

EPIPHANY†

of Seattle



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

APRIL 4, 2026 AT 8:00 PM

One Person Does Die... for All Humanity

Dear Epiphany,

How much better would the world be if the insight of the high priest, Caiaphas, became the norm for how peace is kept: "It is better to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed."

With hindsight, we recognize that these words set in motion the death of the Son of God. But in the moment, the logic must have seemed reasonable. One life for the sake of many. A tragic but practical exchange.

What if this had become the pattern? Imagine if only one person had died instead of the countless lives lost in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict. Imagine if one death had prevented the devastation and suffering of war in Ukraine. Before powerful leaders rumble into war, imagine if the stakes were no higher than the life of one man. It is reasonable, maybe even wise. Thousands might be spared.

But the problem with this kind of reasoning is that it never ends with just one death. Once that logic is accepted, there will always be another person who must die for the sake of stability, security, or order. Another sacrifice will be required, and then another after that. It becomes a pattern that protects the powerful and preserves the system. That is the human pattern.

The death of Jesus, however, was not one more sacrifice demanded by the system.

The death Jesus died led to resurrection.

I sometimes summarize the resurrection this way: it is God rejecting human rejection without denying human freedom. Humanity rejected Jesus. God did not prevent it. But neither did God allow that rejection to have the final word.

And this matters because if there is no freedom, there can be no love. Our God is the God of love first and foremost. That is the very nature of the Trinity—the God who is love, the God who is united by love within God's own life, and the God who generates love and shares that love with us. We are the recipients of that divine love. Freedom and love are bound together.

That freedom allowed Caiaphas to say what he said. It allowed the authorities to condemn Jesus. It allowed humanity to do what humanity so often does when fear and self-preservation take hold.

But what humanity meant for preservation through death, God transformed into salvation through life. Jesus did not die merely for one people, one nation, or one moment in history. He gave his life for the whole world, for every tribe, every people, every nation, across all time.

And so tonight, as we gather for the Easter Vigil, we remember that God is larger than the boundaries we draw: larger than our political divisions, larger than our national identities, larger than our cultural differences, and even larger than the limits of death itself.

The cross reveals what humanity does in the name of survival. The resurrection reveals what God does in the name of love.

That is the wisdom of the resurrection. God always has the final word, and it is love.

Happy Easter.

Peace upon your soul,

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THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*The congregation will meet in the Garden of Remembrance
for the lighting of the New Fire.*

This New Fire represents the victory in Christ of light and life over darkness and death.

In the darkness, fire is kindled; then the Presider will address the people in these words:

Presider 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.

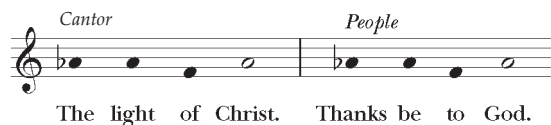
Let us pray.

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 lighted from the newly kindled fire.

The People's candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle.

*Then the Cantor, bearing the Paschal Candle,
leads the procession to the chancel,
pausing six times and singing:*



The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

*The Cantor sings the Exsultet,
an ancient Christian hymn that has been sung
at the Great Vigil since the seventh century.*

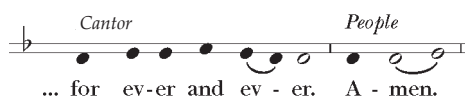
The Exsultet

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,



In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Remain seated for

Psalm 33: 1-11 *sung by the choir*

Plainsong

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.
He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

The people stand for the Collect.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

**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 people sit for the lesson and the hymn.

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 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

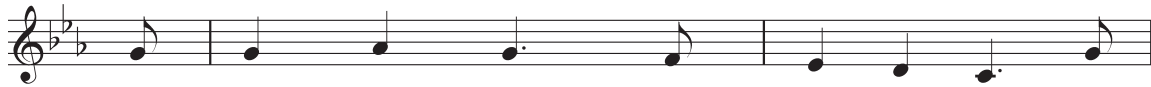
People Thanks be to God.

Remain seated for

Hymn 425

Sing now with joy unto the Lord

Adon Olam



1 Sing now with joy un - to the Lord, for
 2 God is our strength, he is our song, he
 3 He on - ly is the might - y Lord. He



he has tri - umphed glo - rious - ly! The horse, the rid - er,
 saved us from our en - e - my. All praise and thanks to
 on - ly can des - troy the foe. He on - ly is to



and the sword he cast in - to the rag - ing sea.
 him be - long who came to set his peo - ple free.
 be a - dored for he a - lone can strength be - stow.

words: Anon., ca. 1976, based on Exodus 15:1-2
 music: Eliezer Gerovitch (1844-1914)

The people stand for the Collect.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

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 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.

The people sit for the lesson and the psalm.

