

A large black cross stands in a rocky landscape under a sunset sky. The cross is the central focus, with a horizontal bar and a vertical post. The background shows a range of mountains in the distance and a field of dark, rounded rocks in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, pink and purple clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

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EASTER**

**With Baptism**

**April 17, 2022**

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## The Service of Light

*The service begins on the steps outside the church with the celebrant and sub deacon kindling the new fire from which the Paschal candle will be lit.*

### Kindling of the New Fire

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy day, 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.

### Salutation and Collect

*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.**

### Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon or Celebrant bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and saying:.*

*Celebrant:* The light of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

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*Acolytes begin lighting the people's candles from the Paschal Candle. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

### Exsultet

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant:* 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.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

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

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

*Celebrant:* 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.

*Celebrant:* 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.

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 Service of Lessons**

### **Bidding**

*Please be seated.*

*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 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."

### Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

*Reader:* I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted;

*People:* **the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.**

*Reader:* The Lord is my strength and my refuge;

*People:* **the Lord has become my Savior.**

*Reader:* This is my God and I will praise him,

*People:* **the God of my people and I will exalt him.**

*Reader:* The Lord is a mighty warrior;

*People:* **Yahweh is his Name.**

*Reader:* The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea;

*People:* **the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.**

*Reader:* The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them;

*People:* **they sank into the depths like a stone.**

*Reader:* Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might;

*People:* **your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.**

*Reader:* Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods?

*People:* **who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**

*Reader:* You stretched forth your right hand;

*People:* **the earth swallowed them up.**

*Reader:* With your constant love you led the people you redeemed;

*People:* **with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.**

*Reader:* You will bring them in and plant them

*People:* **on the mount of your possession,**

*Reader:* The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord,

*People:* **the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.**

*Reader:* The Lord shall reign

*People:* **for ever and for ever.**

*Reader:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*People:* **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. (*Silence.*) O God, whose wonderful deeds 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 through 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.**

### Salvation Offered Freely to All: Isaiah 55:1-11

*Please remain seated.*

Ho, 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."

### Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

*Reader:* Surely, it is God who saves me;

*People:* **I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

*Reader:* For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,

*People:* **and he will be my Savior.**

*Reader:* Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing

*People:* **from the springs of salvation.**

*Reader:* And on that day you shall say,

*People:* **Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

*Reader:* Make his deeds known among the peoples;

*People:* **see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

*Reader:* Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,

*People:* **and this is known in all the world.**

*Reader:* Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

*People:* **for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

*Reader:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*People:* **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

**Homily:** The Rev. Chris Cole

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidate** *The candidate is presented by her Parents & Godparents.*

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents & Godparents/Sponsors:* **I present Lainey Elizabeth Fincher to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents & Godparents/Sponsors:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents & Godparents/Sponsors:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of those who speak on behalf of the child:*

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Parents & Godparents/Sponsors:* **I renounce them.**

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Parents & Godparents/Sponsors:* **I renounce them.**

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Parents & Godparents/Sponsors:* **I renounce them.**

*Celebrant:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Parents & Godparents/Sponsors:* **I do.**

*Celebrant:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Parents & Godparents/Sponsors:* **I do.**

*Celebrant:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Parents & Godparents/Sponsors:* **I do.**

### **Celebrant Addresses the Congregation**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

*People:* **We will.**

*Celebrant:* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **Baptismal Covenant**

*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.**

## Prayers for the Candidate

*Celebrant:* Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A person appointed leads the following petitions:*

*Leader:* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant, Candidate, and Sponsors process to the font.*

*Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

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

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

*Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:*

*Celebrant:* Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Baptism**

*The candidate is presented to the Celebrant who then immerses or pours water upon her saying:*

**Celebrant:** Lainey Elizabeth Fincher, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over the candidate, saying:*

**Celebrant:** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:*

**Celebrant:** Lainey Elizabeth Fincher, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*When all have been baptized the Celebrant says:*

**Celebrant:** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**Celebrant & People:** **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **The Holy Eucharist First Communion of Easter**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

## **Gloria in Excelsis: #S-278**

*A "great noise" is made at this point underscoring our joy at the resurrection.*

## **Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray. O God, who made this most holy day 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.**

## **Epistle: Romans 6:3-11**

**Reader:** A reading from the Letter of Paul 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 114**

*Reader:* Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,

*People:* **the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,**

*Reader:* Judah became God's sanctuary

*People:* **and Israel his dominion.**

*Reader:* The sea beheld it and fled;

*People:* **Jordan turned and went back.**

*Reader:* The mountains skipped like rams,

*People:* **and the little hills like young sheep.**

*Reader:* What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?

*People:* **O Jordan, that you turned back?**

*Reader:* You mountains, that you skipped like rams?

*People:* **you little hills like young sheep?**

*Reader:* Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,

*People:* **at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

*Reader:* Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water

*People:* **and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

## **Gospel: Luke 24:1-12**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

*Celebrant:* On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee 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. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Prayers of the People**

*Please kneel, sit or stand.*

*Reader:* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People:* **That we all may be one.**

*Reader:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People:* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
 People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
 People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
 People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
 People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.  
 People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
 People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**Celebrant:** Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

*Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.*

**Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings**

*Please be seated.*

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*

**Offertory Sentence**

**Celebrant:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Duet:**

**Baptism**

*Rick Ewing & Kenneth Yadon*

**Doxology: Hymnal #380 v. 3**

*Please stand and sing as you are able.*

**Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

**Sursum Corda: #S-120**

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:*

**Celebrant:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus: #S-125**

*Then the Celebrant continues:*

**Celebrant:** † Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."<sup>†††</sup>

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."<sup>†††</sup> Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant & People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Celebrant:** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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

**Celebrant & People: 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**

### **Fraction Anthem: #S-154**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

## Communion of the People

*At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.*

**Communion Hymn: #448      *O love, how deep, how broad, how high (verses 1, 3, 6)***

## Prayer After Communion

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant & People:* **Eternal 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.**

## Easter Blessing

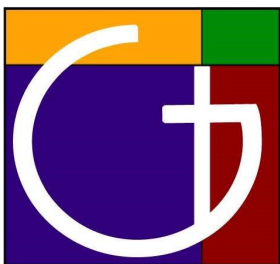
*Celebrant:* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn: #199      *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain***

## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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



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