



St. Peter's Anglican Church  
Loveland, CO

HOLY EUCHARIST  
*Easter Vigil*  
*and Holy Baptism*

WELCOME  
IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST



March 30, 2024



*(Weather permitting, we will begin outside.)*

### ***The Lighting of the Paschal Candle***

*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.

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire, we pray, and so set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and kindled affections we may attain to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***The Lighting of the Candles***

*Celebrant:* May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*(Please enter the sanctuary in silence.)*

*Celebrant:* The light of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### ***The Exsultet (sung by Cantor)***

*Cantor:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Cantor:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### ***The Exsultet (sung by Cantor)***

### ***The Lessons***

*Officiant:* Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, remembering how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that God may bring to completion in each of us the saving work he has begun.

### ***The Creation: Genesis 1:1-2:3***

*Read by: Rourke, Zinnia, Frannie Alvarado;  
Alethia, Irene Thye.*

*Officiant:* Let us pray: O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***The Fall: Genesis 3***

*Read by: Phil Fisher; Seth Forwood; Eli DeLorme;  
Lydia Alvarado; Thomas Maeda*

*Officiant:* Let us pray: O God, you sent your blessed Son, the seed of the woman, that he might crush the serpent's head and make all creation new: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***The Flood: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-20; 9:8-13***

*Read by: Carole DeLorme, Max Kleber;  
Lydia Alvarado; Mercedes Maeda*

*Officiant:* Let us pray: Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through the merits of him who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac: Genesis 22:1-18***

*Read by: Phil Fisher; Theo Maeda;  
Rourke Alvarado*

*Officiant:* Let us pray: Almighty God, whose servant Abraham faithfully obeyed your call, and rejoiced to see the day of your Son: Multiply the number of your children by the grace of the Lamb who was slain; that your Church may also rejoice to see your promise to our father Abraham fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Read by: Rachel Kleber; Russ, Irene Thye;  
Carole, Grace DeLorme;  
Frannie, Lydia, Zinnia Alvarado*

*Officiant:* Let us pray: O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, by the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation offered to 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.**

**God's Presence in a Renewed Israel: Isaiah 4:2-6**

*Read by: Mike Tischer*

*Officiant:* Let us pray: O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where your saints forever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Read by: Alethia, Anna Thye; Frannie Alvarado*

*Officiant:* Let us pray: O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give 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.**

**A New Heart and a New Spirit: Ezekiel 36:24-28**

*Read by: Sam Alvarado*

*Officiant:* Let us pray: Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you promise your faithful people new life in the water of Baptism: Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Valley of Dry Bones: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*Read by: Thomas Maeda; Michael Erickson*

*Officiant:* Let us pray: Lord God of our salvation, you speak the word to your scattered people, and raise us up from the valley of death: Breathe your Spirit upon your Church, that we may live and stand before you confident in your risen Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**The Three Young Men in the Furnace: Daniel 3:1-28**

*Read by: Max Kleber; Grace, Eli DeLorme;  
Seth Forwood; Rourke Alvarado*

*Officiant:* Let us pray: O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Jonah and the Fish: Jonah 1:1-2:10**

*Read by: Mercedes Maeda; Lander Hultin*

*Officiant:* Let us pray: Almighty God, by the resurrection of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Gathering of God's People: Zephaniah 3:12-20**

*Read by: All Readers*

*Officiant:* Let us pray: Almighty God, you called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: Give us boldness to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted high upon the Cross, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## The Great Alleluia

(This will be sung three times. The congregation will respond after the cantor sings.)



### *Pascha Nostrum*

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.  
*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Now Christ is raised and will not die again;  
Death has no more dominion over him;  
Through him we die to sin and live to God.  
*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:  
Though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,  
In Christ's new life shall all be made alive.  
*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, you 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 forever. *Amen.*

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

*Read by: Johnny Moore*

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?  
4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.  
5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.  
6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.  
7 For one who has died has been set free from sin.  
8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.  
9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.  
10

For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

### *Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem – H # 130 (V. 1-3)*

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains  
To crush the serpent's head,  
And cries aloud through death's domains  
To wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey  
At his command restore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where Jesus goes before.

*Deacon or Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

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

### **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold,

Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

*Deacon or Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem – H # 130 (V. 4-5)***

Triumphant in his glory now,  
To him all pow'r is giv'n;  
To him in one communion bow  
All saints in earth and heav'n.