The Third Lesson *Salvation offered freely to all read by Frank Lawler*

Isaiah 55:1-11

Listen, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Remain seated for

Psalm 42 *sung by the choir*

Sicut cervus Desiderat

G. P. da Palestrina (1525-94)

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

(sung in Latin)

The people stand for the Collect.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

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.

The people sit for the lesson and the hymn.

The Fourth Lesson *A new heart and a new spirit* read by Carey Emig

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

words: Carl P. Daw (b. 1944), para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*
music: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

The people stand for the Collect.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

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

Sermon

The Reverend Kate Wesch

HOLY BAPTISM

As the candidate approaches the font, the people stand to sing.

Chant

Veni Sancte Spiritus

from the Community of Taizé

Ostinato Refrain

The musical score is for an Ostinato Refrain in 6/8 time, key of A major (three sharps). It consists of three staves: Melody (treble clef), Harmony (treble clef), and a Bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are: Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. The melody is a simple eighth-note sequence: A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, D5, C5, B4. The harmony consists of chords: A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, D5, C5, B4. The bass line consists of eighth notes: A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, D4, C4, B3.

The people remain standing.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Presider The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors **We present Samuel Quinones to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

The presider asks the parents and godparents

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

Answer I will with God's help.

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

Answer I will with God's help.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

The Presider then addresses the congregation, saying

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

People **We will.**

Presider Let us join with this child who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The people stand.

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 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.

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

The people remain standing.

Prayers for the Candidate

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 for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

Thanksgiving over the Water

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.

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.

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.**

The Baptism

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

The priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with Chrism and saying:

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

The people stand.

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.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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 people remain standing during the Asperges.

Rite of Sprinkling

Asperges me

T. L. de Victoria (1548-1611)

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

(Sung in Latin)

As a reminder of our own Baptism, the congregation is sprinkled with Holy Water, symbolizing reconciliation and renewal.

Remain standing for

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

The candles at the Altar are now lighted in silence from the Paschal Candle.

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The people now extinguish their candles.

Bells are rung continuously as all sing

The Song of Praise, Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

words: Latin, 14th cent.; 4th stanza Charles Wesley (1707-88)
 music: Lyrica Davidica (1708)

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day *said by all*

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 forever. Amen.

The people sit for

The Epistle *read by Scott Davies*

Romans 6:3-11

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.

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!

Antiphon (at the end)

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

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words: Latin, 1695
music: Giovanni da Palestrina (1525-94)

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

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

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

Offertory Sentence

Presider Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



The offertory is the time during the service when we give offerings to God, acknowledging that all we have comes from God. The choir offers their gift of music, and this is our opportunity to offer thanks to God through a monetary gift to support the ministries of Epiphany. Active Epiphany parishioners make an annual pledge commitment toward the vitality of our ministries. In some cases pledging parishioners also make a financial contribution at the offertory. Money placed in the hunger basket at Communion supports our outreach ministry of feeding those in need. You may use the QR code, either during the anthem or later at your convenience, or place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed.

Sing ye to the Lord,
for He hath triumphed gloriously.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host
hath He cast into the sea.

Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.

Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
Thou hast opened Paradise,
and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.

Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light;

Thou hast opened Paradise,
and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.
Alleluia! Amen.

The people stand as the thurifer comes to the top of the chancel steps. The thurifer bows to the people and the people bow to the thurifer. The thurifer censens the people, and then all bow again.

The people remain standing

Eucharistic Prayer B

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

- Staff 1:** Presider: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so with you.
- Staff 2:** Presider: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.
- Staff 3:** Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Staff 4:** People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider 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 *sung by all*

Richard Proulx (1937-2012)
(Mass for the City)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,____
heav - en and earth____ are full of your glo - ry.____ Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in____ the high - est. Bless - ed is he____ who comes in the name of the
Lord.____ Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in____ the high - est. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in____ the high - est._____

The people stand or kneel. Then the Presider 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 the 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:

Presider and people

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider

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.

Presider and people

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Presider

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with 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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer *sung by all*

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name, thy king-dom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
 And for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us.
 And lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de-li-ver us from e - vil. For thine is the king-dom,
 and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

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

The refrain is sung once by the cantor and then by all, and again after the verse.



The Invitation to Communion

Presider 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.

All are invited to receive the Holy Communion. It is your choice as to whether you receive Holy Communion or a blessing. You may receive Communion or a blessing at the standing station in the front of the nave or proceed to the altar rail. The bread will be placed in your palm. You may consume the bread and then drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice firmly and guide it to your lips); or, you may leave the bread in your palm for the chalice bearer to dip it into the wine and place it on your tongue. Self-intinction is strongly discouraged by the Episcopal church. The people’s response to receiving the bread and the wine is “Amen.” Gluten-free wafers are available. To indicate to the Eucharistic minister that you would like a gluten-free wafer, please present your hands palms down. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Music during the Communion

Anthem

I know that my redeemer liveth

Cecilia McDowall

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
 And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
 For now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleep.
 I know that my redeemer liveth.

