

**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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

*St. Matthew 28:6*

# Easter Vigil Service

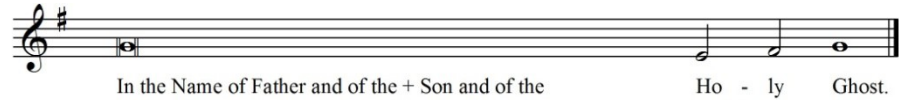
## The Service of Light

*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.*

### The Invocation

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



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

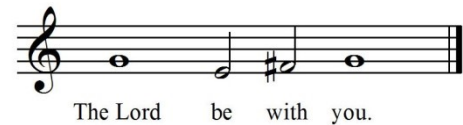
*And the Congregation responds, chanting:*



A - - - - - men.

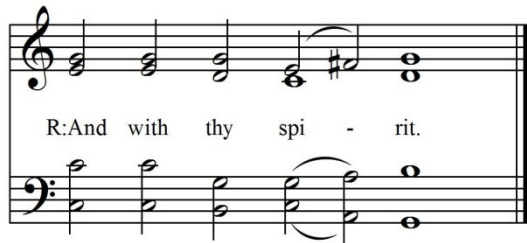
### The Salutation

*The Celebrant chants the Salutation:*



The Lord be with you.

*The Congregation responds, chanting:*



R:And with thy spi - rit.

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

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! Amen.

# Ere Yet the Dawn Hath Filled the Skies

Lutheran Hymnary #335

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

hold my Sav - ior Christ a - rise, He  
 is the foe Thou canst not quell? What  
 know He loves me, and am glad: Though  
 when I die His an - gel sends To

chas - eth from us sin and night, And  
 heav - y stone Thou canst not roll From  
 all the world were dead to me, E -  
 bear me whi - ther He is gone, For

brings us joy and life and light. Hal -  
 oft the pri - soned, suff' - ring soul! Hal -  
 nough, O Christ, if I have Thee! Hal -  
 of His own He los - eth none. Hal -

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

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!

*The Celebrant traces the vertical line of the cross with a stylus, 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 place 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, holy (nail one)

V: 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:*



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:*

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.*

**April 19<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of Philip Melanchthon, Confessor**

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 4:1-8

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 5:13-19

**April 24<sup>th</sup>—Quasi modo geniti**

**Epistle:** 1 John 5:4-10

**Gospel:** St. John 20:19-31

**In Our Prayers:**

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Katie, Dan, Judy Horn, Patricia Bachand, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Rev. Mark Mueller, John Burton, Paul Meadows, Barb Eisold, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, William Noegel, Bruce Carter, Ed Payne, James Hagen, Doug DiBiase, and Vito Gerardi.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Charity Ev. Lutheran Church, Burlison, TX;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Kent Heimbigner.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson* and *Jacob Henson.*
- For our catechumens, especially *Nikolas Likourentzos.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, especially, *Ana Heiser, Nikolas Likourentzos, Deacon Smithey, Sherrill Smithey, Bobby Eisold, Barb Eisold,* and *Bob Eisold.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred* and *John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Nicholas Silva.*
- For peace in Ukraine.
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

*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.

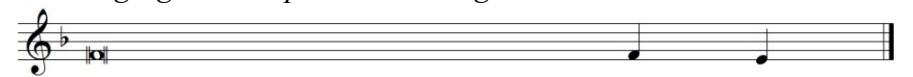
*The Celebrant lights his Candle from the Paschal Candle.*

*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.

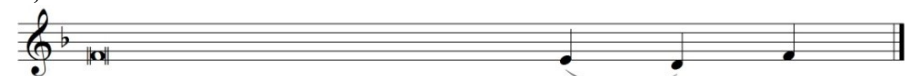
*The Congregation responds, chanting:*



R: Thanks be to God.

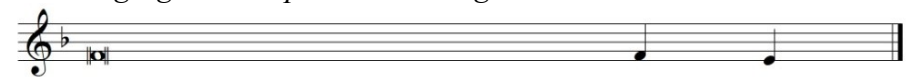
*The other Ministers light their Candles from the Celebrant's Candle.*

*When the Candle bearer arrives at the entrance to the Chancel, he turns to face the congregation. The Congregation takes their place in their pews as the Procession passes their seats. After all have reached their places, 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.

*Everyone else lights their Candles.*



*All the Candles in the Nave and Chancel are lit, but all the electric lights still 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 - joice, 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 poured up - on you  
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,  
let all this house of God ring out with re - joic - ing,

### **ELDoNA Family Camp 2022**

St. Patrick Ev. Lutheran Church, Chipley, FL will be hosting the 2022 ELDoNA Family Camp the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The campers will be housed and accommodated at Surfside Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, FL. Their website is [surfsideretreat.org](http://surfsideretreat.org) if you want to see more information. The cost for the entire week will be \$156 per person plus \$30 for food per person.

