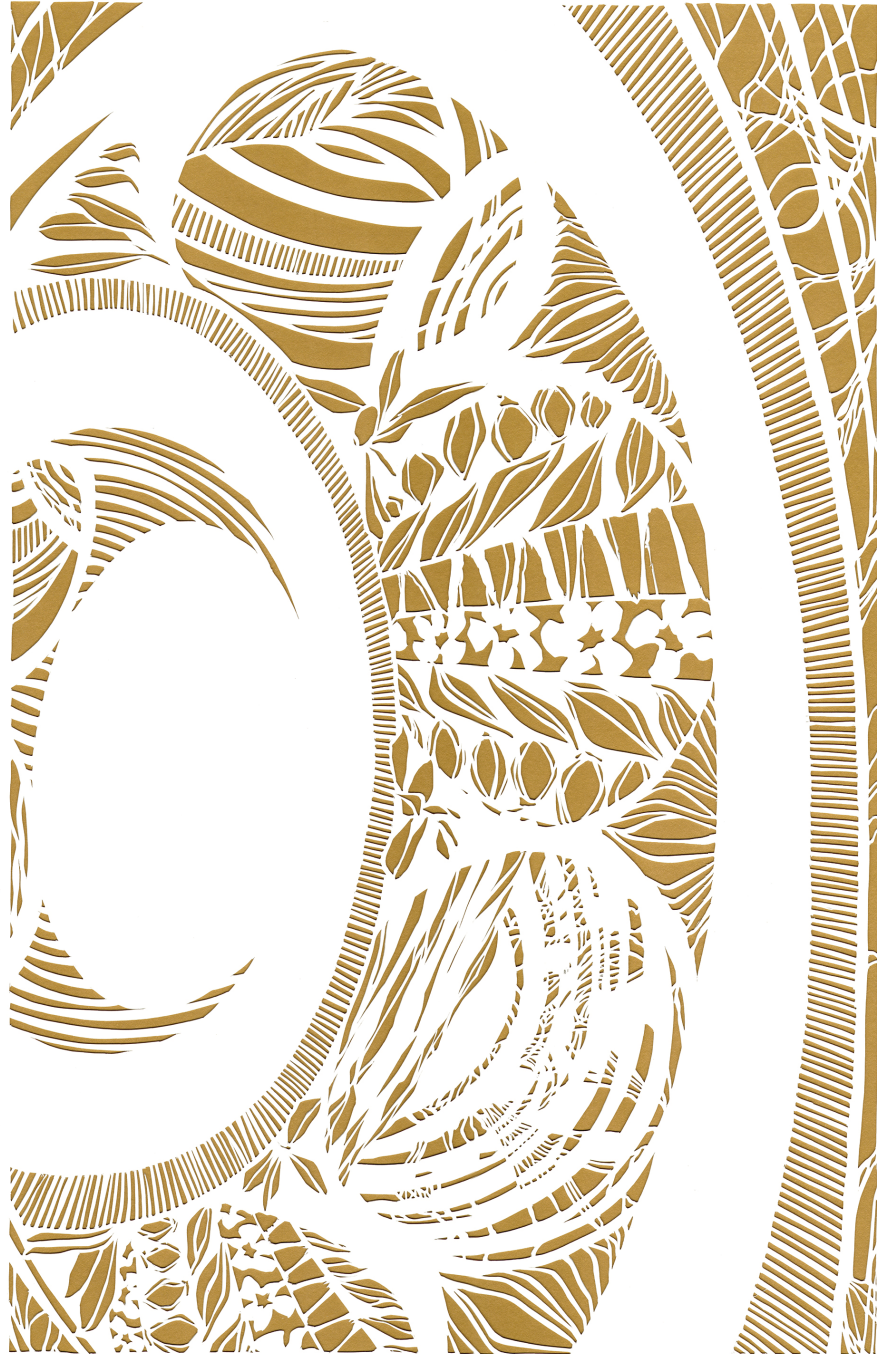


*The Great Vigil of*  
**EASTER**



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**ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*April 4, 2026*

## Artist Reflection

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### ***Prepared***

Paper lace

By Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Luke 24:1-12

*“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.”* (Luke 24:1-3, NRSV)

I recently read *Art and Faith* by Makoto Fujimura. Fujimura speaks of the beauty in particular moments in scripture: when the women enter the tomb, and when Mary, sister of Martha, pours oil over Jesus before his journey to the cross. Fujimura draws attention to these texts to anchor a discussion of the importance of beauty in faithful practice. God placed beautiful things on earth for us to give back to God in glory. We must consider when, where, why, and how we engage beauty. We must engage with beauty in our faithful practice.

