



# St. Dunstan's

— EPISCOPAL CHURCH —

**GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**  
**Holy Communion: Rite Two**  
**The First Service of Easter**  
**April 4, 2026 | 7:00 PM**

*People, servers and clergy gather in the Courtyard.  
Hospitality Ministers distribute unlit candles to the people.  
In the darkness, fire is kindled.  
The church is darkened when the Vigil is ready to begin.*

## **THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

*The new fire is kindled.*

*Celebrant*

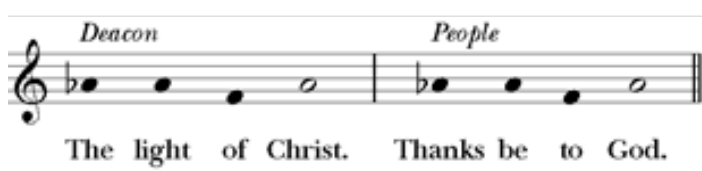
Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we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

Let us pray.

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

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire. The people “light” their candles from the Paschal Candle and share the light.*

*The Celebrant, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the church, pausing three times and singing:*



**THE EXSULTET**

*is sung by a cantor. The People's part is sung to a single tone.*

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

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

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

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

The Lord be with you.

*Answer* And also with you.

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

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

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

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

This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and lovingkindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred and brings peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and we are reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the

Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant*

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

**The Creation Story: Genesis 1:1-2:2**

**Hymn 405**, *seated*

*All things bright and beautiful*

# All things bright and beautiful

*Descant*

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea - tures great and small,

*Refrain*

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

*Repeat Refrain*

he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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**Collect**, *please stand as you are able*

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.

*All are seated*

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

**Hymn J-257**, *seated*

*There is a river*

With abandon (♩ = 63)

G C Em/B



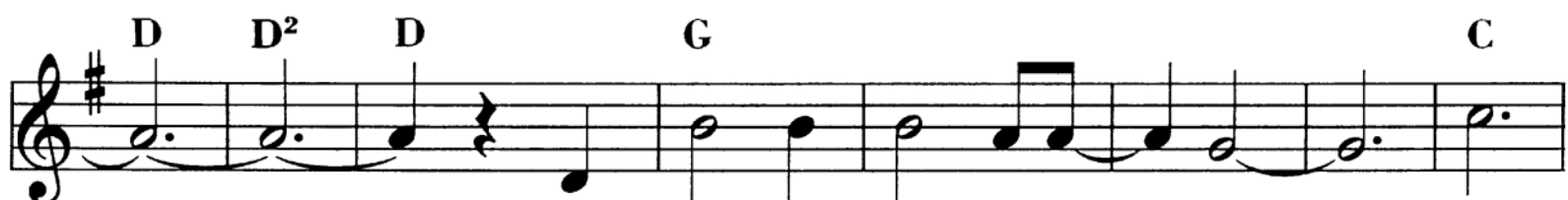
There is a riv-er whose streams make glad —

Am G D4



— the cit-y of God, the cit-y of God; —

D D<sup>2</sup> D G C



— the ho - ly hab - i - ta - tion — of

Em/B Am G D



the Most High, the cit-y of God, the cit-y of

G C G C



God. God is in the midst of her, she

G G/F# Em A A7



shall not be moved; the Lord of hosts is

D G



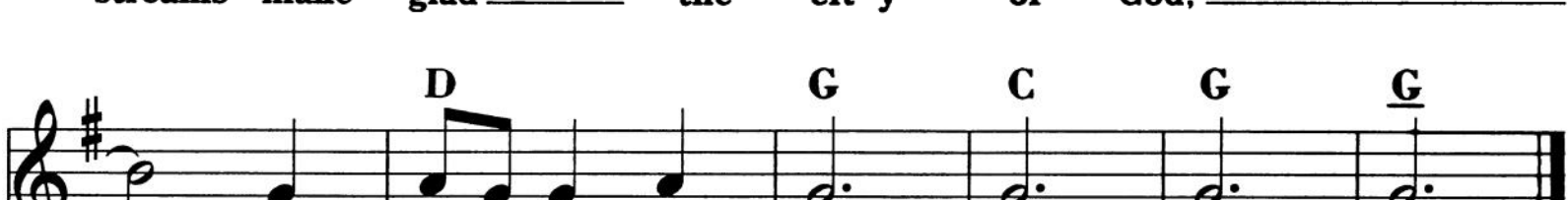
with her. For there is a riv-er whose

C Em/B Am G



streams make glad the cit-y of God,

D G C G G



— the cit - y of God.

