that be-lieves and is bap-tized
2. With one ac-cord, O God, we pray:

Church.

I now ask thee in the presence of God and these witnesses once again:

V: Dost thou renounce the devil?

The Congregation responds, saying:

R: I do renounce him.

The Celebrant continues, saying:

V: And all his works?

The Congregation responds, saying:

R: I do renounce them.

The Celebrant continues, saying:

V: And all his ways?

The Congregation responds, saying:

R: I do renounce them.

The Celebrant continues, saying:

V: Dost thou believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

The Congregation responds, saying:

R: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues, saying:

V: Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

The Congregation responds, saying:

R: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

The Celebrant continues, saying:

V: Dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost?

The Congregation responds, saying:

R: Yes, I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, + and the life everlasting.

The Celebrant continues, saying:

V: Let us now together pray to God, as our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us:

All pray the Lord's Prayer:

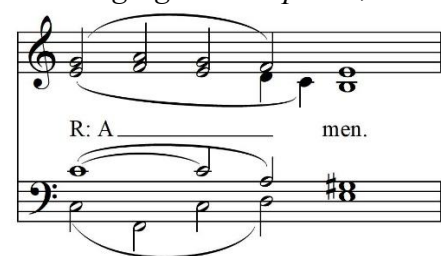
he said, "Ye shall not send." ¹⁷ And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, "Send." They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not. ¹⁸ And they came back to him, while he tarried at Jericho; and he said unto them, "Did I not say unto you, 'Go not?'" ¹⁹ And the men of the city said unto Elisha, "Behold, we pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is bad, and the land miscarrieth." ²⁰ And he said, "Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein." And they brought it to him. ²¹ And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast salt therein, and said, "Thus saith Jehovah, 'I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or miscarrying.'" ²² So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spake.
V: Here endeth the reading.

Stand

The Celebrant prays the Collect, chanting:

V: Let us pray. O Holy and Righteous God, Who hast not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, and given us our allotted season of grace: We beseech Thee, since the days are evil and because we are easily misled through the weakness of our mortal nature, impart to us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may redeem the time, accept Christ in His Word as our only Savior, walk soberly and circumspectly in this present world, give Thee praise and thanks always, and at last obtain the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

The Congregation responds, chanting:



Sit

IX. Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from the Thirty-First chapter of the Prophet Jeremiah, beginning with the Thirty-First verse:

³¹ “Behold, the days come,” saith Jehovah, “that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them,” saith Jehovah. ³³ “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” saith Jehovah: “I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people: ³⁴ and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know Jehovah;’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them,” saith Jehovah: “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.”

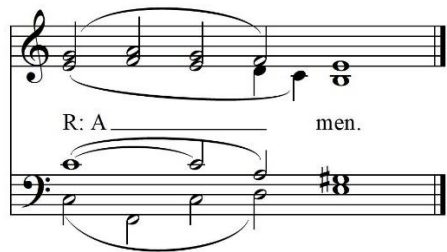
V: Here endeth the reading.

Stand

The Celebrant prays the Collect, chanting:

V: Let us pray. Almighty God, heavenly Father, Who in the last hour of time hast called us into Thy Vineyard and of Thy grace given us all manner of undeserved temporal and spiritual gifts: Grant, we beseech Thee, that, trusting only in Thy mercy, we may at all times in patience and humility render unto Thee cheerful and patient service and never murmur against Thy goodness, to the end that we may not be denied and rejected by Thee, but continue in Thy household and glorify and praise Thy marvelous grace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

The Congregation responds, chanting:



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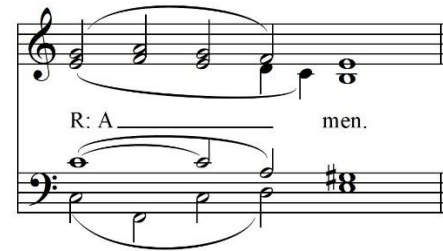
X. Joshua 1:1-9

A Reading from the First chapter of Joshua, beginning with the First

The Celebrant prays the Collect, chanting:

V: Let us pray. O God, Thy Son protected faithful Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego in the fiery furnace of the king: Grant us protection in our time of testing, that we would boldly confess Thy Name, reject all false worship, and live and die in confidence, knowing that we are safe in Thy Son, Jesus Christ; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

The Congregation responds, chanting:



The Service continues with the Service of Holy Baptism. Prior to this part of the service, everyone’s individual candles are re-lit.

The Service of Holy Baptism

The Celebrant goes to the pulpit and from there calls all to remember their Holy Baptism, saying:

In this most sacred night, my dearly beloved, holy Mother Church commemorates the death and burial of our Lord Jesus Christ. In return for His great love, she lovingly keeps watch with Him. And looking forward to His glorious resurrection, she rejoices with an exceeding joy.

