



The Episcopal  
**Church of the Ascension**

Your Village Church since 1885

*Our Vision: we serve Christ today  
for those who will come to know and serve Christ tomorrow.*

**The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday**  
**April 5, 2026**

# The Great Vigil of Easter

Six o'clock in the morning

*Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. Complete music for the hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982, or for hymns 721 – 906 in the green hymnal supplement – Wonder, Love & Praise*

## The Service of Light

*The Paschal Candle represents the glory and splendor of Christ's Risen Presence among us. It is kept lit at all services for the Great Fifty Days of Easter. It is again lighted at all baptisms and funerals during the year. At the appointed hour, the church gathers in darkness. The congregation stands and faces the Font as the Celebrant addresses them with the bidding.*

A Bidding

Prayer Book page #285

The Kindling and Blessing of the New Fire

The Inscription of the Paschal Candle

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Procession of the Paschal Candle

*The deacon bears the candle to the people, pausing three times and singing each time on a higher pitch:*



**The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.**

*As the deacon pauses for each of the three acclamations, the people nearby light their candles from the Paschal Candle and pass the flame to others nearby. Unlit candles should be dipped, while lit candles remain upright. The Paschal Candle is placed on its stand and the Exultet is sung.*

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.**



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 loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son. How 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 man is 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 Liturgy of the Word

*The history of salvation is unfolded through Old Testament readings, psalms and collects. The people stand or sit for the readings and psalms or canticle and stand for the collect following each psalm or canticle.*

**A BIDDING**

BCP 288

**THE STORY OF CREATION** Genesis 1:1—2:4a *A period of silence is kept*

Psalms 36: 5-10 *(said in unison)*

BCP 632

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \* and your faithfulness to the clouds.  
6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.  
7 How priceless is your love, O God! \* your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.  
8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \* you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
9 For with you is the well of life, \* and in your light we see light.  
10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \* and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The Collect

BCP 288

**ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA** Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 *A period of silence is kept*  
Canticle 8 *Cantemus Domino (said in unison)*

BCP 85

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \* the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \* the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \* the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \* Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \* they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \* your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \* the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \* on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established. The Lord shall reign \* for ever and for ever.

The Collect

BCP 289

**A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT** Ezekiel 36:24-28 *A period of silence is kept*  
Psalm 42:1-7 *(said in unison)*

BCP 643

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \* so longs my soul for you, O God.  
2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
3 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"  
4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,  
5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \* among those who keep holy-day.  
6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \* and why are you so disquieted within me?  
7 Put your trust in God; \* for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The Collect

BCP 290

**THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES** Ezekiel 37: 1-14 *A period of silence is kept*  
Psalm 30 *(said in unison)*

BCP 621

1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up \* and have not let my enemies triumph over me.  
2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \* and you restored me to health.  
3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \* you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.  
4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \* give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.  
5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \* his favor for a lifetime.  
6 Weeping may spend the night, \* but joy comes in the morning.  
7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
8 Then you hid your face, \* and I was filled with fear.  
9 I cried to you, O Lord; \* I pleaded with the Lord, saying,  
10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?  
11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \* O Lord, be my helper."

**12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \* you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.  
13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \* O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

The Collect

BCP 291

**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE** Zephaniah 3:12-20 *A period of silence is kept*

Psalm 98 *(said in unison)*

BCP 727

**1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \* for he has done marvelous things.  
2 With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory.  
3 The Lord has made known his victory; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  
5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song.  
7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the Lord.  
8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell therein.  
9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.  
10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.**

The Collect

BCP 291

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*A Bidding begins this portion of the service.*

*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.*

*The people then process into the church by candlelight. As the Altar Party enters, the people will be sprinkled.*

## The Asperges *The Choir will sing this traditional anthem*

### The First Eucharist of Easter

*Hymns and "S" numbers are found in the blue Hymnal, while BCP or Prayer Book refers to the red Book of Common Prayer Book.*

Opening Acclamation

**Prayer Book page # 355**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen. *People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

WL&P #900

*John Rutter*

*It is an ancient and traditional custom to ring bells throughout the first "Gloria" of Easter.*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### The Word of God

#### The Collect of the Day

**Prayer Book page # 295**

*The Celebrant says to the people* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### The Lessons

**Prayer Book page # 357**

*The people sit. Two Lessons, as appointed, are read. After each Reading, the Reader may say* The Word of the Lord.

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

#### **A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (31:1-6)**

##### **The Gradual Psalm 118**

**Prayer Book page # 761**

*Sung in Anglican chant*

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is **good**; \* his mercy endures for **ever**.

2 Let Israel now pro-**claim**, \* "His mercy endures for **ever**."

14 The Lord is my strength and my **song**, \* and he has become my sal-**vation**.

15 There is a sound of exultation and **victory** \* in the tents of the **righteous**:

16 "The right hand of the Lord has **triumphed!** \*"

the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has **triumphed!**"

17 I shall not die, but **live**, \* and declare the works of the **Lord**.

22 The same stone which the builders re-**jected** \*has become the chief **cornerstone**.

23 This is the Lord's **doing**, \* and it is marvelous in our **eyes**.

#### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (3:1-4)**

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

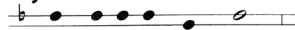
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest announces the Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10)

**"The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew"**



The people respond *Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.*



After the Gospel, the Reader sings "The Gospel of the Lord" and the people respond *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

*The Very Rev'd Canon Michael A. Bamberger*

**The Prayers of the People**

*The prayers are led by the Deacon of the Mass.*

In the knowledge of God's love, let us join together in prayer for the needs, hopes, and concerns for all of creation and acknowledge God's abiding Spirit within us, responding "hear our prayer."

