

THE CHURCH of the HOLY COMFORTER

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*Holy Comforter is a Christian community, engaging diversity,
empowering through worship, and embracing the spiritual journey,
in our church, in our community, and in the world, that all may be made whole and fully alive.*

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

MARCH 30, 2024

We pray that all who enter the Church of the Holy Comforter experience God's presence in this community of faith, a community that through Christ strives to be loving, joyous, inclusive, and transforming and filled with God's grace. The Church of the Holy Comforter welcomes you to this service. This service leaflet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (green), and *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (black) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. The hymns which begin with an "S" are in the front of *The Hymnal 1982*. Unless noted by either "WLP" or "LEVAS" the hymns are found in *The Hymnal 1982*. We hope that you will feel at home at Holy Comforter and will return again soon and often.

WELCOME TO HOLY COMFORTER!

- **Guest Book** ~ Our guest book is located on a stand at the back of the church. If you are new to Holy Comforter, please sign the guest book. We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today!
- **Receiving Communion** ~ To receive, stand or kneel around the Holy Table, simply hold your hands palms up and the priest or deacon will place a piece of bread in them. To receive wine from the chalice, assist the chalice bearer by holding the base and helping to guide it to your lips. We will offer one chalice from which to drink and one for intinction, dipping the bread into the wine. Please inform the person holding the bread if you wish to perform the intinction, and the person will do it for you and place the bread and wine in your open palm. If you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, we welcome you to receive a blessing—to indicate this, please cross your arms on your chest. Gluten-free bread is available as is a non-alcoholic option chalice; simply ask the clergy.
- **Votive Candles** ~ You may light a candle at the votive stand in the back of the church. Votive candles may be lit before, during, or after the service.
- **Children are Welcome** ~ Enjoy our baby/toddler/young child area in the pews.
- **Restrooms** are located in this building behind the choir area; go out the doors by the Earth banner and turn left. One of the restrooms contains a **baby-changing station**. Ushers can guide you.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, fire is kindled

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 incense is prepared and the New Fire is censed. The Paschal Candle is prepared and censed. Candles distributed to members of the congregation are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time.

The Deacon bearing the Candle leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing

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

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

The Exsultet The Rev. Joseph G. Klenzmann, Deacon

The Liturgy of the Word

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

The congregation is seated.

Reading ~ The story of Creation

James Weldon Johnson's *The Creation*

Hymn

God of the Sparrow

Roeder



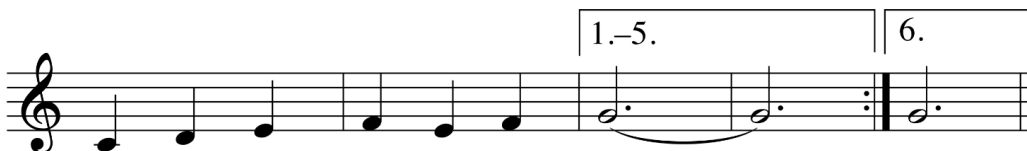
1. God of the spar - row God of the
 2. God of the earth - quake God of the
 3. God of the rain - bow God of the
 4. God of the hun - gry God of the
 5. God of the neigh - bor God of the
 6. God of the a - ges God near at



whale God of the swirl - ing stars
 storm God of the trum - pet blast
 cross God of the emp - ty grave
 sick God of the prod - i - gal
 foe God of the prun - ing hook
 hand God of the lov - ing heart



how does the crea - ture say Awe
 how does the crea - ture cry Woe
 how does the crea - ture say Grace
 how does the crea - ture say Care
 how does the crea - ture say Love
 how do your chil - dren say Joy



how does the crea - ture say Praise
 how does the crea - ture cry Save
 how does the crea - ture say Thanks
 how does the crea - ture say Life
 how does the crea - ture say Peace
 how do your chil - dren say Home

Collect

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Loving God, your creation is very good: The darkness of this church, the light of your life, our birth in these waters, your image in us all. Creating God, we rest in you. **Amen.**

Reading~Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

refrain

O Ma - ry, don't you weep, don't you mourn, O Ma-ry, don't you

weep, don't you mourn; Pha-raoh's ar - my got drown - ded, O Ma -

- ry, don't you weep.

1. One of these morn - ings bright and fair,
2. When I get to heav-en goin'-a sing and shout,
3. When I get to heav-en goin'-a put on my

all:

goin'-a take my wings and cleave the air;
 ain't no - bod-y there goin'-a turn me out; Pha-raoh's ar -
 shoes, goin'-a run a - bout and spread the news;

- my got drown - ded, O Ma - ry, don't you weep.

