

Sending Hymn 203: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

ALL Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Chorale Prelude by JS Bach

The glorious day has appeared over which no one can rejoice enough, Christ our Lord triumphs today. Alleluia!



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He has risen!





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ALL SAINTS BY-THE-SEA

**We acknowledge that we gather
on the territories of the Coast Salish peoples,**

the SENĆOŦEN & HUL'Q'UMI'NUM'-speaking people,
where we, the settler Church, now live, work, worship, & play.

We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here, one based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Easter Vigil



Guest Priest: The Rev. Chas Belknap

Cantor: Debbi Toole

Organist & Music Director: David Storm

All are welcome.

The sound of children is always welcome in worship.
There is a nursery with toys on the garden side of the sanctuary.
Please stay for refreshments after the service!

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.



The Communion

Communion Hymn 237: Now the Green Blade Rises

Prayer after Communion

Giver of all,
we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the
Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to
the resurrection and show your glory to all the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

Priest: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his
children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow
upon you the riches of his blessing.

ALL **Amen.**

Priest: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us
from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be
united with Christ for ever.

ALL **Amen.**

Priest: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true
and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal
inheritance.

ALL **Amen.**

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

ALL **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRIEST Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour taught us, we sing to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

for the community of All Saints By The Sea David Storm



Our Fath-er in hea-ven hal-lowed be your name, your
king-dom come your will be done on earth as it is in
heav'n, Give us to-day our dai-ly bread for-give us our
sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial de-liv-er us from e -
vil. For the king - dom the power and the
glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.



The Great Vigil of Easter

According to the Book of Common Prayer (USA 1979) and the Book of Alternative Services.



The Service of Light

April 4th 2026

8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

The congregation gathers outside the church in the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the priest offers this bidding.

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

ALL **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world.

Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope.

Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

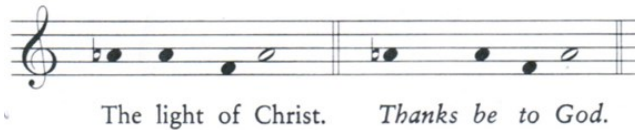
Amen.

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, the candles of the congregation are lit from the Paschal Candle, sharing the new fire among all present.

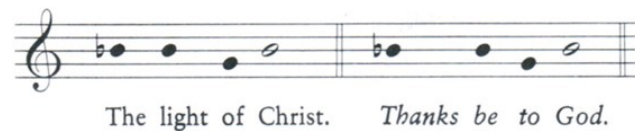
The Cantor, bearing the Candle, leads the whole assembly in procession into the church, which is dimly lit, pausing three times and singing or saying:

THE EXSULTET

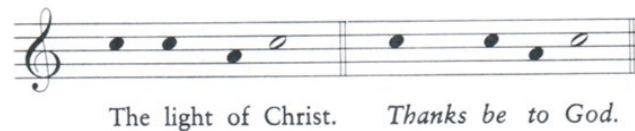
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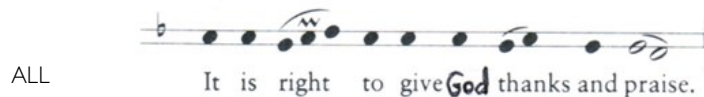
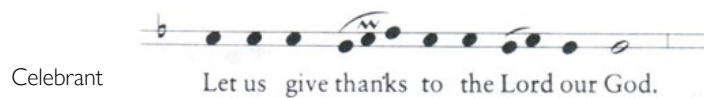
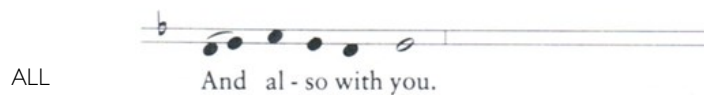
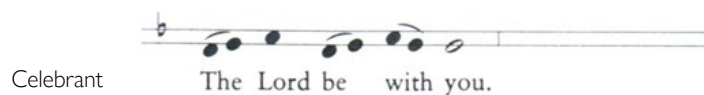
At the second pause



At the third pause



The Cantor continues rejoicing over God's banishing the darkness. Part way through, the priest invites the congregation into the prayer:



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power; your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.