For the Church, that this Eastertide may enliven the body of Christ in such new ways as to bring true unity and concord and enable us to work together to accomplish your perfect will. O God, who makes us one, **Hear our prayer.**

For the divided and restless nations of the world, that those who hold power over others may be enlightened and transformed by the demands of peace and justice. O God, who makes us one, **Hear our prayer.**

For us all to have a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. O God, who makes us one, **Hear our prayer.**

For all whose lives are closely linked with ours who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially for \_\_\_\_.

O God, who makes us one, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or Spirit, that they all may know your gracious love, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

O God, who makes us one, **Hear our prayer.**

For the forgiveness of our sins, that we may live our lives which are made new in the saving work of Jesus. O God, who makes us one, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died whom we commend to your loving arms and mercy, that may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. O God, who makes us one, **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* O God, keep our minds inside your love and sustain us to be advocates of your peace, for we are many parts and need to be one. We beg for this unity which only your Spirit can give, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Prayer Book page # 360

## The Holy Communion

Prayer Book page # 361

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory this will be sung-*

"Jesus, Hope of Men Despairing" Lyrics by Ernst Christoph Homburg (1659); Harmonization by Johann Sebastian Bach

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed upon the Altar and sing the following*

### The Offertory Hymn No 188

SAVANNAH



1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?  
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?  
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Savannah, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760.

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book page # 361

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-120")*

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 him 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, 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:

*Celebrant and People* **(Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-125")**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people remain standing, or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-135")

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

*People and Celebrant* (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-119")

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Prayer Book page # 364

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

*Celebrant: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*People: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

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

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

*The following Fraction Anthem will be sung Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-164")*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

*All are welcome to come forward and receive of this sacrament of Christ's Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing or not receive from the Cup, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind. Ascension has returned to receiving Communion in both kinds. Our parishioners have choices. One option is to continue to receive in one kind. A second option is to receive from the common cup. A third option will be for individuals and households to receive in a small chalice, which will have a small amount of consecrated wine poured into it from the common cruets. Folks may choose to bring from home a glass or cup that holds special significance or to use a small glass which we have available. Please note – the practice of Intinction (where a parishioner dips the bread in the wine) is not permitted under diocesan guidelines.*

*After Communion, the people stand and sing Hymn 305*

ROSEDALE

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,  
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou  
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one  
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand;  
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;  
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

**Prayer Book page # 365**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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 people then stand and sing* **The Final Hymn No. 207**

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!

*The Celebrant may bless the people.*

*The People are dismissed with the Festal Dismissal S 175*

**People**  
 Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Closing Voluntary: Symphony V: Toccata in F Major

*Charles-Marie Widor*

*Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary. Following the Voluntary, the Regina Coeli will be rung.*

## Flower Offerings

### In Memory of:

The Bamberger Family  
Claudia Foote  
Jean Rowe  
John and Lynne Holl  
Adela Gomez  
Roger and Debbie Keith  
The Rev'd Robin Kassabian  
Fay Owen

Brin Owen, Pat & Jack Bamberger  
Carl Foote  
Steve Rowe  
Loved ones  
The Rev'd Canon Fernando Gomez  
Departed Loved Ones  
Paul Kassabian  
Brin Owen

### In Thanksgiving:

John and Karen Higgins  
Dorothy Steeves

John and Lynne Holl    John and Marie Prentice  
Walker and Pamela Williams    Elizabeth Levie

## Music Offerings

Jean Rowe	The Rev'd Robin Kassabian	Roger and Debbie Keith
Claudia Foote	Collette Ostrye	Liz Levie
The Bamberger Family	Mimi Herschkowitz	John and Marie Prentice
Fay Owen	Dorothy Steeves	Adela Gomez
Melody Taylor Stark in memory of Bill Stark	Alexandre Potter Watts in memory of Paul Potter	

# Announcements for The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

## April 5, 2026

**IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY**, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or talking about your baptism, please speak to the Rector – Canon Bamberger.

**ASCENSION WELCOMES CHILDREN** – There are toys in the “Prayground” towards the back of the church and in the side chapel for small children in need of distraction, and a rocking chair for those in need of consolation. And sometimes parents and kids need to feel free to step outside and take a breather! All children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing.

**AN EASTER BRUNCH** will follow this service in Hawks Hall – All are welcome!

**THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP** will gather together at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Nano Cafe, 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre - 626-325-3334. Please RSVP to Ray Smith at [ray@madre.net](mailto:ray@madre.net) or Ray's cell phone # 626-233-1035. All are welcome.

**THE MEN'S GROUP MONTHLY LUNCHEON** will meet at noon, Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Nano Cafe, 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre - 626-325-3334. Please RSVP to Father Michael.

**LESSONS NEXT WEEK:** The Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

**WEEKLY SERVICES:** SUNDAY 8:00am & 10:15am, THURSDAY 8:15am.

**LEADERSHIP:** *Rector:* The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.

*Assisting the Rector:* The Reverend Robin Kassabian, M. Div.  
The Reverend Robert J. Gaestel, M.Div.  
The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski

*Parish Administrator:* Ms. Kim Lumino; *Director of Music:* Dr. Stephen Marshall; *Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Walker Williams; *Junior Warden:* Ms. Marie Prentice; *Treasurer:* Mr. Dan Hanson;

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