### **An Excerpt from Luther's Writings**

“This is the meaning of the words by St. Paul, “Christ was raised for our justification.” Here Paul turns my eyes away from my sins and directs them to Christ, for if I look at my sins, they will destroy me. Therefore, I must look unto Christ Who has taken my sins upon Himself, crushed the head of the Serpent and become the blessing. Now they no longer burden my conscience, but rest upon Christ, Whom they desire to destroy. Let us see how they treat Him. They hurl Him to the ground and kill Him. O God; where is now my Christ and my Savior? But then God appears, delivers Christ and makes Him alive; and not only does He make Him alive, but He translates Him into Heaven and lets Him rule over all. What has now become of sin? There it lies under His feet. If I then cling to this, I have a cheerful conscience like Christ, because I am without sin. Now I can defy death, the devil, sin and Hell to do me any harm. As I am a child of Adam, they can indeed accomplish it that I must die. But since Christ has taken my sins upon Himself, has died for them, has suffered Himself to be slain on account of my sins, they can no longer harm me; for Christ is too strong for them, they cannot keep Him, He breaks forth and overpowers them, ascends into Heaven, and rules there over all throughout eternity. Now I have a clear conscience, am joyful and happy and am no longer afraid of this tyrant, for Christ has taken my sins away from me and made them His own.” *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Easter from the mid-1520s.*

### **To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:**

#### **Today— The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord**

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

**Gospel:** St. Mark 16:1-8

#### **April 18<sup>th</sup>—Easter Monday**

**Epistle:** Acts 10:34-41

**Gospel:** St. Luke 24:13-35

## Hymns for the Week:

**Morning:** TLH 195—"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

**Evening:** TLH 191—"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

## Calendar for Holy Week

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

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

**Monday: Easter Monday—White**

*Tax Day*

6:30 p.m. Private confession

7:00 p.m. Divine Service

**Tuesday: The Festival of Philip Melancthon, Confessor—White**

**Wednesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Thursday:** No Events Scheduled

**Friday:** *Earth Day*

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: Quasi modo geniti—White**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible class

Pastor Dulas leaves for ELDoNA Synod and  
Colloquium

## 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](http://eldona.org). There are also printed copies in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

## Ask the Pastor

The Rev. Joshua Sullivan of Holy Cross Ev. Luth. Church, Kerrville, TX puts out weekly videos dealing with a wide range of theological topics. Please check them out and subscribe to be notified when a new one is published at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ATPHolyCross>.

## ELDoNA 2022 Synod and Colloquium

This year's synod and colloquium is scheduled to be held at Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Malone, TX April 25<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend, please speak with Pastor Dulas.

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\_\_\_ spi - rit.

*The Celebrant continues chanting:*

Lift up your\_\_\_ hearts.

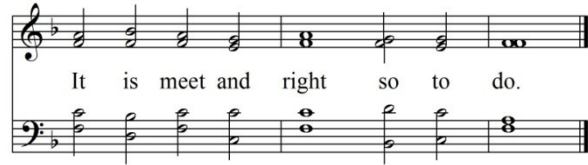
*The Congregation responds, chanting:*

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:*



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 all our heart and mind and voice, praise Thee,  
O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God,  
and Thy 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,  
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!

## Announcements

### Daily Readings for the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

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

### Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

|                   | Morning                  | Evening            |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Today:</b>     | Psalms 2, 57, 111, 84-85 | Ps. 113-114, 86-88 |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | Psalms 16, 89            | Psalms 30, 90-92   |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Psalms 16, 93-95         | Psalms 30, 96-100  |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Psalms 16, 101-102       | Psalms 30, 103-104 |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Psalms 16, 105           | Psalms 30, 106     |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Psalms 16, 107           | Psalms 30, 108-111 |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Psalms 16, 112-115       | Psalms 21, 116-118 |

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Monday:</b>   | The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XI.1-12   |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>  | The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XII.1-27  |
| <b>Wed.:</b>     | The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XII.28-43 |
| <b>Thursday:</b> | The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XII.44-58 |
| <b>Friday:</b>   | The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XII.59-67 |

### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

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



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! Amen.

**The Salutation**  
**The Benedicamus**  
**The Benediction**

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*The candles may be extinguished*

*Sit*  
**The Postlude**      *“Christus ist erstanden”*      Samuel Scheidt

### Announcements

*LSBH = Lutheran Service Book and Hymnal. It is the name of the upcoming ELDoNA hymnal currently in development.*

This is the night when Christ - ians ev ery - where,  
washed clean of sin and freed from all de - file - ment,  
are restored to grace and grow together in ho - li - ness.  
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 blessed 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 away, restores lost innocence, brings mourn - ers joy;  
it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and hum - bles earth - ly pride.

Night truly blessed when Christ triumphed over the grave and won reconciliation with God!

Therefore, Heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our sacrifice of praise,

Thy Church's solemn confession of faith. Accept this Paschal Candle,

a symbol of the light of Christ among His saints,

a pillar of fire that glows among the people of God.

Let it mingle with the lights of Heaven and continue bravely burning -

to dispel the darkness of this world!

May the Morning Star which has risen find this flame still burning when He comes.

Christ, that Morning Star, Who came back from the dead,

and shed His peaceful light on all mankind,

Thy Son, Who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost,

ever one God, world without end.

