



ST. FRANCIS  
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday, March 30, 2024 ~ 8:00 p.m.

*The Great Vigil of Easter is considered the most ancient, sacred, and important festival of the Christian year and is intended to be the first celebration of Easter. The service begins in darkness and proceeds through the Service of Light (which includes the kindling of the New Fire), readings from Scripture, Holy Baptism, and the Eucharist.*

*The Great Vigil was historically the service during which new Christians were invited into the community after baptism, excommunicated members were reconciled to the Church, and the first Communion of Easter was shared, linking the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ himself to the Christian life.*

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#### The people's responses are in bold.

✠ Indicates a place where the people make the sign of the Cross

The service begins in the Memorial Garden.

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### THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

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#### LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*In darkness a fire is kindled, after which the Presider addresses the people.*

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

Let us pray.

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

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and a deacon bearing the Candle leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*The Paschal candle is placed in its stand. Other candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle. The congregation remains standing.*

#### THE EXSULTET (*sung by the cantor*)

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...

*Deacon* *People*  
... for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

*Deacon*  
The Lord be with you.

*People*  
And al - so with you.

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

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

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

Now therefore, we sacrifice our Passover, in which for us the very Lamb of God is slain, by whose Blood his faithful people are made holy.

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 your children. Behold, what love he has bestowed upon us, who to redeem a servant, delivered up his only Son. O blessed iniquity, for whose redemption such a price was paid by such a Savior.

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 we are reconciled to God.

Therefore, O holy Father, accept the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle, which your holy Church makes before you, and offers to you by the hands of your servants, the work of the bees, your creatures. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness, as we celebrate the solemnity of our redemption.

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 with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God....

*Deacon* *People*  
... for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE SERVICE OF LESSONS

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

*Please be seated.*

### THE STORY OF CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:2

*The reader reads the lesson. After the lesson the reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 136:1-9, 23-26 *Exultate justi*

Plainsong Tone VIII 1

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever.*

*Give thanks to the God of gods, for his mercy endures for ever.*

*Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his mercy endures for ever.*

*Who only does great wonders, for his mercy endures for ever;*

*Who by wisdom made the heavens, for his mercy endures for ever;*

*Who spread out the earth upon the waters, for his mercy endures for ever;*

*Who created great lights, for his mercy endures for ever;*

*The sun to rule the day, for his mercy endures for ever;*

*The moon and the stars to govern the night, for his mercy endures for ever.*

*Who remembered us in our low estate, for his mercy endures for ever;*

*And delivered us from our enemies, for his mercy endures for ever;*

*Who gives food to all creatures, for his mercy endures for ever.*

*Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his mercy endures for ever.*

*(sung by the choir)*

Let us pray.

*Silence*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE OF ISAAC

Genesis 22:1-18

*The reader reads the lesson. After the lesson the reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

Plainsong Tone VIII 5

*Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."*

*All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.*

*But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.*

*Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.*

*O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.*

*My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.*

*I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.*

*I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.*

*My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.*

*For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.*

*You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.*

*(sung by the choir)*

Let us pray.

*Silence*

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The reader reads the lesson. After the lesson the reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 8: THE SONG OF MOSES *Cantemus Domino*

Plainsong Tone IV A

*I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.*

*(sung by the choir)*

*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.*

Let us pray.

*Silence*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL

Isaiah 55:1-11

*The reader reads the lesson. After the lesson the reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 9: THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH *Ecce Deus*

Plainsong Tone I B 10

*Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.*

*(sung by the choir)*

*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.*

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.*

*And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;*

*Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.*

*Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.*

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

Let us pray.

*Silence*

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*The reader reads the lesson. After the lesson the reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Lord, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; answer me in your righteousness.*

*(sung by the choir)*

*Enter not into judgment with your servant, for in your sight shall no one living be justified.*

*For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.*

*My spirit faints within me; my heart within me is desolate.*

*I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; I consider the works of your hands.*

*I spread out my hands to you; my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.*

*O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.*

*Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.*

*Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, for I flee to you for refuge.*

*Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.*

*Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake; for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.*

*Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, for truly I am your servant.*

Let us pray.