But as the Apostle teaches us, we have by Holy Baptism been buried with Christ into death. As Christ, then, has risen from the dead, so we too must walk now in newness of life. For we know that our Old Adam has been crucified with Christ, that we may no longer be slaves to sin. Let us remember always that we have died to sin, but are alive in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Therefore, My beloved, having completed the penitential Lenten season, let us now proceed to renew the promises of our Holy Baptism. By these promises we once renounced Satan and all his works, as well as that world which is the enemy of God; we vowed, furthermore, to serve God faithfully in the holy Christian, and apostolic

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁶⁴ O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁶⁵ O ye that are holy and humble of heart, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁶⁶ O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever:

For He hath rescued us from hell, and saved us from the hand of death: He hath delivered us out of the midst of the furnace and burning flame, even out of the midst of the fire hath He delivered us. ⁶⁷ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:

R: For His mercy endureth forever.

⁶⁸ O all ye that worship the Lord, bless the God of gods, praise Him, and give Him thanks:

R: For His mercy endureth forever.

²⁴ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste: he spake and said unto his counselors, “Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?” They answered and said unto the king, “True, O king.” ²⁵ He answered and said, “Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the aspect of the fourth is like a son of the gods.” ²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace: he spake and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come hither.” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego came forth out of the midst of the fire. ²⁷ And the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, and the king’s counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, that the fire had no power upon their bodies, nor was the hair of their head singed, neither were their hosen changed, nor had the smell of fire passed on them. ²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar spake and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent His angel, and delivered His servants that trusted in Him, and have changed the king’s word, and have yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill; because there is no other god that is able to deliver after this sort.” ³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego in the province of Babylon.

V: Here endeth the reading.

verse:

¹ Now it came to pass after the death of Moses the servant of Jehovah, that Jehovah spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ minister, saying, ² “Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, to you have I given it, as I spake unto Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness, and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border. ⁵ There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. ⁶ Be strong and of good courage; for thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land which I swear unto their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, which Moses My servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest have good success whithersoever thou goest. ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate thereon day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. ⁹ Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for Jehovah thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

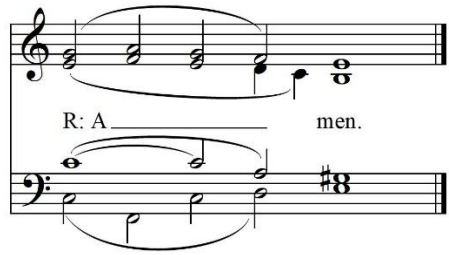
V: Here endeth the reading.

Stand

The Celebrant prays the Collect, chanting:

V: Let us pray. O Holy and Most Merciful God, Who by Thy Word hast taught us the way of Thy Commandments: We beseech Thee, pour Thy grace into our hearts, and cause it to abound in us, that, being ever mindful of Thy mercies and of Thy laws, we may always incline to Thy will and daily increase in love toward Thee and toward one another. Enable us to flee all ungodliness and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Grant that in all things we may follow the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and walk in His steps, until we shall inherit the kingdom which He hath prepared for us in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

The Congregation responds, chanting:



Sit

XI. Ezekiel 37:1-14

A Reading from the Thirty-Seventh chapter of the Prophet Ezekiel, beginning at the First verse:

¹ The hand of Jehovah was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of Jehovah, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. ² And He caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. ³ And He said unto me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord Jehovah, Thou knowest." ⁴ Again He said unto me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say unto them, 'O ye dry bones, hear the word of Jehovah.' ⁵ Thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto these bones: "Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah." ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and, behold, an earthquake; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I beheld, and, lo, there were sinews upon them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then said He unto me, "Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, 'Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: "Come from the four winds, O Breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."' ¹⁰ So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the Breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. ¹¹ Then He said unto me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say unto them, 'Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: "Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And ye shall know that I am Jehovah,

⁴¹ O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁴² O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever

⁴³ O all ye winds, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁴⁴ O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁴⁷ O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁴⁸ O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

O ye cold and heat, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁵⁰ O ye frost and snow, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁵¹ O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁵² O let the earth bless the Lord:

R: Let it praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁵³ O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁵⁴ O all ye things that grow on the earth, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁵⁵ O sea and rivers, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁵⁶ O ye fountains, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁵⁷ O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁵⁸ O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁵⁹ O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁶⁰ O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁶¹ O let Israel bless the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁶² O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁶³ O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

face. ¹⁹ Put us not to shame: but deal with us after Thy kindness, and according to the multitude of Thy mercy. ²⁰ Deliver us also according to Thy marvelous works, and give glory to Thy Name, O Lord: and let all them that do Thy servants hurt be confounded; ²¹ and let them be ashamed of all their power and might, and let their strength be broken; ²² and let them know that Thou art the Lord, the only God, and glorious over the whole world.” ²³ And the king’s servants, that put them in, ceased not to make the furnace hot with naphtha, pitch, tow, and small wood; ²⁴ so that the flame streamed forth above the furnace forty and nine cubits. ²⁵ And it spread, and burned those Chaldeans whom it found about the furnace. ²⁶ But the angel of the Lord came down into the furnace together with Azarias and his fellows, and he smote the flame of the fire out of the furnace; ²⁷ and made the midst of the furnace as it had been a moist whistling wind, so that the fire touched them not at all, neither hurt nor troubled them. ²⁸ Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, and glorified, and blessed God in the furnace, saying, ²⁹ “Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Thou God of our fathers:

R: And to be praised and exalted above all forever.