P: || Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord | God | Al- | might-  
| y: \*

C: Just and true are Thy | ways, | Thou | King | of | saints.

P: || Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glori- | fy | Thy | Name? | - \*

C: For Thou | on- | ly | art | ho- | ly.

P: || Praise our God, all | ye | His | ser- | vants: \*

C: And ye that fear | Him, | both | small | and | great.

P: || Alleluia! For the Lord God Omni- | po- | tent | reign- | eth: \*

C: Alleluia! Al- | le- | lu- | ia! | A- | men.

## The Thanksgiving

### The Post-Communion Collect

**The Hymn** “*Ere Yet the Dawn Hath Filled the Skies*”  
(*Music on Inside Back Cover*).

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1. Ere yet the dawn hath filled the skies,  
Behold my Savior Christ arise;  
He chaseth from us sin and night  
And brings us joy and life and light.  
Hallelujah!

2. O stronger Thou than death and Hell,  
Where is the foe Thou canst not quell?  
What heavy stone Thou canst not roll  
From off the prisoned, suffering soul!  
Hallelujah!

3. If Jesus lives, can I be sad?  
I know He loves me and am glad:  
Though all the world were dead to me,  
Enough, O Christ, if I have Thee!  
Hallelujah!

4. He feeds me, comforts and defends,  
And when I die, His angel sends  
To bear me whither He is gone,  
For of His own He loseth none.  
Hallelujah!

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

Concealed in earthly bread and wine.

2. This world is loveless,—but above,  
What wondrous boundlessness of love!  
The King of Glory stoops to me  
My spirit's life and strength to be.

3. In consecrated wine and bread  
No eye perceives the myst'ry dread;  
But Jesus' word is strong and clear:  
“My body and My blood are here.”

4. How dull are all the pow'rs of sense  
Employed on proofs of love immense!  
The richest food remains unseen,  
And highest gifts appear—how mean!

5. But here we have no boon on Earth,  
And faith alone discerns its worth.  
The Word, not sense, must be our guide,  
And faith assure since sight's denied.

6. Lord, show us still that Thou art good  
And grant us evermore this food.  
Give faith to every wavering soul  
And make each wounded spirit whole. Amen.

*Stand*

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



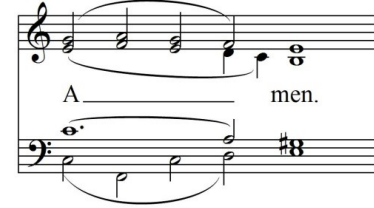
P: WOR- **THY** - || is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches | and | wis- | dom: \*

C: And strength and honor and | glo- | ry | and | bless- | ing.  
Hallelujah!

P: || Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth up- | on | the | throne: | - \*

C: And unto the Lamb for- | ev- | er | and | ev- | er.

*The Congregation responds, chanting:*



*Sit*

*All may extinguish their candles here.*

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

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. <sup>6</sup> Then God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> Thus 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. <sup>8</sup> And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day. <sup>9</sup> Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. <sup>10</sup> And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called

Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. <sup>12</sup> And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> So the evening and the morning were the third day. <sup>14</sup> Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; <sup>15</sup> and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. <sup>16</sup> Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. <sup>20</sup> Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup> So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind”; and it was so. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup> And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. <sup>30</sup> Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is

*Sit—The candles are re-lit during the Hymn. During the Hymn the Celebrant dons a Chasuble and prepares the altar for Holy Communion.*

**The Hymn** “Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” TLH 204

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath bro’t His Israel Into joy from sadness.

‘Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst His prison  
And from three days’ sleep in death As a sun hath risen.

2. All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to Whom we give Laud and praise undying.  
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb’s dark portal  
Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold Thee as a mortal.

3. But today amidst Thine own Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That Thy peace which evermore Passeth human knowing.  
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath bro’t His Israel Into joy from sadness. Amen.

*Stand*

**The Exhortation**

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**The Lavabo**

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*(The Pastor washes his hands while silently praying Psalm 26. The congregation joins in silent prayer reflecting upon the Sacrament they are about to receive. Prayers are located on back cover.)*

**The Preface**

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**The Proper Preface**

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**The Sanctus and Benedictus** *(The Bell is Rung throughout)* TLH p. 26

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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**Verba Domini** *(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)* TLH p. 27

**The Pax Domini** *(All may bow and cross themselves)* TLH p. 27

**The Agnus Dei** *(All may kneel)* TLH p. 28

*Sit*

**The Distribution** *(Prayers are located on back cover.)*

**The Hymn** “An Awe-full Mystery Is Here” TLH 304

1. An awe-full mystery is here  
To challenge faith and waken fear:  
The Savior comes as food divine,

Hallelujah!

3. He Who bore all pain and loss  
Comfortless upon the cross  
Lives in glory now on high,  
Pleads for us and hears our cry:  
Hallelujah!

4. He Whose path no records tell  
Hath descended into Hell;  
He the strong man armed hath bound  
And in highest Heav'n is crowned.  
Hallelujah!