Collect

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O merciful God, save all whom oppression drowns. Wash away injustice. With Miriam we sing to the majestic mercy of your baptismal waters. O merciful God, we implore you: This time save also the Egyptians in your mercy wider and deeper than all the oceans of the earth. **Amen.**

Reading ~ A new heart and a new spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Collect

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Creator God, in the richness of creation, you shower us in the exuberance of your delight in all you have made. May our response be to open our eyes to your beauty in every living thing, to hear your word in all creation's sounds, and to share the joy of your saving love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading ~ The valley of dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Hymn

Breathe on me, breath of God
(refrain: Ana Hernandez)

Nova vita

Verses



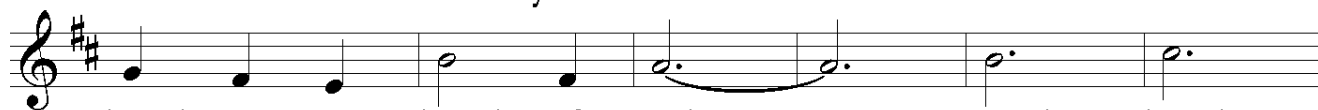
- 1. Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
- 2. Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
- 3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
- 4. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I ne - ver die;



that I may love what thou dost love, and
 un - til with thee, I will one will, to
 but live with thee - ly the part of me glows
 of



do what thou wouldst do. Breathe, breathe, breathe on me,
 do or to en - dure.
 with thy fire di - vine.
 thine e - ter - ni - ty.



breathe on me, breath of God. Breathe, breathe,



breathe on me; breathe on me breath of God.

Collect

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Come, O Life-giving Creator, and rattle the door latch of our slumbering hearts. Awaken us as you breathe upon a winter-wrapped earth, gently calling to life virgin spring. Call us forth from the prison camp of our numerous past defeats and narrow patterns of being, and enliven our ordinary lives with your extraordinary love. **Amen.**

Holy Baptism

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Presider says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present **Dale Collier** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I do.

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

I do.

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

I do.

After the candidate has been presented, the Presider addresses the congregation, saying

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

We will.

The Presider then says these or similar words

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

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

The Presider then says

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

A person appointed leads the following petitions

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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

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

The priest then marks the forehead with the sign of the cross and saying

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

A candle, lit from the paschal candle, is given to those baptized as the priest says

Dale, receive this light as a sign of the new light enkindled within you. **Amen.**

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 Dale, 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 candles at the Altar may now be lit from the Paschal Candle. The lights are raised and bells are rung. The Presider moves to the front of the dais for the Easter proclamation.

The Easter acclamation is proclaimed three times increasing in volume each time.

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Song of Praise You have put on Christ/Bautizado en Cristo

*1. You have put on Christ, in him you have been bap -
Bau - ti - za - do_en Cris - to, y re - ves - ti - do_en

tized. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
él. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Epistle 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Alleluia!

Celtic Alleluia

All sing refrain; choir sings verses

Refrain:

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

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

1. Now he is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb he is risen; he has conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.
2. The right hand of God raised me up. The hand of the Lord has triumphed. I shall never die, I shall live telling God's deeds.
3. Christ is the first fruits from death, filling the church with his glory! Darkness vanishes in the light of his power.
4. The stone which the builders rejected becomes the cornerstone chosen. Praise the work of God for this marvel in our eyes!

The Holy Gospel Mark 16:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff

A period of silence follows the sermon

Prayers of the People

Deacon Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day. Alleluia!

Leader God, whose steadfast love endures forever, we come with joy to behold your works, to witness your resurrection, and to praise your holy name.
Living Savior, **raise us to new life in you.**

Leader When we are trapped in our own tombs of illness, hunger, addiction, or despair:
Living Savior, **raise us to new life in you.**

Leader When we are the ones yelling, “Crucify!” hurting others, harming your creation:
Living Savior, **raise us to new life in you.**

Leader When we cannot believe the good news, feeling hopeless and helpless:
Living Savior, **raise us to new life in you.**

Leader When we are mourning those we’ve lost, with pain poisoning our good memories:
Living Savior, **raise us to new life in you.**

Leader When we are frightened by sudden change, unable to see the possibilities ahead:
Living Savior, **raise us to new life in you.**

Leader I invite your prayers silently or aloud.