Hymn sung by all

Repeating Alleluias

Calvin Hampton (1938-84)



The people stand.

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, 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 for ever. Amen.



1 I am the bread of life; — they who
 2 (The) Bread that — I will give — is my
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion, —
 5 (Yes,) Lord, — we be - lieve — that —



1 come to me shall not — hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, — and they who
 4 I — am the — life. — They who be -
 5 you — are the — Christ, — the —



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat — of this bread, they shall — live for
 4 lieve — in me, e - ven — if they
 5 Son — of God who — has



1 me — un - less the — Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. — they shall — live for ev - er.
 4 die, — they shall — live for ev - er.
 5 come — in - to — the — world. —

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. — 2 The day.
 4 — day.
 5 Yes, (2)

Words and music: Suzanne Toolan (b.1927)

Threefold Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The ministers of the liturgy exit.

Voluntary

Incantation pour un jour saint

Jean Langlais (1907-91)

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THE LILIES ON THE CROSSES
ARE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ELEANOR BURTON AND
WINFIELD A. "BILL" FOREMAN
BY
ALICE GAUTSCH FOREMAN

Serving this day

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Altar Guild Dawn Friend

Altar Flowers Valerie Conn



Weekly Sunday Worship Services at Epiphany Seattle

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist Rite II- This service is a spoken service of Holy Eucharist. There are readings and prayers, but no sermon. *Chapel*

8:45 am—Holy Eucharist Rite II- This service features contemporary language, readings, hymns, anthems sung by the Epiphany Choir, a sermon, and Holy Eucharist. Sunday school happens during this time. *Church*

11:00 am—Holy Eucharist Rite I - This service features traditional language, readings, anthems sung by the Epiphany Choir, a sermon, and Holy Eucharist. There is incense at this service. *Church*

4:30 pm—Holy Eucharist - The Come As You Are worship service is inclusive and inter-generational. This casual, welcoming service celebrates busy lives and encourages all ages to participate—come in whatever you're wearing! With reflective music, prayer stations, and family-centered worship, everyone is embraced. *Chapel*

5:30 pm—Evensong - Sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong is a service of Evening Prayer, derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline. The choir sings the traditional evening prayers of the church that have been offered for centuries, while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers to those of the choir. *Church*

*Please join us in the Great Hall for a
dessert and sparkling beverage reception.*

THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND EASTER LILIES ARE
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

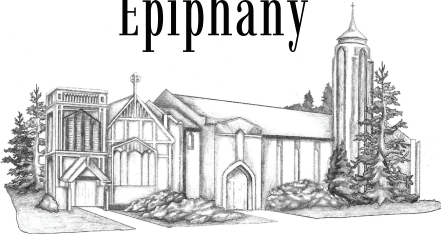
AND IN REMEMBRANCE OF

MY PARENTS, PHOEBE AND BOB KING FROM MARGARET KING;
JACK MAYOTTE FROM JUDITH MAYOTTE;
LOIS REX, WALLY REX, AND JOHN HALSTEAD FROM THE BILL REX FAMILY;
BOB BARNES FROM TERRY AND DIANE CARLISLE;
DOMINIC JAMES FROM NORMA CURRIN;
LUCY VAN BOSKERCK MITCHELL FROM CAROLINE NORMANN;
THAD ALSTON FROM KELLI MARTIN;
ANNE, KARL AND STU MOLDREM FROM LISA MOLDREM;
KARA AND GREG FROM LAURA AND CHRIS RODDE;
COLONEL ALLEN F. ROSSOW FROM MARK ROSSOW AND EUN-GYONG LEE- ROSSOW;
OUR PARENTS, JANET AND ALEBERT EINSTEIN AND RUTH AND FRED ANDERSON
FROM MARGIE AND AL EINSTEIN;
ANDREW EDWARD EMERSON FROM NANCY AND ED EMERSON;
NANCY BURNS FROM JAMES L. BURNS;
DOUGLAS TEWES FROM MARGOT TEWES AND FAMILY;
RICHARD FRIEDEL, KEN AND JEAN ROBERTS FROM THE ROBERTS FAMILY;
SYLVIA RABER & MONA HEASTON CLARKE FROM CONNI AND DOUG CLARKE;
MY MOM, NUBIA ROMERO FROM ANDREA QUINONES;
KATHLEEN MURPHY FROM JAMES RICHARDSON AND SUSAN BISKEBORN;
BARBARA AND RICHARD RINDE FROM JILL RINDE;
CAPPY CLARKE FROM SALLY CLARKE;
CONNIE DICE, ALBERT AND MARILYN RANSON FROM ANDREW RANSON;
JILL'S MOTHER, JUDY RABE FROM JILL AND JAMES CRUTCHER;
MARK E. AND MARILYN P. HOEHNE FROM EILEEN RILEY AND JANET HOEHNE;