In this paper lace art piece, the inside of a bowl is patterned with images telling the initial moments of the Easter story. This design depicts burial spices in patterns. Amidst the spice patterns, a sunrise emerges. At the top is an abstract image of the empty tomb. This moment, the moment when the women arrive at the tomb, represents an act of holy, extravagant, expansive beauty. Imagine being there, arriving at daybreak, holding the spice bowl in your hands. The burial spices, nard and myrrh, were aromatic. The aromas of blood, oils, death, and spices fill the air. Imagine how it would have smelled. It was the work of the women to honor the body of the deceased; to honor the life he had lived, and they had loved. How might we honor God with our practices of beauty? What materials do we need to gather and incorporate? How can we keep God centered in our creative endeavors?



*Service begins in the Columbarium*

## Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*In the darkness, fire is kindled.*

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

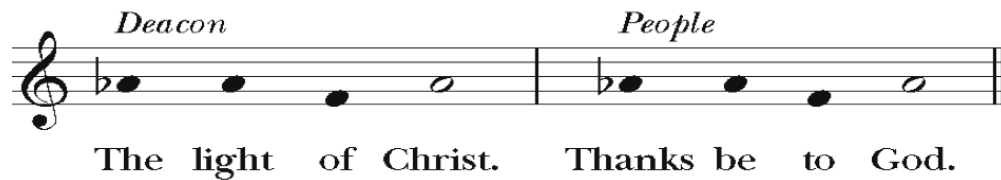
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying the “The Light of Christ.”*

## The Procession

Hymnal 1982 – S68



*Deacon*                      *People*

The light of Christ.      Thanks be to God.

## The Exultet

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Leader: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

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


All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus

Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever  
and ever. **Amen.**

## The Exultet: Responses


Hymnal 1982 – S69

*Deacon*



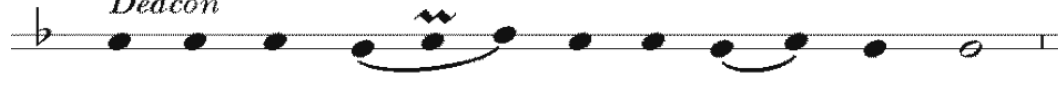
The Lord be with you.

*People*



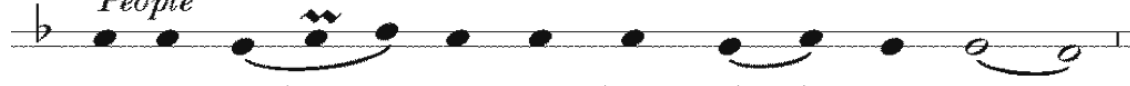
And al - so with you.

*Deacon*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Leader continues.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

### Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea Exodus 14:10–15:1

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. 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 Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: ‘I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.’

## Hymn: Go down, Moses

Lift Every Voice & Sing Hymnal – 228

1 When Israel was in Egypt’s land,  
let my people go;  
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
let my people go.

*Refrain:* Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;  
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

2 The Lord told Moses what to do,  
let my people go;  
To lead the children of Israel through,  
let my people go. *Refrain*

3 They journeyed on at his command,  
let my people go;  
And come at length to Canaan's land,  
let my people go. *Refrain*

4 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,  
let my people go;  
And let us all in Christ be free,  
let my people go. *Refrain*

Collect

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Let us pray. *Silence.*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the

offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Learn wisdom and live Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 4b-6 (NRSV)

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

"To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

O simple ones, learn prudence;  
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

Hear, for I will speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right;  
for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

All the words of my mouth are righteous;  
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

"My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,  
and my yield than choice silver.

I walk in the way of righteousness,  
along the paths of justice,  
endowing with wealth those who love me,

and filling their treasuries."

To those without sense she says,  
"Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight."

## Hymn

Voices Found – 60

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom

*Julion*

1 Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path of justice,  
showing us what love must do.

2 Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
crying in the marketplace.  
Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
full of glory, truth, and grace.  
When the word takes root and ripens,  
peace and righteousness embrace.

3 Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;  
nurture all who seek rebirth.  
Spirit-guide and close companion,  
bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people,  
holy friends of God and earth.

Collect

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Let us pray. *Silence.*

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

A new heart and a new spirit      Ezekiel 36:24-28 (NRSV)

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land

that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 679

Surely it is God who saves

*Thomas Merton*

Collect

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Let us pray. *Silence.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

Celebrant: 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 people are sprinkled with holy water.*

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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

*The candles at the altar are now lighted from the paschal candle.*

## At the Eucharist

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The congregation joins in ringing bells and singing the Alleluia.*

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

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## Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.*

Do 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.**

Sequence Hymn

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We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

*Engelberg*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

*All stand.*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And

suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Gospeller:       The Gospel of the Lord.

