



# Easter Vigil

April 4, 2025 — 7:30 p.m.

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*Whether you are present in person or worshipping with us online, as you get settled for the vigil we encourage you to have **an unlit candle** in hand. For those at home, while we encourage you to participate by reading the **bold** parts aloud and by joining in the singing of the hymns, please keep yourself **muted**.*

## Welcome

*We gather in darkness, as the fire is kindled in the firepit:*

**Music Solo: *Were you there when they crucified my Lord***

*Chris Young*

## The Lighting of New Fire

Beloved 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 linger in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord in which, by virtue of our baptism into his death, into the hope of his resurrection, we celebrate the New Life we have received by his Mercy, awaiting the time when we may gather again around your holy altar. **Amen.**

Let us pray. O God, you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that 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 lighted from the newly kindled fire, and Fr. Richard, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the outdoor worship space, pausing three times and singing.*

The light of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Candles that have been distributed to members of the congregation are lighted from the Paschal Candle*

at this time. **If you have candles at home please light them now.** Other candles and lamps, except those at the altar, are also lighted. The paschal candle is placed in its stand.

## The Exsultet

Jeff Rockey

## The Liturgy of the Word

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

### *A Reading from the Book of Genesis*

### **[Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac—Gen22:1-18]**

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn: Spirit of the Living God**

**vs 1 & 2**

**Renew 90**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, fill me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all.

Spirit of the living God, make us one in love:

humble, caring, selfless, sharing  
Spirit of the living God, fill our hearts with love!

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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.**

*A Reading from the Book of Exodus* **[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.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

*A Reading from the Book of Proverbs* [The Gifts of Wisdom—Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9vb-6]

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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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 tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Holy Baptism

### The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The candidate is presented

**Sponsor** We present Joshua to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Presider** Do you desire to be baptized?

**Joshua** I do.

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

**Joshua** I renounce them.

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

**Joshua I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Joshua I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Joshua I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Joshua I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Joshua I do.**

*The Presider addresses the congregation, saying*

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Joshua in his life in Christ?

**People We will.**

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

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

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

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

Presider 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.**

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

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

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

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

Presider 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**

Presider Let us now pray for Joshua who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider 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 Presider blesses the water, first saying

Presider        The Lord be with you.

**People        And also with you.**

Presider        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People         It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider        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 Presider touches the water*

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 Jesu Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## The Baptism

*The candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who pours water upon the candidate, saying*

Presider        Joshua, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Presider        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 him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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 person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross. using Chrism, saying:*

Presider Joshua, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

*A candle, lighted from the Paschal Candle, is given to the newly baptized or one of his sponsors.*

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All 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.**

### ***We now turn to the fullness of celebration: Jesus Christ is Risen!***

*The candles at the altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

## **Gloria**

**Renew 67**

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the  
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**Renew 56**

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

### **The Gospel**

**[Matthew 28:1-10]**

*The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew*

**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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**The Homily** Jeff Rockey

## Resurrection Light Litany of Prayer

Reader Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us  
**People may your dawn beckon.**

Reader When fear paralyzes us  
**People may your touch release us.**

Reader When grief torments us  
**People may your peace enfold us.**

Reader When memories haunt us  
**People may your presence heal us.**

Reader When justice fails us  
**People may your anger ignite us.**

Reader When apathy stagnates us  
**People may your challenge renew us.**

Reader When courage leaves us  
**People may your Spirit inspire us.**

Reader When despair grips us  
**People may your hope restore us.**

Reader And when death threatens us  
**People may your resurrection light lead us. Amen.**

— written by Annabel Shilson-Thomas, <http://www.cafod.org.uk/>

## The Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*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 our thanks and praise.**

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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** *Argentine Santo, Santo, Santo WLP 785*



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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."

After supper Jesus 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

*As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, in the language of our own heart.*

## The Lord's Prayer (said):

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**  
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Invitation

Presider This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more. So, come, those who have much faith and those who have little, those who have been here often and those who have not been here long, those who have tried to follow and those who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites us; it is Christ, and he invites us to meet him here.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Prayer of Spiritual Communion For Those On Zoom

Presider We know that some of us are joining this morning on zoom, and although they can not physically receive the holy sacraments, they can receive in their hearts.

**People In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed body and blood are offered, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray You to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing separate me from You; let me serve You in this life until, by Your grace, I join You in Your reign of unending peace. Amen."**

## The people receive holy communion

*We will be offering communion in both kinds: bread & wine. As you come forward to receive communion the priest will be standing in the center, in front of the altar and will give you the bread into your hand. If you would like to also receive the wine, you can either drink from the chalice (in which case, after receiving the bread, go to the altar server on the left) or have the bread intincted (dipped) into the wine and given to you (in which case go to the altar server on the right after receiving the bread.) If you would like to receive the bread only please return to your seat after receiving it. If you would prefer not to receive the bread and wine but receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest.*

*If you would like to receive gluten free bread please tell the priest.*

## Communion Hymn: Spirit Song

vs 1 & 2 Renew 248

O let the Son of God enfold you  
With his Spirit and his love,  
Let him fill your life and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you  
And his Spirit, like a dove,  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy,  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.  
O give him all your tears and sadness,  
Give him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body. 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 Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

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.

## Sending Hymn: He Is Risen

vs 1 & 2 Hymnal 180

He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore  
sin and pain can vex no more.

## Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**