Presider Bring us home, resurrected Christ. Gather us, restore us, raise us to new life in you. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem I Know That My Redeemer Lives *Shout On* Melody from *The Sacred Harp*

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At the Presentation



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

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B (*expansive language*)

The people remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

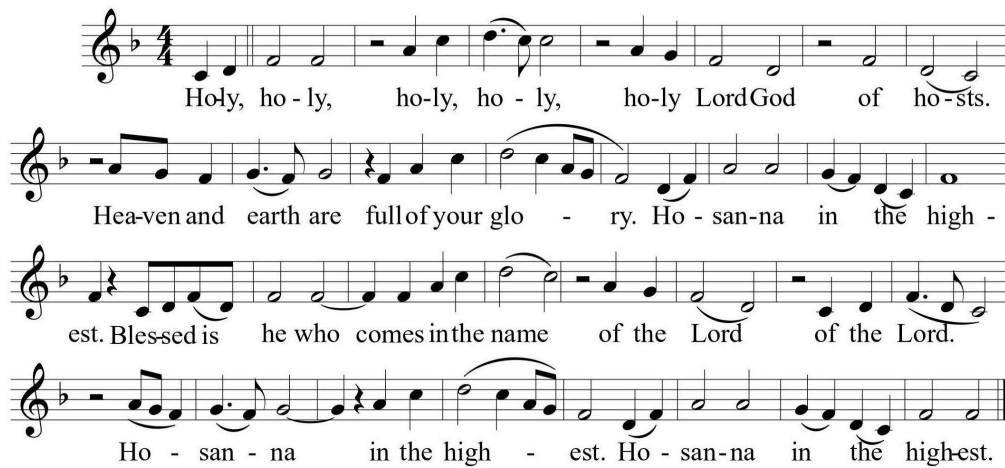
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Holy, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of ho - sts.
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the highest.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray to God, who is our Divine Parent, our Mother,
All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

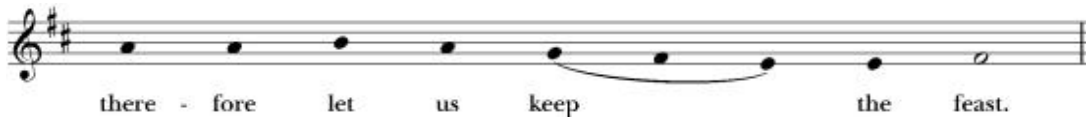
A period of silence is kept. Then all sing



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

Hymns at Communion

Hymnal 1982 #190 Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary
#204 Now the green blade riseth

Fisk of Gloucester
Noël nouvelet

Post-communion Prayer

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

Easter Blessing

Presider You are witnesses to the resurrection; you are messengers of the gospel. Go forth to tell the good news, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all; and the blessing of God Ever-loving, Creator, Christ, and the Holy Comforter, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #207 Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

Descant



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!

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude

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⌘ Announcements ⌘

Join us tomorrow for our Easter Sunday Service ~ our 10:00 a.m. service will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for children, and a reception/Connection Time for all.

Tuesday Morning Book Group ~ Tuesdays at 11:00 am. We will NOT meet Easter Week (April 2). When we meet again on April 9, we will begin discussing the book, *Ladder to the Light*, by Bp. Steven Charleston.

Good Samaritan Sunday, Social Justice and Outreach ~ On the first Sunday of the month, we focus on our Food Pantry, celebrating the work that we do and the people we serve. You are invited to bring food for our food pantry friends to the Altar Table after the Offertory Anthem during our Presentation hymn. Our next Good Samaritan Sunday will be **April 7. The pantry can use any food you bring at any time, and we particularly need: breakfast cereal and pasta. Thank you!** Our guests appreciate toiletries and household goods such as paper towels and cleaning fluid. We cannot take used clothing. We need grocery-sized paper bags but we don't need plastic bags. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

Connection Time ~ Please consider hosting our coffee hour/ Connection Time. Instructions for the coffee machine are posted in the kitchen. Coffee and water are requested. Light snacks are welcomed but not required. Use the Signup Genius to volunteer. Thank you. [Signup Genius](#)

Lectionary Study ~ Join us on Zoom, at 4 pm, on Thursdays. The Zoom link is found on our website, hoco.org. We consider the biblical readings for the coming Sunday. Our rector, Hilary, leads this time of reflection and discussion. This is a great way to prepare for Sunday! We will be on break for Holy Week and Easter Week, March 28 and April 4.

Sunday Morning Class ~ We meet every Sunday from 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. Our curriculum is *The History of Christianity II: From the Reformation to the Modern Megachurch*. **All are welcome: join us anytime to 'taste and see'!!** Contact: Peggy Hombs. **We are on break tomorrow, March 31, and will resume on April 7.**

Monday Night Class on Zoom ~ The Monday Evening Adult Class from 7:00-8:00 pm. via Zoom. (The Zoom link is found on the Holy Comforter website homepage.) We have been on break during Lent and will resume on April 8.

Wednesday Worship ~ at church: Centering Prayer, 11:45 am, for 20 minutes, and then a service of the Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm. We often observe the feast day of a saint of the Church. We will be on break for Easter Week and will resume on April 10.

The prayers of the people are taken from *Connections Worship Companion, Year A, Volume 1* (*Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship*) Presbyterian Publishing

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