



Welcome to  
TRINITY CHURCH ON THE GREEN  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER  
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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
THE PARISH CHOIR



# THE EASTER VIGIL



The Great Vigil of Easter is the most symbolic, meaningful, personal, and experiential service of the church year, explaining and demonstrating how we move from the Passion and death of Jesus Christ to his Resurrection. While entering in the darkness of the church, we join all people who have been waiting in darkness and the shadow of death to witness the light and tender compassion of our God who shines upon us as the breaking dawn from on high to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Vigil begins at sundown as we move from Holy Saturday to Easter, following the tradition of the early church. This timeless celebration begins with a Service of Light. This is marked with the lighting of the ‘new fire,’ which is used to light the Paschal candle, representing the risen Christ. This Light to the World is then carried in solemn procession, entering a darkened church where it will start to spread light throughout. The service of light concludes with the most glorious of all chants, the Exsultet, which explains the whole story of salvation. We then move into the liturgy of the Word with stories from the Old Testament. This is the night when the Church around the world welcomes the newest members to God’s family and we renew our own baptismal vows, as well as being the first Eucharist of Easter – marked by the Easter Acclamation: “Alleluia. Christ is risen!” The Great Vigil of Easter gives the full meaning behind our celebration of the next day.

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



Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,  
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,  
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,  
pray with me to God the Almighty  
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;  
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Deacon*     The Lord be with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

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

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

*The Deacon and Priest continue*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The People sit. The Priest addresses the People.*

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how God saved the people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

## LESSON

A reading from Book of Genesis

22:1-18

*seated*

**A**FTER these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."



HYMN

“O, for a closer walk with God”

Beatitudo

sung by all, standing

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heav - en - ly frame,  
 2 Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew when first I saw the Lord?  
 3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;  
 4 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,  
 5 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

1 a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
 2 Where is the soul - re - fresh - ing view of Je - sus and his word?  
 3 I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.  
 4 help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.  
 5 so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

*Priest* Let us pray.

**O** God, since You promised faithful Abraham that he would be the father of a great multitude, You provided a substitute for his son Isaac. In the fullness of time, You sent Your Son, the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world, to lay down His life that we might live as faithful children of Abraham. Grant to all people a living trust in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



*seated*

**A**s Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.” The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

# CANTEMUS DOMINO

Plainsong

sung by all, standing

1. I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and up - lift - ed;  
the horse and its rider has he hurled in - to the sea. 2. The Lord is my  
strength and my re - fuge; the Lord has be - come my Sa - vior.  
3. This is my God and I will praise him, the God of my people and I  
will ex - alt him. 4. The Lord is a might - y war - rior;  
Yah - weh is his Name. 5. The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has  
he hurled in - to the sea; the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea. 6. The fathomless deep has o - ver - whelmed them;  
they sank into the depths like a stone. 7. Your right hand, O Lord, is glor - ious  
in might; your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the en - e - my.  
8. Who can be compared with you, O Lord, a - mong the gods? Who is like you,  
glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of won - ders?  
9. You stretched forth your right hand; the earth swal - lowed them up.



10. With your constant love you led the people you re-deemed;  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

11. You will bring them in and plant them on the mount of your pos -  
ses - sion, 12. The resting-place you have made for your - self, O Lord,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has es - tab - lished.

13. The Lord shall reign for ever and for ev - er. [Ant.]

*Priest* Let us pray.

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

**LESSON**

A reading from the book of Isaiah

55:I-II

**H**O, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come

down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

**HYMN**

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

*Nettleton*

*sung by all, standing*

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great-est trea-sure; hith-er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer-cy nev-er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con-strained to be! Let thy good-ness, like a

ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.  
 fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by  
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger wan-dering  
 prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam-ing tongues a-bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res-cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.  
 dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

*Priest* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, by Your Word You created and sustained all things, and by Your Spirit You renew Your creation. Grant now the water of life to all who thirst for You that they may bring forth abundant fruit in Your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

**T**hrough the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

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

*People* **I do.**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father Almighty**

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

*People* **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?

*People* **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?

*People* **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?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **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?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Priest concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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

## THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*remain standing*

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### Make a Joyful Noise!

At the Easter Acclamation, the candles on the Altar are lighted. Bells are rung and the People are sprinkled with Holy Water from the Baptismal Font to each of us of our baptism through which we share in Christ's resurrection!

## GLORIA

William Mathias

*sung by all, standing*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT FOR EASTER

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Priest* Let us pray.

**O** God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**D**O you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector      The Word of the Lord.  
People      Thanks be to God.