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 forgiven,  
How we, too, may enter Heaven.  
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! Amen.

*Prior to the Sermon the Celebrant removes his Cope.*

**The Sermon**

*He Is Risen from the Dead*

*Stand*

**The General Prayer**

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life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. <sup>31</sup> Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. <sup>4</sup> This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup> before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; <sup>6</sup> but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. <sup>8</sup> The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. <sup>10</sup> Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup> And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates. <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." <sup>18</sup> And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." <sup>19</sup> Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. <sup>22</sup> Then the rib



which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> And Adam 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.” <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. <sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. <sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” <sup>12</sup> Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” <sup>16</sup> To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” <sup>17</sup> Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: Cursed is the

### The Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 28:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. <sup>7</sup> And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

*Sit—The candles may be extinguished*

### The Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Ris’n Again”

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1. Christ the Lord is ris’n again;  
Christ has broken death’s strong chain.  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
Singing evermore on high:  
Hallelujah!

2. He Who gave for us His life,  
Who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb today.  
We, too, sing for joy and say:

## The Sequence Hymn "The Alleluiatic Sequence"

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 blessed 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!

ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.  
<sup>18</sup> Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. <sup>19</sup> In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; For dust you are, and to dust you shall return.” <sup>20</sup> And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—<sup>23</sup> therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to 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:*

A - - - - - men.

*Sit*

## II. Genesis 22:1-18

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

<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>2</sup> Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of

the mountains of which I shall tell you.”<sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.<sup>4</sup> Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.<sup>5</sup> And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”<sup>6</sup> So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.<sup>7</sup> But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”<sup>8</sup> And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.<sup>9</sup> Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.<sup>10</sup> And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.<sup>11</sup> But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.”<sup>12</sup> And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”<sup>13</sup> Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.<sup>14</sup> And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”<sup>15</sup> Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,<sup>16</sup> and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—<sup>17</sup> blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.<sup>18</sup> In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have 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

### **The Collect of the Day**

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.

**R: Amen.**

*Sit*

### **The Epistle**

Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup> If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

### **Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)**



P: || Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is | good! | - \*

For His mercy en- | dures | for- | ev- | er.

P: || Praise the Lord, all you | Gen- | tiles! \*

Laud Him, | all | you | peo- | ples!

P: || For His merciful kindness is great toward | us, | - \*

And the truth of the Lord en- | dures | for- | ev- | er. (*Psalms 118:1; 117:1-2*)

*Stand—The individual candles are re-lit during Sequence Hymn*

V:

R:

O Christ,  
O Lord,  
O Christ,

Hear Thou us.  
Have mercy up - on us.  
Have mercy up - on us.

**Minister and Congregation:**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. A - men.

*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 are rung throughout*)  
**The Salutation**

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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:*

A - men.

*Sit*

**III. Exodus 12:1-24**

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

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. <sup>3</sup> Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup> And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup> ‘Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. <sup>7</sup> And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. <sup>8</sup> Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. <sup>10</sup> You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. <sup>11</sup> And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. <sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass



over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup> So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. <sup>15</sup> Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. <sup>16</sup> On the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but that which everyone must eat—that only may be prepared by you. <sup>17</sup> So you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance. <sup>18</sup> In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. <sup>19</sup> For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or a native of the land. <sup>20</sup> You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.” <sup>21</sup> Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup> And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. <sup>23</sup> For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. <sup>24</sup> And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your 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

V:



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



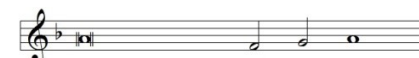
To forgive our enemies,  
persecutors, and slanderers their hearts;  
and to turn  
To give and preserve to our the earth;  
use the fruits of the earth;  
And graciously to hear our prayers:



O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,



O Lamb of God, that  
takest away the sin of the world,

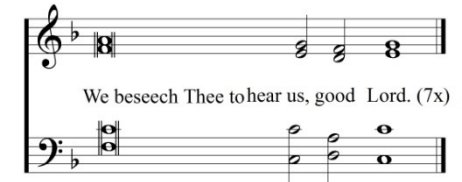


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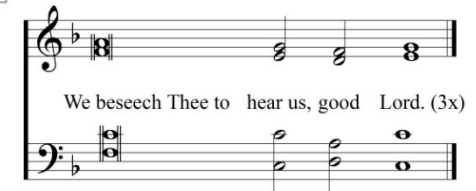


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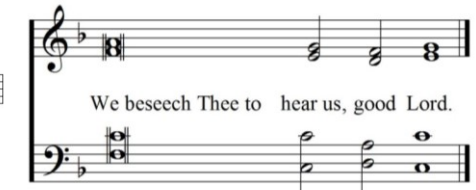
R:



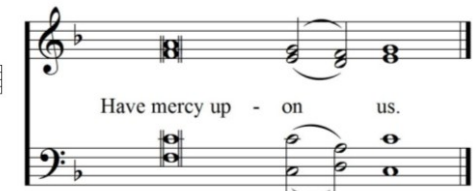
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. (7x)



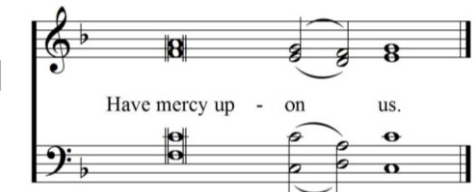
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. (3x)



We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.