**Collect, please stand as you are able**

Let us pray.

*Silence*

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All are seated*

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

**Hymn J-127, seated**

*Wade in the Water*

♩ = 116

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

**Fine**

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
 2. See that band all dressed in red,  
 3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?  
 4. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the

wa - ter. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,  
 Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,  
 The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,  
 Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

**D.C.**

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

**Collect, please stand as you are able**

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.

*All are seated*

**Salvation offered freely to all: Isaiah 55:1-11**

**Hymn J-44, seated**

*Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah*



C G/B Am C<sup>7</sup>/G

1. There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing

F Dm<sup>7</sup> Gsus<sup>4</sup> G<sup>7</sup>/F Em<sup>7</sup> Am C<sup>7</sup>/G

from the springs of sal - va - tion. And on that day you shall say, give

F G<sup>7</sup>/F Em<sup>7</sup> Amsus<sup>4</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup>sus<sup>4</sup> C F/C Csus<sup>2</sup> F/C

thanks to the Lord, and call up - on his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ to Refrain

Am Em F G<sup>7</sup>

2. Make his deeds known a-mong the peo- ples; see that they re-mem-ber that his

C Dm<sup>7</sup> C/E Am Em/G F D<sup>7</sup>

Name is ex - alt - ed. Sing the prais - es of the Lord, for he has done great

G Dm<sup>7</sup>/G Em/G G<sup>7</sup>

things, and this is known in all the world. \_\_\_\_\_ to Refrain

C G/B Am C<sup>7</sup>/G

3. Cry a - loud in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on,

F Dm<sup>7</sup> Gsus<sup>4</sup> G<sup>7</sup>/F Em<sup>7</sup> Am C<sup>7</sup>/G

ring out your joy, for the great one in the

F G<sup>7</sup>/F Em<sup>7</sup> Amsus<sup>4</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup>sus<sup>4</sup> C F/C Csus<sup>2</sup> F/C

midst of you is the Ho - ly One of Is - rael. \_\_\_\_\_ to Refrain

**Collect**, *please stand as you are able*

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.

*All are seated*

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

**Hymn 508**, *seated*

*Breathe on me, breath of God*



**Collect, please stand as you are able**

Let us pray.

*Silence*

Almighty God, by the Passover 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.

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

### **THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

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

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

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

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

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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

*Congregation is sprinkled with water with the words "Remember your baptism".*

The Easter Announcement

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The people ring bells during the following canticle.*

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

*When the altar candles are lit, the congregation may extinguish their candles.*

*\*Choir should refer to handout*

*Refrain, sung three times*

women: men:

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

1. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
2. Christ being raised from the dead will never die a - gain;  
3. Christ has been raised from the dead,

1. therefore let us keep the feast,  
2. death no longer has dominion over him.  
3. the first fruits of those who have fallen a - sleep.

1. Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,  
2. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
3. For since by a man came death,

1. but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (*Refrain*)  
2. but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
3. by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

2. So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
3. For as in Adam all die,

2. and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. (*Refrain*)  
3. so also in Christ shall all be made a - live. (*Final Refrain*)

*Final Refrain, sung nine times*

all:

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

## **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 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.**

**Sequence Hymn 296, v1,4, *standing***

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_

*Final Ending*



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.





san - na in the high - est.

Bless ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We re-mem-ber his death, We pro-claim his re-sur-rec-tion.

We a - wait his com-ing in glo - ry.