People:           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. John Johanssen

## The Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Alleluia Christ is Risen! Hear our prayers offered this night from hearts gladdened by the hope of eternal life as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Grant your church to always hold fast to the example of Christ's life and the hope of His resurrection.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Fill the hearts of this nation with hope, peace, and a willingness to work together to build a nation where everyone has the opportunity to thrive and to live into their potential.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Inhabit the lives of all gathered here, be light that dispels all darkness, vanquishing our fears and giving us the courage to love boldly.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Fill our hearts with gratitude and thankfulness for marvelous and abundant diversity of life and empower us to be stewards of your creation that all future generations may glory in all that you have created for us.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bring wholeness and healing to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they might have peace and abundant life.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We give thanks for the lives of those who have already entered into your glory, and we ask that we too may one day arise in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Most gracious God, in Christ your love was made manifest in our world. Embolden us to courageously continue his ministry and to face without fear where love might take us confident in Christ's promise to stand with us and walk with us always. **Amen.**

Peace

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*All stand*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is “really present” in the bread and wine provided from God’s table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.*

*Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. You may drink from the chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping, or by intinction: lightly dip the wafer into the wine. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat.*

*If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.*

## Offertory Anthem

Dan Forrest

### To the Lamb on the Throne

Worthy the Lamb.

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad His wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Worthy the Lamb.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”

Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Worthy the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;  
Though hid from our sight, His presence we have,  
the great congregation His triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

“Worthy the Lamb.”

Then let us adore and give Him His right,  
all glory and pow’r, all wisdom and might;  
All honor and blessing with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

“Worthy the Lamb.”

*“To the Lamb on the Throne” words by Charles Wesley & music by Dan Forrest*

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## Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Sursum Corda

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*The People remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.*

It is truly right to glorify you, God, 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**

*See pew card for music.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We 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.

### Memorial Acclamation

*See pew card for music.*

The musical notation is presented on three staves. The first staff is labeled 'Celebrant' and contains the lyrics: '... we praise you and we bless you.' The second staff is labeled 'All' and contains the lyrics: 'We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to'. The third staff continues the lyrics: 'you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.'

### *The Celebrant 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, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (*with N.*) 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.

The Great Amen

*See pew card for music.*

The Lord's Prayer

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem

*See pew card for music.*

Choir: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,  
says the Lord.

All: **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink  
indeed, says the Lord.**

Choir: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me  
and I in them.

All: **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink  
indeed, says the Lord.**

### Invitation

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*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Spiritual Communion Prayer

*A prayer for those worshiping virtually to be unified in Communion with Christ.*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

### Music at Communion

Hymnal 1982 – 174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

*Salzburg*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Hymnal 1982 – 199

*St. Kevin*

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**

**you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

### Easter Blessing

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

Procession into the World

The Hymnal 1982 – 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

*Truro*

## Dismissal

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

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

## Voluntary

*Everyone is invited to Easter Revels in the Welcome Center  
following this evening's service!*

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# Easter Flowers

Given to the Glory of God



In celebration of

Wesson, Jameson & Laney  
Daniel & Rachel

In thanksgiving for

For the gift of our  
wonderful kids &  
grandkids  
Alexander, Johana,  
Helena, Isabella &  
Charlie Fowler  
Nicholas, Candice,  
Skylar, Sophia, Chris,  
Celeste, Simone, Mark,  
Claire  
Our church family and  
our many blessings  
Our children &  
grandchildren

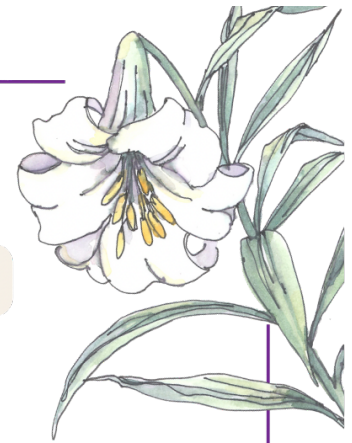
Our Family  
Kelly Nichola Burkett  
Tracy Blazier Burkett,  
Oliver Miles Burkett,  
Luca Julian Burkett  
Kyle Fiehler  
George & Cathy Blazier  
Kimberly, Britt, Collier,  
Hayes & Cannon  
Leatherman  
Walker, Jordan,  
Harrison & Caroline  
Collier  
Meredith, Jonathan,  
Charlie, Libby & Woods  
Ellis  
Bob, Jane, Jill, Kerry,  
Chris, Lauren, TJ,  
Alexis, Natalie, Lucas,  
Toi, Sydney, Madison

Our children &  
grandchildren  
All our family, friends,  
and neighbors  
The children of  
Catherine Ackiss  
Scott and Karen Trott  
and family  
David and Jill Trott and  
family  
My children,  
grandchildren and great-  
grandchildren



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## In memory of

Dennis Mauro  
Kristen Martin  
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and Grandma Mary  
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My husband,  
Joseph Canada  
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All our family and  
friends  
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Mary & Ted Pollard  
Joyce Townsend  
Helen Tubbs  
Doug Osborne  
Robert F. Henry  
Jane F. Rose  
In loving memory of  
our son, Matt





*Easter*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026**  
**9 AM & 11:10 AM**

*All are Welcome!*

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*Second Sunday of Easter*  
**APRIL 12**

**9 AM WORSHIP**

**10 AM PARISH BREAKFAST  
& EASTER EGG HUNT**

**11:10 AM WORSHIP**

*All are invited!*



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