**HYMN**

“O sons and daughters, let us sing”

*O filii et filiae*

*sung by all, standing*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1. O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing!  
2. That East - er morn, at break of day,  
3. An an - gel clad in white they see,  
4. On this most ho - ly day of days,

The King of heav'n the glo - rious King,  
The faith - ful wom - en went their way  
Who sat, and spoke un - to the three,  
To God your hearts and voi - ces raise,

**D.C.**  
O'er death to - day rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
“Your Lord has gone to Gal - i - lee.” Al - le - lu - ia!  
In laud, and ju - bi - lee and praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke;  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord;  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

The Rev. Luk De Volder, Rector

*congregation seated*

## THE PEACE

*all stand*

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

*sung by the choir, congregation seated*

We will be merry

Michael Praetorius  
(1571-1621)

We will be merry, far and wide, in this most holy Eastertide:  
our life we owe to Him who died. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Now Christ is ris'n, to die no more, death on the Cross who nobly bore;  
Him therefore bless we evermore. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

The gates of death in twain He broke, and led thereout His ransomed folk,  
aye free from Satan's deadly yoke. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Praise, honour, laud, to Christ be done, the Father's only, sinless Son,  
who Paradise for man rewon. **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Good Christian people, sing for glee, and praise the Holy Trinity,  
From age to age eternally. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

George R. Woodward (1848-1934)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*congregation stands*

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Priest continues*

**I**T is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## SANCTUS

Robert Powell

*sung by all*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The People stand or kneel as the Priest continues*

**W**E acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us,



yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his 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.

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

*The Priest continues*

Lord, 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.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. 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 honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*said by all*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE FRACTION

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Priest* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Communion

**If you would like to receive communion in person today:** At this time, the Eucharist will be distributed at the foot of the chancel steps. Gluten-free options are available upon request. The congregation is asked to approach the Eucharistic minister via the center aisle as directed by the ushers, and to return to their pews via the side aisles.

**If you are joining us via the livestream, or would prefer to make an act of spiritual communion today,** we offer this prayer for "Spiritual Communion" excerpted from St. Augustine's Prayer Book:

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength; be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways; conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## ANTHEM

*sung by the choir*

*Haec dies*

Jacques Arcadelt  
(1507-1568)

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:  
exultemus et laetemur in ea,  
alleluia.

This is the day which the Lord hath made:  
let us be glad and rejoice therein.  
Alleluia.

*Psalm 118:24*



## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*standing*

*Priest*      Let us pray

**E**TERNAL God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE SOLEMN BLESSING

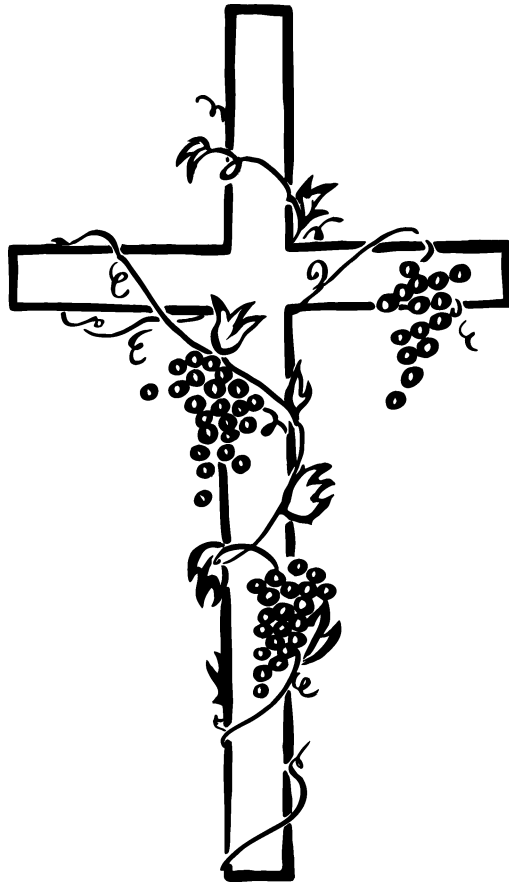
**A**LLELUIA! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May Christ who was raised from the dead guide our walk into newness of life. Amen.

May our old self that is crucified with him be freed from sin. Amen.

May our unity with him strengthen our faith that we will also live with him. Amen.

And the blessing of God, the Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you, always. Amen. Alleluia!