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Dunstan, St. Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

*Celebrant* *People*

A-men.

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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*People and Celebrant*

Our Fa - ther, in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name.

Your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as

we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,

\_\_\_ and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow er, and the

glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Christ our Passover**

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o -

ver is sac - ri - ficed for us. There-fore let us

keep \_\_\_ the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

**The Communion**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of your church/denominational background. Please extend 2 hands if you wish to have your bread dipped into the wine and extend one hand if you prefer to receive bread only and/or the common cup. If you need gluten free bread or prefer no wine, please indicate this. If you do not want Communion, you can come forward for a blessing instead, indicated by crossing your hands over your chest or simply remain in your seat.*

**Communion Hymn 417**

*This is the feast of victory*

*Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, — whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, — and  
 3 Sing — with all the peo - ple of God, — and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For — the Lamb — who was slain has be -

1 blood set us free — to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]  
 2 hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]  
 3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]  
 4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]  
 5 gun his — reign. — Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Final Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

### *Celebrate and People*

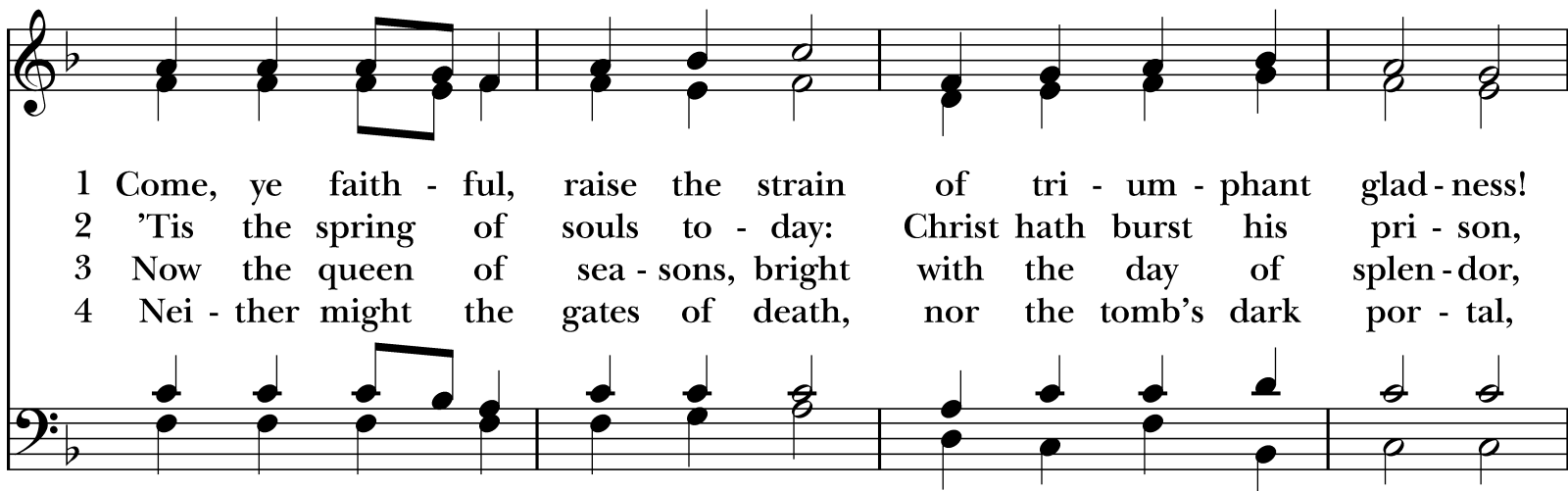
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