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR

MY DAUGHTER, MOIRA FROM BRAD NEARY;
MY FAMILY FROM MARGARET KING;
OUR GRANDCHILDREN: LOGAN AND ZOEY FROM DIANE AND TERRY CARLISLE;
OUR FAMILY FROM NEIL AND NANCY McREYNOLDS;
DESMOND CONN'S GRADUATION FROM COLLEGE THIS SPRING
FROM DOYT AND KRISTIN CONN;
OUR FAMILY AND EPIPHANY COMMUNITY FROM MARGIE AND AL EINSTEIN;
MY FAMILY FROM MARGOT TEWES;
EPIPHANY PARISH FROM ELIZABETH FLEMING;
THE LOVE OF FAMILY AND THE BLESSINGS OF EPIPHANY PARISH FROM THE ROBERTS FAMILY;
FROM ELIZABETH CAMPBELL;
OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN FROM SUE AND JOHN CARY;
KIM STREET FOR 67 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP AND INTRODUCING US TO EPIPHANY
FROM TOM AND SALLY HOLFORD;
MY SON, DREW RANSON FROM ANDREW RANSON;
OUR FAMILY AND OUR EPIPHANY FAMILY FROM DWAYNE AND LORELLE SHEARER;
EPIPHANY'S PRAYERS AND CARE FROM PAM TINSLEY.

Worship at Epiphany



Join Us For Worship Every Sunday

Spoken Eucharist (*no music, no sermon*) | 7:30 am | Chapel
Holy Eucharist (*Rite II*) | 8:45 am | Church
High Mass (*Rite I, with incense*) | 11:00 am | Church
Come As You Are Eucharist (*intergenerational*) | 4:30 pm | Chapel
Choral Evensong (*choir-led, no sermon*) | 5:30 pm | Church

Make sure to check the front page of our website for the latest Sunday and occasional mid-week service time, as well as links to livestreams and bulletins.

Getting to Know Epiphany

Wednesday, April 15
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Chapel

Epiphany 101: Learn how to engage and grow in life at Epiphany! Explore giving, serving in worship, church governance, and discover how the church can support you.

As part of our parish life, Epiphany regularly holds gatherings to help better connect newcomers and longtime members with our Episcopal community. Look out for campus tours, organ demos, evenings with The Saint John's Bible, and more in the future!

To learn more about how you can get to know Epiphany, please contact **Amanda Eap** at amanda@epiphanyseattle.org.

The *Capital* Campaign

Preserve & Enhance
our Spiritual Home

Join us for a Chancel Gathering to learn more about how you can participate in honoring our past and generously passing Epiphany to future generations. **Scan to RSVP:**

100% participation: Epiphany has thrived for the past 18 years through a simple but powerful pattern: when everyone participates and gives generously according to their capacity, we have what we need.



Founded in 2019, the Epiphany Music Academy is a music school located in the heart of Seattle's Madrona neighborhood. The Academy's faculty is composed of area music teachers, each well-known in their field for performance, teaching, and education. The Academy provides a place for the Seattle community and beyond to access a variety of music lessons and classes for all people, regardless of age, ability, or ambition.

Learn more at epiphanymusicacademy.org



APRIL 24 AT 7:30 PM
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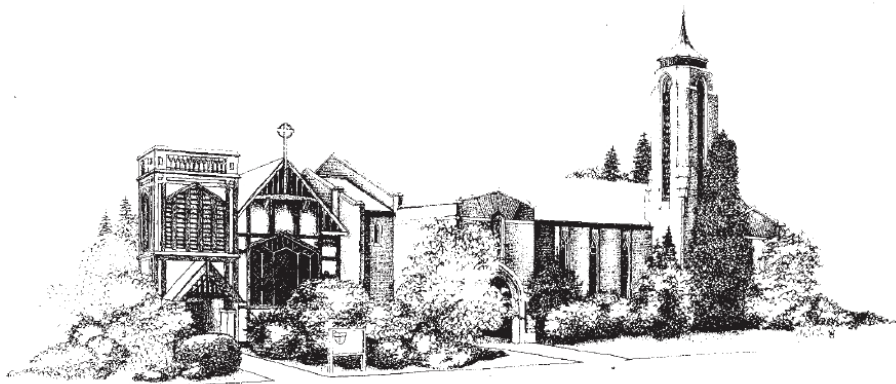
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Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
you have a place at Epiphany.