*Silence*

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Please stand.*

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

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

**I do.**

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.**

*The Celebrant says*

May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*The Altar Candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle.*

### THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

*Please stand.*

✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### SONG OF PRAISE 207

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

EASTER HYMN

*The Congregation is encouraged to ring bells during the Alleluias in the hymn.*

*The Celebrant sprinkles water on the Congregation in memory of their baptism.*

The Lord be with you.

BCP p. 295

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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

*Please be seated.*

### 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SEQUENCE HYMN 187

*Through the Red Sea brought at last*

STRAF MICH NICHT

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

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

**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 him. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Raleigh Langley

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III, BCP p. 387

On this night of Christ’s triumph over the powers of Sin and Death, let us pray for the church and for the world.

*Please kneel as you are able.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

✠ Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence may be kept.*

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

“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.”

*Matthew 28:5*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us*

Will C. Macfarlane (1870-1945)

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast.*

*(sung by the choir)*

*Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

*Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:  
death hath no more dominion over him.*

*For in that he died, he died unto sin once:  
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*

*Likewise, reckon ye also yourselves to be dead, indeed, unto sin:  
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Christ is risen, is risen from the dead:  
and become the first fruits of them that slept.*

*For since by man came death:  
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.*

*For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.*

Words: 1 Corinthians 5:7–8, Romans 6:9–11, and 1 Corinthians 15:20–22

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP p. 372

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

### SANCTUS S-128

setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

*organ*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

*organ*

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high - est.



*The people kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

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.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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 baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Our ushers will direct you to the altar rail at the appropriate time. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing; you may indicate you are not receiving communion by crossing your arms across your chest. Those desiring baptism are encouraged to speak to one of our priests. During the administration of communion, the people may be seated. For those who wish to have a gluten free wafer, please close your hands, and alert the priest when you are at the altar.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem* Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
 Your sweetest notes employ,  
 The Paschal victory to hymn  
 In strains of holy joy.*

*Triumphant in His glory now  
 To Him all power is given;  
 To Him in one communion bow  
 All saints in earth and heaven.*

*For Judah's Lion bursts His chains,  
 Crushing the serpent's head;  
 And cries aloud through death's domains  
 To wake th'imprison'd dead.*

*While we, His soldiers, praise our King,  
 His mercy we implore,  
 Within His palace bright to bring  
 And keep us evermore.*

*Devouring depths of hell  
 Their prey at His command restore;  
 His ransom'd hosts pursue their way  
 Where Jesus goes before.*

*All glory to the Father be,  
 All glory to the Son,  
 All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
 While endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.*

COMMUNION HYMN 204 *Now the green blade riseth* NOËL NOUVELET

*Please kneel as you are able for the prayer.*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 366

Let us pray.

**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.**

THE 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, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 174

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing*

SALZBURG

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

VOLUNTARY

*Symphonie Romane Op. 73*

IV. Final: Allegro

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

# St. Francis in the Fields Leadership and Support Staff

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### Term Ending 2027

Joe Cross, David Laird, Amber Picklesimer, Matt Price, Mitzi Root

### Appointees

George Vieth, *Treasurer*; Bill Receveur, *Buildings and Grounds Committee*;  
Katie Booker, *Parish Life Committee*

## MINISTRY & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

The Rev. Clint Wilson, *Rector*

The Rev. Raleigh Langley, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care, Missions, and Family Ministry*

The Rev. Barbara White, *Associate Rector for Worship, Formation, and Communications*

The Rev. Jennifer Grady, *Director of Children's Ministry*

The Rev. Chuck Ellestad, *Priest Associate*

Dr. Kirk M. Rich, *Director of Music*

Jessica Vanover, *Cherub Choir Director*

Alison Kemper, *Children's Ministry Assistant*

Hayden Glasgow, *Interim Organist*

Theresa Wilson, *Director of the Louisville Bridge Fellows Program*

Emily Feeney, *Parish Administrative Officer*

Karen Enderle, *Communications Manager*

Tracie Utter, *Parish Accountant*

Caroline Eager, *Interim Executive Assistant to the Rector*

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