Have mercy up - on us.



Have mercy up - on us.



Grant us Thy peace.



V:

By the mystery of Thy holy In - car - nation;  
 By Thy ho - ly Na - tivity;  
 By Thy baptism, and temp - tation;  
 By Thine agony and blood - y sweat;  
 By Thy cross and Passion;  
 By Thy precious death and burial;  
 By Thy glorious res - urrection and as - cension;  
 And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:

In all time of our trib - u - lation;  
 In all time of our pros - perity;  
 In the hour of death;  
 And in the day of Judgment:

We poor sinners do be - seech Thee

And to rule and govern Thy holy Chris - tian Church;  
 To preserve all pastors and ministers 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 harvest;  
 To accompany Thy Word and grace;  
 To raise up them that fall and to strengthen such as do stand;  
 And to comfort and help the weakhearted and the dis - tressed;

To give all nations peace and con - cord;  
 To preserve our country from ten - tion;  
 To give our nation perpetual vic - tory over all its ene - mies;  
 To direct and defend our Pres - ident and all in au - thor - ity;  
 And to bless and keep our magistrates and all our peo - ple:

R:

Help us, good Lord. (8x)

Help us, good Lord. (4x)

To hear us, O Lord God,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. (9x)

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. (5x)

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:*

A - men.

*Sit*

#### IV. Jonah 1:1—4:11

A reading of the Prophet Jonah, beginning at the First verse:

<sup>1:1</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,  
<sup>2</sup> “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.” <sup>3</sup> But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> But the LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. <sup>5</sup> Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load. But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup> So the captain came to him, and said to him, “What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish.” <sup>7</sup> And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup> Then they said to him, “Please tell us! For whose cause is this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” <sup>9</sup> So he said to them, “I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” <sup>10</sup> Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, “Why have you done this?” For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. <sup>11</sup> Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?”—for the sea was growing more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup> And he said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me.” <sup>13</sup>

Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore they cried out to the LORD and said, “We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man’s life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You.” <sup>15</sup> So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup> Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and took vows. <sup>17</sup> Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

<sup>2:1</sup> Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish’s belly. <sup>2</sup> And he said: “I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, and He answered me out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and You heard my voice. <sup>3</sup> For You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me. <sup>4</sup> Then I said, ‘I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.’ <sup>5</sup> The waters surrounded me, even to my soul; The deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped around my head. <sup>6</sup> I went down to the moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars closed behind me forever; Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, my God. <sup>7</sup> When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; And my prayer went up to You, into Your holy temple. <sup>8</sup> Those who regard worthless idols forsake their own mercy. <sup>9</sup> But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.” <sup>10</sup> So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent. <sup>4</sup> And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day’s walk. Then he cried out and said, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup> So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. <sup>6</sup> Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup> And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. <sup>8</sup> But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and

Thro’ Christ’s redemption he shall stand Among the glorious heav’nly band Of ev’ry tribe and nation.

2. With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Thy Holy Spirit; Look Thou on our infirmity Thro’ Jesus’ Blood and merit. Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this Sacrament we may Eternal life inherit. Amen.

*The Service continues with the Litany.*

*The Litany serves as both the Introit and Kyrie for the Divine Service.*

*Stand*

**The Litany**

V:

1 O Lord,  
2 O Christ,  
3 O Lord,  
4 O Christ,

5 O God the Fa ther in heaven,  
6 O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
7 O God the Ho - ly Ghost,

1 Be gra - cious un - to us.  
2 Be gra - cious un - to us.

From all sin;  
From all error;  
From all evil:

From the crafts and assaults of the devil;  
From sudden and e - vil death;  
From pesti - lence and famine;  
From war - lence and bloodshed;  
From se - dition and re - bellion;  
From light - ning and tempest;  
From all ca - lamity by fire and water;  
And from ever - last - ing death:

R:

1 Have mercy up - on us.  
2 Have mercy up - on us.  
3 Have mercy up - on us.  
4 Hear Thou us.

5 Have mercy up - on us.  
6 Have mercy up - on us.  
7 Have mercy up - on us.

1 Spare us, good Lord.  
2 Help us, good Lord.

Good Lord, de - liv - er us. (3x)

Good Lord, de - liv - er us. (8x)

Thy King - dom come, Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
And for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;  
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, + But de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry,  
for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

*The Celebrant continues, saying:*

V: And may 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" TLH 301

1. He that believes and is baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ, He is a new creation.

from the violence that is in his hands. <sup>9</sup> Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish? <sup>10</sup> Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup> But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. <sup>3</sup> Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!" <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup> So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city. There he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant. <sup>7</sup> But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it so damaged the plant that it withered. <sup>8</sup> And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup> Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "It is right for me to be angry, even to death!" <sup>10</sup> But the LORD said, "You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?"