HYMN 207  
sung by all, standing

“Jesus Christ is risen today”

Easter Hymn

*Descant*

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

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

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

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

**DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**POSTLUDE**

Toccata on *O filii et filiae*

Lynwood Farnam  
(1885-1930)

**EASTER RECEPTION**

Join us for a celebratory reception at the back of the church, immediately following the postlude! Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed!



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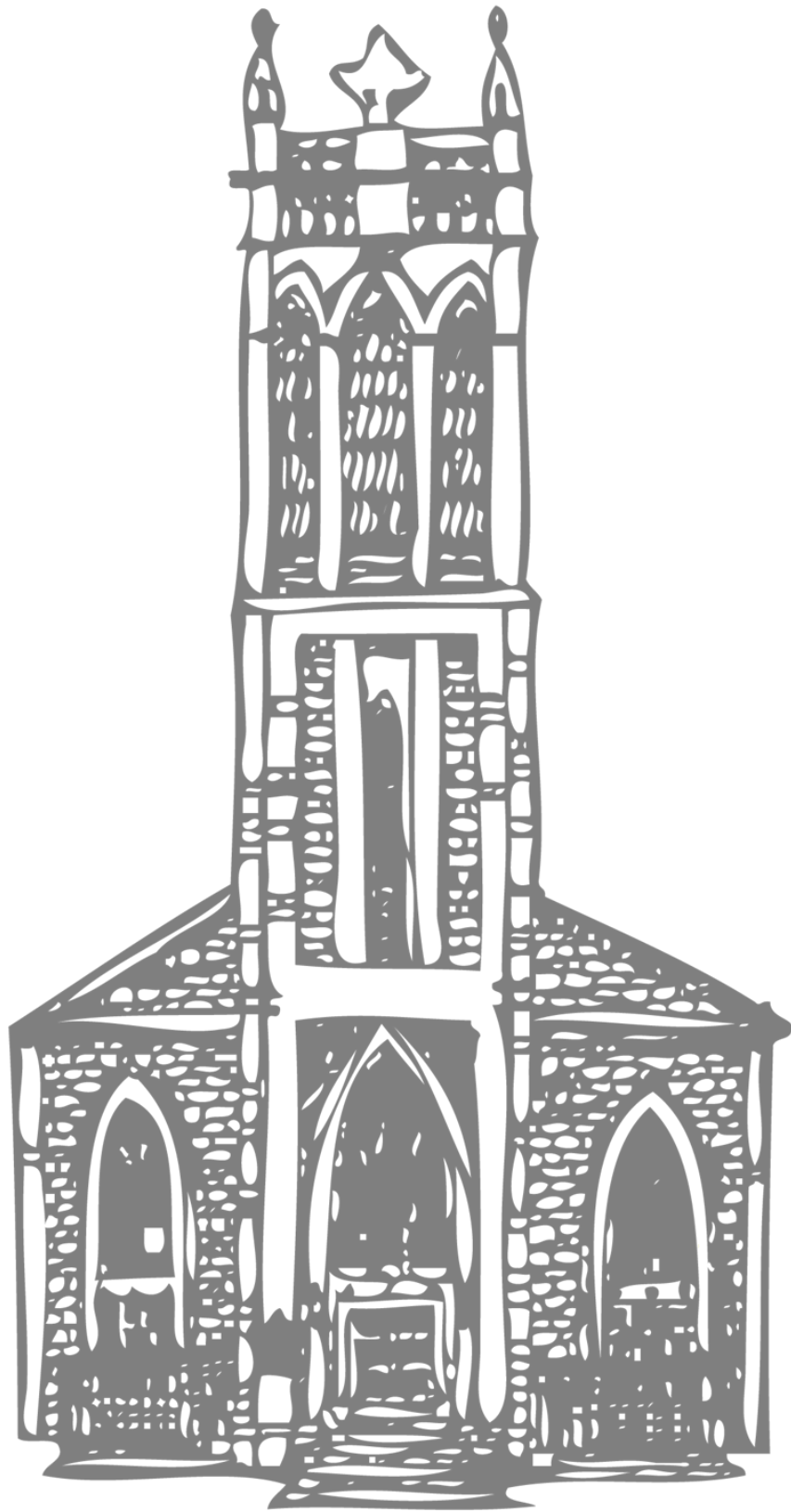
## EASTER AT TRINITY

### EASTER DAY | March 31

7:45 a.m. | **Quiet Eucharist**, Rite I in celebration of Easter morning  
10:30 a.m. | **Festival Choral Eucharist**  
11:45 a.m. | **Easter Egg Scramble**, on the Green following the 10:30am Service  
2:00 p.m. | **Chapel on the Green**

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