### **The 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.*

### **Closing Hymn 199**

*Come ye faithful, raise the strain*



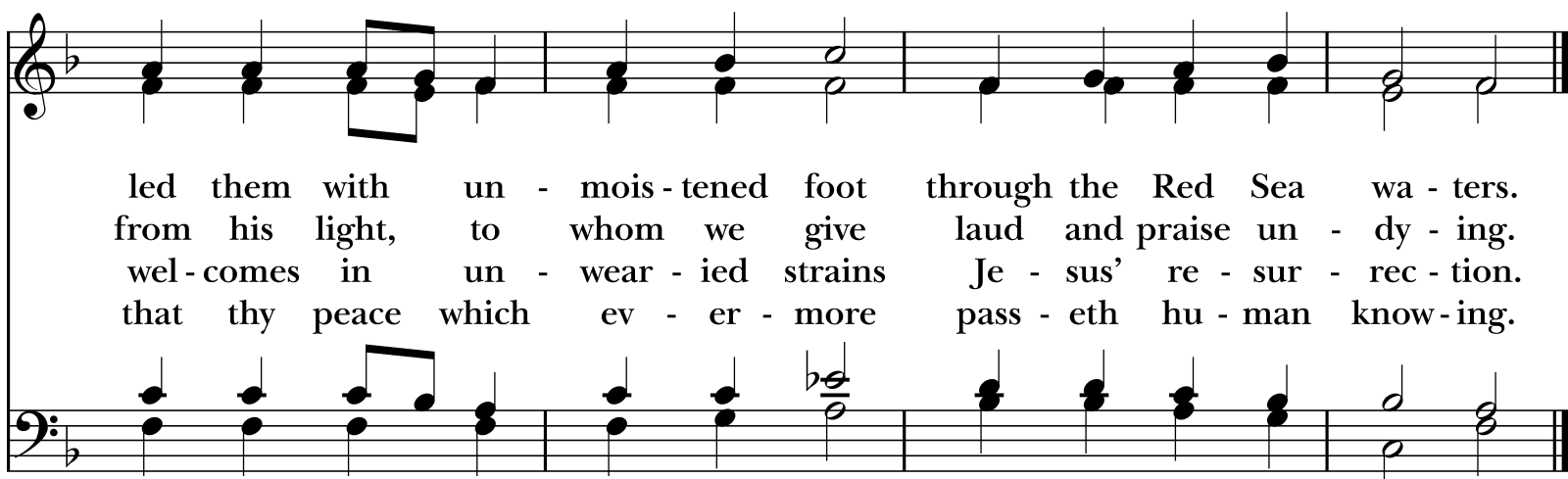
1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Let us go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

## The Postlude

*Come and Sing Praise to the Lord*

# EASTER

WORSHIP: | EGG HUNT: 9AM  
8AM & 10AM | ALL ARE WELCOME

### ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Clergy** The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen

**Music** Gregory Funk, Parish Musician  
Ann Marie Marvic, cantor  
Jack Houghton, trumpet

**Readers** Derek Vlasek, Darin Marvin, Christine McMillen

**Eucharistic Ministers** Sandia Tuttle

**Altar Guild** Melody, Kristen, Cindy, Barbara

**Sunday Sexton** Ryan Sifton

### INFORMATION FOR THE SERVICE

**St. Dunstan's Pledge cards** are available in the back of the church. You can mail a check to the office or donate online through ACS or on [www.stdunstans.org](http://www.stdunstans.org) or in person on Sunday morning.

If you wear **hearing aids with T-coil** you can hear our service directly through your hearing aids. If you do not have T-coil, or have hearing loss and are not yet ready for hearing aids, you can use one of our portable receivers and headset. A "**quiet room**" with streaming of the service is available in the back-east corner of this building and accessible seating options are marked and available throughout the church. Check with a Hospitality Minister for assistance.

**Children of all ages** are welcome in our services (noises and all). Our nursery is also open all morning for ages 0-3 (located on the east side of this building) and our "Pray-Ground" (front-left pew of the church) is open during the service with quiet children's activities. Christian education is at 9:00am for all ages (Sept-May) and during the 10:00am service children are welcome to come forward for a "Children's Moment" and may leave with teachers during the sermon for brief children's education and return just before Holy Communion. Children of all ages may receive Holy Communion at their parent's discretion.

**Accessible bathrooms** are located inside the church to the left and right of the main entrance. Please let a Hospitality Minister know if you need assistance with anything or have any questions.

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