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:*



*Sit*

### **V. Exodus 14:24—15:21**

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

<sup>14:24</sup> Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. <sup>25</sup> And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.” <sup>26</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen.” <sup>27</sup> And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup> Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>30</sup> So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

<sup>15:1</sup> Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: “I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father’s God, and I will exalt Him. <sup>3</sup> The LORD is a man of war; The LORD is His name. <sup>4</sup> Pharaoh’s chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup> The depths have covered them; They sank

V: Do you 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: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

*The Congregation responds, saying:*

**R: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth.**

*The Celebrant continues, saying:*

V: Do you 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: Do you 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:*



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:*



*Sit*

*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 catholic, and apostolic Church.

And therefore I ask thee once again:

to the bottom like a stone. <sup>6</sup> Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces. <sup>7</sup> And in the greatness of Your excellence You have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath; It consumed them like stubble. <sup>8</sup> And with the blast of Your nostrils the waters were gathered together; The floods stood upright like a heap; The depths congealed in the heart of the sea. <sup>9</sup> The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be satisfied on them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.' <sup>10</sup> You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them; They sank like lead in the mighty waters. <sup>11</sup> Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? <sup>12</sup> You stretched out Your right hand; The earth swallowed them. <sup>13</sup> You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation. <sup>14</sup> The people will hear and be afraid; Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia. <sup>15</sup> Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; The mighty men of Moab, trembling will take hold of them; All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away. <sup>16</sup> Fear and dread will fall on them; By the greatness of Your arm they will be as still as a stone, till Your people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over Whom You have purchased. <sup>17</sup> You will bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your own dwelling, the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established. <sup>18</sup> The LORD shall reign forever and ever." <sup>19</sup> For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them. But the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea. <sup>20</sup> Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. <sup>21</sup> And Miriam answered them: "Sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has 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:*



*Sit*

## **VI. Isaiah 60:1-13**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, the Sixtieth chapter, beginning with the First verse:

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup> The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD. <sup>7</sup> All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; They shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, and I will glorify the house of My glory. <sup>8</sup> Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their roosts? <sup>9</sup> Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish will come first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you. <sup>10</sup> The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, but in My favor I have had mercy on you. <sup>11</sup> Therefore your gates shall be open continually; They shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, and their kings in procession. <sup>12</sup> For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you

Death, and delivered us out of the midst of the furnace and burning flame:

**R: Even out of the midst of the fire hath He delivered us.**

<sup>91</sup> O give thanks unto the Lord, because He is gracious:

**R: For His mercy endureth forever.**

<sup>92</sup> O all ye that worship the Lord, bless the God of gods, praise Him, and give Him thanks:

**R: For His mercy endureth forever”.**

<sup>93</sup> And Nebuchadnezzar heard them singing praises; and he wondered, and rose up in haste, and said to his nobles, “Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?” And they said to the king, “Yes, O king”. <sup>94</sup> And the king said, “But I see four men loose, and walking in the midst of the fire, and there has no harm happened to them; and the appearance of the fourth is like the Son of God”. <sup>95</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar drew near to the door of the burning fiery furnace, and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the Most High God, proceed forth, and come hither”. So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth out of the midst of the fire. <sup>96</sup> Then were assembled the satraps, and captains, and heads of provinces, and the royal princes; and they saw the men, and perceived that the fire had not had power against their bodies, and the hair of their head was not burnt, and their coats were not scorched, nor was the smell of fire upon them.

<sup>97</sup> And king Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, Who has sent His angel, and delivered his servants, because they trusted in Him; and they have changed the king’s word, and delivered their bodies to be burnt, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. <sup>98</sup> Wherefore I publish a decree: ‘Every people, tribe, or language, that shall speak reproachfully against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego shall be destroyed, and their houses shall be plundered’: because there is no other God Who shall be able to deliver thus”. <sup>99</sup> Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon, and advanced them, and gave them authority to rule over all the Jews who were in his kingdom. (KJV)

V: Here endeth the reading.

*Stand*

*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

<sup>71</sup> O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Bless and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>72</sup> O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>73</sup> O ye ice and cold, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>74</sup> O ye frost and snow, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>75</sup> O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>76</sup> O let the earth bless the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>77</sup> O ye mountains and little hills, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>78</sup> O all ye things that grow in the earth, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>79</sup> O ye mountains, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>80</sup> O ye seas and rivers, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>81</sup> O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>82</sup> O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>83</sup> O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>84</sup> O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>85</sup> O Israel, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>86</sup> O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>87</sup> O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>88</sup> O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>89</sup> O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>90</sup> O Ananias, Azariah, and Misael, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever:**

Far He hath delivered us from Hell, and saved us from the hand of

shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined. <sup>13</sup> The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the pine, and the box tree together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; And I will make the place of My feet glorious.

V: Here endeth the reading.