All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run.

***The Sermon***

***Holy Baptism***

*Magdalena Lucy Forwood*

*Celebrant:* Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that *this child*, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as *a living member* of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to *this child* that which by nature *she* cannot have.

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

*Parents and Sponsors:*

We present \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant:* Today, on behalf of *this child*, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that *this child* is taught, as soon as *she* is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy

Scriptures. *She* must come to put *her* faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of *her* soul. When *she* has embraced all these, *she* is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that *she* may publicly claim the Faith for *her* own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

*Celebrant:* Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

*Parents and Sponsors:* I am, the Lord being my helper.

***Profession of Faith***

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

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

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

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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

*Answer:* I do.

*Celebrant:* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

*Answer:* I do.

*Celebrant:* Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

*Answer:* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

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

***People: We will.***

*Celebrant:* Let us join with *this child* to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

*Celebrant:* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*People:* **I do.**

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

*Celebrant:* Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

*People:* **I do.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord.**

**He was conceived by 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 and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*People:* **I do.**

**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. Amen.**

### *Litany for the Candidate*

*Deacon:* Let us now pray for *this Candidate* who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Deacon:* That *she* may come to confess *her* faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Deacon:* That *she* may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Deacon:* That *she* may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which *she has* been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Deacon:* That *she* may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever *she falls* into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Deacon:* That *she* may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Deacon:* That as a *living member* of the Body of Christ, *she* may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Deacon:* That, looking to Jesus, *she* may run with endurance the race set before *her*, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

### *Prayer for the Candidate*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon *this* your *servant*. Wash and sanctify *her* through your Holy Spirit, that *she* may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, *she* may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *Thanksgiving Over the Water*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*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 in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

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 made regenerate 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.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful 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.**

### ***The Baptism***

*Celebrant:* Name this child.

*(Parents and Sponsors)*

*Celebrant:* \_\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

*Celebrant:* Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your *servant* the forgiveness of sin, received *her* as your own *child* by adoption, made *her* a member of your holy Church, and raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that *she* may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### ***The Peace***

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

**All: And with your spirit.**

### ***The Offering***

*“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God”.*

Ephesians 5:2

### ***Offertory: Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain***

**– H # 137**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel  
Into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
Through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun hath risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render,  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who, with true affection,  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,  
Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal  
Hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst thine own  
Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That, thy peace, which evermore  
Passeth human knowing.

### ***The Doxology***

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise Him all creatures here below.*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

***People: And of your own have we given you.***

*1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*



## ***The Great Thanksgiving***

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Celebrant:* It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Proper Preface)* 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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 with Benedictus - S#779***

*Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord, God of hosts,*

*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*(The people may kneel, stand, or sit.)*

*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat;

this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All:* 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, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever. ***Amen.***

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

**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, forever and ever. *Amen.***

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)*

*Prayer of Humble Access*

**All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Agnus Dei – S#780*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.*

*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.

*(You may kneel, stand, or sit during Communion.)*

*Communion Hymns*

*Christus Resurrexit (Taizé)*

*Oh - Oh - Christus resurrexit, Christus resurrexit.*

*Oh - Oh - Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Christ is Risen from the Dead*

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
We fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You bled, for us

*Chorus:*

*Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave*

*Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave*

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bow to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim

*(Chorus)*

Oh death! Where is your sting?  
Oh hell! Where is your victory?  
Oh Church! Come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night

*(Chorus 2x)*

*Garments of Praise*

*Chorus:*

*Put on the garments of praise,  
For the spirit of heaviness  
Let the oil of gladness flow down  
From your throne  
Put on the garments of praise,  
For the spirit of heaviness  
Your joy is my strength alone,  
My strength alone*

Make these broken weary bones rise to dance again  
Wet this dry and thirsty land with a river  
Lord our eyes are fixed on you and we are waiting  
For your garland of grace as we praise your name

*(Chorus)*

Hallelujah, sing hallelujah  
We give all honor and praise to your name  
Hallelujah, sing hallelujah  
We trade our sorrows for garments of praise

*Post Communion Prayer*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

### ***The Blessing***

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by 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: Thine Is the Glory- H #145***

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

#### *Refrain*

*Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry,  
Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph  
sing;  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

#### *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conqu'rors,  
Through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above.

#### *Refrain*

### ***The Dismissal***

*Deacon or Priest:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the  
Name of Christ.

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