³⁰ And blessed is Thy glorious and holy Name:

R: And to be praised and exalted above all forever.

³¹ Blessed art Thou in the temple of Thine holy glory:

R: And to be praised and glorified above all forever.

³² Blessed art Thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the Cherubim:

R: And to be praised and exalted above all forever.

³³ Blessed art Thou on the throne of Thy kingdom:

R: And to be praised and extoled above all forever.

³⁴ Blessed art Thou in the firmament of heaven:

R: And to be praised and glorified forever.

³⁵ O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

³⁶ O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

³⁷ O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

³⁸ O all ye waters that be above the heaven, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

³⁹ O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

⁴⁰ O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord:

R: Praise and exalt Him above all forever.

when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves, O My people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land: and ye shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken it and performed it,” saith Jehovah.”

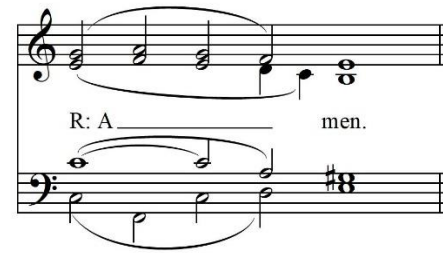
V: Here endeth the reading.

Stand

The Celebrant prays the Collect, chanting:

V: Let us pray. Almighty and Everlasting God, in the miracle of Easter Thou raised Thy Son for our justification: Grant that all who are brought to new birth and newness of life in the fellowship of the Body of Christ may show forth in their lives what they confess with their lips; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

The Congregation responds, chanting:



Remain standing

XII. Daniel 3:1-99 (LXX)

A Reading from the Third chapter of the Prophet Daniel, and the Song of the Three Holy Children, beginning with the First verse:

¹ Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. ² Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. ³ Then the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁴ Then the herald cried aloud, “To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations,

and languages, ⁵ that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up; ⁶ and whoso falleth not down and worshipeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.” ⁷ Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. ⁸ Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and brought accusation against the Jews. ⁹ They answered and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king, “O king, live forever. ¹⁰ Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image; ¹¹ and whoso falleth not down and worshipeth, shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. ¹² There are certain Jews whom thou hast appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.” ¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said unto them, “Is it of purpose, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that ye serve not my god, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made, well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that god that shall deliver you out of my hands?” ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer thee in this matter. ¹⁷ If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of thy hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.” ¹⁹ Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be heated. ²⁰ And he commanded certain mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹ Then these men were bound

in their hosen, their tunics, and their mantles, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. ²² Therefore because the king’s commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. ²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

¹ And they walked in the midst of the fire, praising God, and blessing the Lord. ² Then Azarias stood, and prayed on this manner; and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire said, ³ “Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Thou God of our fathers, and worthy to be praised; and Thy Name is glorified forevermore: ⁴ For Thou art righteous in all the things that Thou hast done: yea, true are all Thy works, and Thy ways are right, and all Thy judgements truth. ⁵ In all the things that Thou hast brought upon us, and upon the holy city of our fathers, even Jerusalem, Thou hast executed true judgements: for according to truth and justice hast Thou brought all these things upon us because of our sins. ⁶ For we have sinned and committed iniquity, in departing from Thee. ⁷ In all things have we trespassed, and not obeyed Thy commandments, nor kept them, neither done as Thou hast commanded us, that it might go well with us. ⁸ Wherefore all that Thou hast brought upon us, and everything that Thou hast done to us, Thou hast done in true judgement. ⁹ And Thou didst deliver us into the hands of lawless enemies, and most hateful forsakers of God, and to an unjust king, and the most wicked in all the world. ¹⁰ And now we cannot open our mouth; shame and reproach have befallen Thy servants, and them that worship Thee. ¹¹ Deliver us not up utterly, for Thy Name’s sake, neither disannul Thou Thy covenant: ¹² and cause not Thy mercy to depart from us, for the sake of Abraham that is beloved of Thee, and for the sake of Isaac Thy servant, and Israel Thy holy one; ¹³ to whom Thou didst promise, that Thou wouldest multiply their seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that is upon the sea shore. ¹⁴ For we, O Lord, are become less than any nation, and be kept under this day in all the world because of our sins. ¹⁵ Neither is there at this time prince, or prophet, or leader, or burnt offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense, or place to offer before Thee, and to find mercy. ¹⁶ Nevertheless in a contrite heart and a humble spirit let us be accepted; ¹⁷ like as in the burnt offerings of rams and bullocks, and like as in ten thousands of fat lambs; so let our sacrifice be in Thy sight this day, and grant that we may wholly go after Thee, for they shall not be ashamed that put their trust in Thee. ¹⁸ And now we follow Thee with all our heart, we fear Thee, and seek Thy