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*The Celebrant prays the Collect, chanting:*

V: Let us pray. Almighty and Most Merciful God, Who didst in the beginning create the light, and in the fullness of the time didst give Thine Only-Begotten Son to be unto the end of the world the true Light of men, we beseech Thee, so to illumine our hearts with the beams of Thy grace that we may walk in Thy light as children of light and be made partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; 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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**VII. Job 38:1-28.**

A Reading from the Book of Job, the Thirty-Eighth chapter, beginning with the First verse:

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: <sup>2</sup> “Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup> Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. <sup>4</sup> Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup> Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth and issued from the womb; <sup>9</sup> When I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band; <sup>10</sup> When I fixed My limit for it, and set bars and doors; <sup>11</sup> When I said, ‘This far you may come, but no farther, and here your proud waves

must stop!’<sup>12</sup> Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place,<sup>13</sup> that it might take hold of the ends of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?<sup>14</sup> It takes on form like clay under a seal, and stands out like a garment.<sup>15</sup> From the wicked their light is withheld, and the upraised arm is broken.<sup>16</sup> Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths?<sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death?<sup>18</sup> Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this.<sup>19</sup> Where is the way to the dwelling of light? And darkness, where is its place,<sup>20</sup> that you may take it to its territory, that you may know the paths to its home?<sup>21</sup> Do you know it, because you were born then, or because the number of your days is great?<sup>22</sup> Have you entered the treasury of snow, or have you seen the treasury of hail,<sup>23</sup> which I have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war?<sup>24</sup> By what way is light diffused, or the east wind scattered over the earth?<sup>25</sup> Who has divided a channel for the overflowing water, or a path for the thunderbolt,<sup>26</sup> to cause it to rain on a land where there is no one, a wilderness in which there is no man;<sup>27</sup> To satisfy the desolate waste, and cause to spring forth the growth of tender grass?<sup>28</sup> Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of dew?”

V: Here endeth the reading.

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*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:*



the fire out of the oven;<sup>51</sup> 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.<sup>52</sup> Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, glorified, and blessed, God in the furnace, saying,

<sup>53</sup> “Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers:

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

<sup>54</sup> And blessed is Thy glorious and holy Name:

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

<sup>55</sup> Blessed art Thou in the temple of Thine holy glory:

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

<sup>56</sup> Blessed art Thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the cherubims:

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

<sup>57</sup> Blessed art Thou on the glorious throne of Thy Kingdom:

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

<sup>58</sup> Blessed art Thou in the firmament of Heaven:

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

<sup>59</sup> O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>60</sup> O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>61</sup> O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>62</sup> O all ye waters that be above the heavens, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>63</sup> O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>64</sup> O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>65</sup> O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>66</sup> O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>67</sup> O all ye winds, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>68</sup> O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>69</sup> O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

<sup>70</sup> O ye dews and storms of snow, bless ye the Lord:

**R: Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

done to us: yea, true are all Thy works, Thy ways are right, and all Thy judgments truth. <sup>29</sup> In all the things that Thou hast brought upon us, and upon the holy city of our fathers, even Jerusalem, Thou hast executed true judgment: for according to truth and judgment didst Thou bring all these things upon us because of our sins. <sup>30</sup> For we have sinned and committed iniquity, departing from Thee. <sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> Wherefore all that Thou hast brought upon us, and everything that Thou hast done to us, Thou hast done in true judgment. <sup>33</sup> And Thou didst deliver us into the hands of lawless enemies, most hateful forsakers of God, and to an unjust king, and the most wicked in all the world. <sup>34</sup> And now we cannot open our mouths, we are become a shame and reproach to Thy servants; and to them that worship Thee. <sup>35</sup> Yet deliver us not up wholly, for Thy Name's sake, neither disannul Thou Thy covenant: <sup>36</sup> And cause not Thy mercy to depart from us, for Thy beloved Abraham's sake, for Thy servant Isaac's sake, and for Thy holy Israel's sake; <sup>37</sup> To whom Thou hast spoken and promised, that Thou wouldest multiply their seed as the stars of Heaven, and as the sand that lieth upon the seashore. <sup>38</sup> For we, O Lord, are become less than any nation, and be kept under this day in all the world because of our sins. <sup>39</sup> Neither is there at this time prince, or prophet, or leader, or burnt offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense, or place to sacrifice before Thee, and to find mercy. <sup>40</sup> Nevertheless in a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted. <sup>41</sup> 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 confounded that put their trust in Thee. <sup>42</sup> And now we follow Thee with all our heart, we fear Thee, and seek Thy face. <sup>43</sup> Put us not to shame: but deal with us after Thy lovingkindness, and according to the multitude of Thy mercies. <sup>44</sup> 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 ashamed; <sup>45</sup> And let them be confounded in all their power and might, and let their strength be broken; <sup>46</sup> And let them know that Thou art God, the only God, and glorious over the whole world". <sup>47</sup> And the king's servants, that put them in, ceased not to make the oven hot with rosin, pitch, tow, and small wood; <sup>48</sup> So that the flame streamed forth above the furnace forty and nine cubits. <sup>49</sup> And it passed through, and burned those Chaldeans it found about the furnace. <sup>50</sup> But the angel of the Lord came down into the oven together with Azariah and his fellows, and smote the flame of