....

.... Father, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

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

Father, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

....

.... We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen.



The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 6

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

It is right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks;

....

.... Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under
heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name, as we sing,

Sanctus:

HOLY COMMUNION

R176

Holy, Holy, Holy
Santo, santo, santo

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you!
¡San - to, san - to, san - to. Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Dios!

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

The Cantor continues with the story of our journey as God's people.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Readings

Priest: Dear friends in Christ,
let us now listen attentively to the word of God,
recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the
fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

The Story of Creation

Genesis 1.1—2.4a

Hymn 413: The Stars Declare His Glory

Priest: Almighty and eternal God,
you created all things in wonderful beauty and order.
Help us now to perceive
how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the
fullness of time you redeemed your people through the
sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Flood

Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.8-18; 9.8-13

Hymn 173: Creator of the Earth and Skies

Priest: Faithful God,
you have placed the rainbow in the skies as the sign of your
covenant with all living things.
May we who are saved through water and the Spirit,
worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14.10—15.1

Hymn: God Down Moses

When Israel was in Egypt's land,
Let My people go!
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let My people go!

We need not always weep and mourn,
Let My people go!
And wear these slav'ry chains forlorn,
Let My people go!

The devil though he had us fast,
Let My people go!
But we thought we'd break his chains at last
Let My people go!

Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said,
Let My people go!
If not I'll strike your first born dead,
Let My people go!

No more shall they in bondage toil,
Let My people go!
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil,
Let My people go!

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

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your
neighbour as yourself?

ALL **I will with God's help.**

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

ALL **I will with God's help.**

Priest: God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new
birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the
forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

ALL **Amen.**



The Peace

*The priest & people exchange the Easter greeting **three times**, with enthusiasm.*

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

ALL **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest: The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

ALL **And also with you.**

*Bells are rung. The candles on the altar are lit from the paschal candle,
and the lights within the church are turned on.*

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn 48: Let All Moral Flesh Keep Silence

Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

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

ALL **I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the father?

ALL **I do.**

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

ALL **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

ALL **I will with God's help.**

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

ALL **I will with God's help.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

ALL **I will with God's help.**

Salvation Offered Freely to All

Isaiah 55.1-11

Hymn 354: Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

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

Learn the Wisdom and Live

Baruch 3.9-15, 3.32-44

Hymn 409: Before the Earth Had Yet Begun

Priest: Creator of the universe,
Source of all light, teach us to hold fast to the ways of wisdom,
that we may live for ever in the radiance of your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

A New Heart and A New Spirit

Ezekiel 36.24-28

Hymn 468: To Abraham and Sarah

Priest: Almighty and everlasting God,
in the paschal mystery you established the new covenant of
reconciliation. Grant that all who are born again in baptism
may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith.
Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gathering of God's People

Zephaniah 3.14-20

Hymn 528: O God, Our Help in Ages Past vs 1-3

Priest: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and
sacred mystery.
By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in
tranquillity the plan of salvation.
Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast
down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are
being made new, and that all things are being brought to their
perfection by him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Proclamation of Easter

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
ALL **The Lord is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

The church's bells are rung.

Hymn 366: Glory in the Highest Glory

The Collect

O God, creator of heaven and earth,
as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb
and rested on this holy Sabbath, so may we await with him
the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of
life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

A Reading from Romans 6. 3-11

Psalm 114

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
Judah became the sanctuary of the Lord *
and Israel the dominion of God.
The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Gospel Acclamation 192: Where You There vs 1, 2 & 6

A Reading from Luke 24. 1—12

The Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The priest offers the following invitation.

Priest: Dear friends,
through the paschal mystery, we have been buried with Christ
in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life.