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## **VIII. 2 Kings 2:1-22**

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

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> Now the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" <sup>4</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> Now the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" <sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. <sup>9</sup> And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." <sup>10</sup> So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup> Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. <sup>13</sup> He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup> Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over. <sup>15</sup> Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw



him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him. <sup>16</sup> Then they said to him, "Look now, there are fifty strong men with your servants. Please let them go and search for your master, lest perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley." And he said, "You shall not send anyone." <sup>17</sup> But when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, "Send them!" Therefore they sent fifty men, and they searched for three days but did not find him. <sup>18</sup> And when they came back to him, for he had stayed in Jericho, he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'Do not go'?" <sup>19</sup> Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the ground barren." <sup>20</sup> And he said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. <sup>21</sup> Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the LORD: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.'" <sup>22</sup> So the water remains healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

V: Here endeth the reading.

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*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:*



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the golden image which king Nebuchadnezzar had set up. <sup>8</sup> Then came near certain Chaldeans, and accused the Jews to the king, saying, <sup>9</sup> "O king, live forever. <sup>10</sup> Thou, O king, has made a decree that every man who shall hear the sound of the trumpet, and pipe, and harp, sackbut, and psaltery, and all kinds of music, <sup>11</sup> and shall not fall down and worship the golden image, shall be cast into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>12</sup> There are certain Jews whom thou has appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who have not obeyed thy decree, O king: they serve not thy gods, and worship not the golden image which thou hast set up." <sup>13</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar in wrath and anger commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: and they were brought before the king. <sup>14</sup> And Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that ye serve not my gods, and worship not the golden image which I have set up? <sup>15</sup> Now then if ye be ready, whensoever ye shall hear the sound of the trumpet, and pipe, and harp, and sackbut, and psaltery, and harmony, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the golden image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, in the same hour ye shall be cast into the burning fiery furnace; and who is the God that shall deliver you out of my hand?" <sup>16</sup> Then answered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego and said to king Nebuchadnezzar, "We have no need to answer thee concerning this matter. <sup>17</sup> For our God whom we serve is in the heavens, able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will rescue us from thy hands, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the image which thou hast set up". <sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and the form of his countenance was changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: and he gave orders to heat the furnace seven times more than usual, until it should burn to the uttermost. <sup>20</sup> And he commanded mighty men to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>21</sup> Then those men were bound with their coats, and caps, and hose, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace, <sup>22</sup> forasmuch as the king's word prevailed; and the furnace was made exceeding hot. <sup>23</sup> Then these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell bound into the midst of the burning furnace, <sup>24</sup> and they walked in the midst of the fire, praising God, and blessing the Lord. <sup>25</sup> Then Azariah stood up, and prayed on this manner; and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire said, <sup>26</sup> "Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: Thy name is worthy to be praised and glorified forevermore: <sup>28</sup> For Thou art righteous in all the things that Thou hast

V: Here endeth the reading.

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*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:*



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## **XII. Daniel 3:1-99 (LXX)**

A Reading from the Prophet Daniel, according to the Septuagint, the Third chapter, beginning with the First verse:

<sup>1</sup> In his eighteenth year Nebuchadnezzar the king made a golden image, its height was sixty cubits, its breadth six cubits: and he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. <sup>2</sup> And he sent forth to gather the governors, and the captains, and the heads of provinces, chiefs, and princes, and those who were in authority, and all the rulers of districts, to come to the dedication of the image. <sup>3</sup> So the heads of provinces, the governors, the captains, the chiefs, the great princes, those who were in authority, and all the rulers of districts, were gathered to the dedication of the image which king Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image. <sup>4</sup> Then a herald cried aloud, "To you it is commanded, ye peoples, tribes, and languages, <sup>5</sup> at what hour ye shall hear the sound of the trumpet, and pipe, and harp, and sackbut, and psaltery, and every kind of music, ye shall fall down and worship the golden image which king Nebuchadnezzar has set up. <sup>6</sup> And whosoever shall not fall down and worship, in the same hour he shall be cast into the burning fiery furnace". <sup>7</sup> And it came to pass when the nations heard the sound of the trumpet, and pipe, and harp, and sackbut, and psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the nations, tribes, and languages, fell down and worshiped

## **IX. Jeremiah 31:31-34**

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

<sup>31</sup> "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—<sup>32</sup> not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them," says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup> No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," says the LORD. "For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

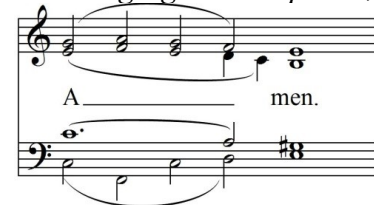
V: Here endeth the reading.

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*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 Book of Joshua, the First chapter, beginning with

the First verse:

<sup>1</sup> After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:

<sup>2</sup> "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. <sup>3</sup> Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. <sup>4</sup> From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup> No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

V: Here endeth the reading.

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*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:*



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## **XI. Ezekiel 37:1-14**

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

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." <sup>4</sup> Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD."'" <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."'" <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup> Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. <sup>14</sup> I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it, says the LORD."'"