CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ORDER OF WORSHIP



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

WITH HOLY BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, AND REAFFIRMATION AND A SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MARCH 26, 2016 7:00 p.m.

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Cathedral Parish of the Diocese of Tennessee (Episcopal)

Proclaim, Seek, Serve.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The congregation stands and faces the Narthex.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

During the procession, the following Versicle and Response is sung three times.

At the second and third pause, it is sung successively a step higher.



EXSULTET

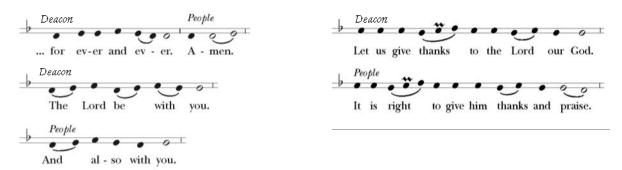
The flame will be passed from the Paschal Candle to the congregation during the singing of the Exsultet.

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...



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.

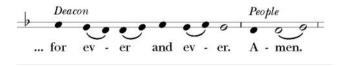
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

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. . .



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bishop 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.

Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac

GENESIS 22:1-18 (sít)

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The antiphon is sung by all at the indication "Refrain".



- 1 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."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, " upon those who are noble among the people. Refrain
- 3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. Refrain
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage. Refrain
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. Refrain
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 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. Refrain

Bishop Let us pray. (stand) (silence)

COLLECT (kneel)

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.

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

EXODUS 14:10—15:1 (sit)

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 Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: 'I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

The antiphon is sung by all at the indication "Refrain".



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. Refrain

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. Refrain

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. Refrain

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. Refrain

Bishop Let us pray. (stand)

(silence)

COLLECT (kneel)

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.*

A new heart and a new spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28 (sit)

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.

PSALM 42 and 43 Mode 2

The antiphon is sung by all at the indication "Refrain".



- 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?
- My tears have been my food day and night, * while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?" Refrain
- 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. Refrain
- 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. Refrain
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; *
 therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
 and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; * all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; * in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. Refrain
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength,
 "Why have you forgotten me?"
 and why do I go so heavily while the enemy
 oppresses me?"

- 12 While my bones are being broken, * my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me * and say to me, "Where now is your God?" Refrain
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; *
 for I will yet give thanks to him,
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God. Refrain
- Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me? Refrain
- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,* and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; " and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God. Refrain
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 6 Put your trust in God; *
 for I will yet give thanks to him,
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God. Refrain

Bishop Let us pray. (stand) (silence)

COLLECT

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.

The valley of dry bones

EZEKIEL 37:1-14 (sit)

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

PSALM 143 Mode 7

The antiphon is sung by all at the indication "Refrain".



- 1 Lord, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; * answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, * for in your sight shall no one living be justified. Refrain
- 3 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.
- 4 My spirit faints within me; * my heart within me is desolate. Refrain
- 5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; * I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I spread out my hands to you; * my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land. Refrain

- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, * for I flee to you for refuge. Refrain
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; * let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- 11 Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake; * for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.
- 12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, *
 for truly I am your servant. Refrain

Bishop Let us pray. (stand) (silence)

COLLECT (kneel)

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.

HOLY BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, REAFFIRMATION

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES (BCP, p. 301)

The Bishop says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsor I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

The candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Bishop 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?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

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

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Bishop asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer Ido.

Then the Bishop says

The other Candidates will now be presented.

Youth confirmands stand (and remain standing) with their sponsors in the pew.

Youth Minister: I present these youth for Confirmation.

Adult confirmands stand (and remain standing) with their sponsors in the pew.

The Sub-Dean: I present these adults for Confirmation.

Adults to be received into the Episcopal Church stand (and remain standing) with their sponsors in the pew.

The Canon: I present these adults to be received into this Communion.

Adults seeking the reaffirmation of baptismal vows stand (and remain standing) with their sponsors in the pew.

Priest Associate: I present these adults who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The congregation stands.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

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

People We will.

The Bishop 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

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop 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.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Bishop 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.

PROCESSION TO THE FONT

PSALM 114:1-4 Mode 7



- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion. Refrain

- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep. Refrain

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Bishop blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Bishop

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.

At the following words, the Bishop touches the water

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

Each candidate is presented by name to the Bishop, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

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

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying to each one

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

Then the Bishop says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Bishop and 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.

PSALM 114: 5-8 Mode 7



- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? * O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
 you little hills like young sheep? Refrain
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring. Refrain

A period of silence follows

The Bishop says to the congregation Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Silence may be kept.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, REAFFIRMATION (BCP, p. 309-310) (sit)

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

The people stand as the altar candles are lit from the Paschal candle.

The traditional Easter Greeting is exchanged: it is repeated three times, louder and louder.

The people ring their bells, first softly, then louder and louder.

Bishop: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS William Mathias



Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray.

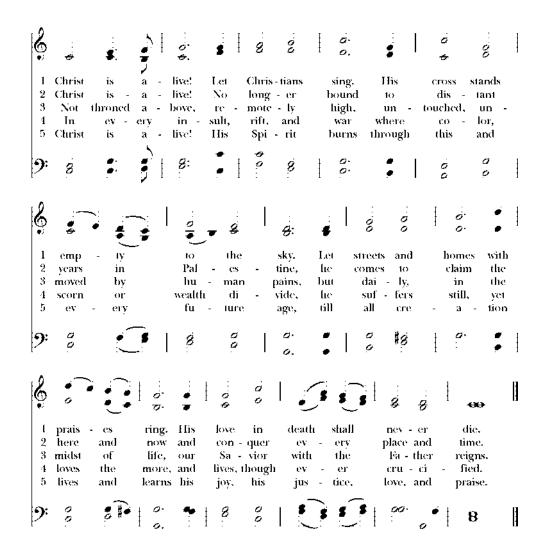
COLLECT

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.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - 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.

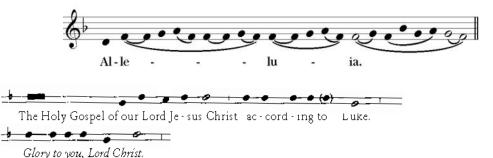
HYMN Christ is alive! Let Christians sing Truro



Gospeller

People

The Great Alleluia is sung three times by the Cantor at successively higher pitches, the congregation repeating it each time.



THE GOSPEL LESSON - Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.



GOSPEL FANFARE

HOMILY - The Right Reverend John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

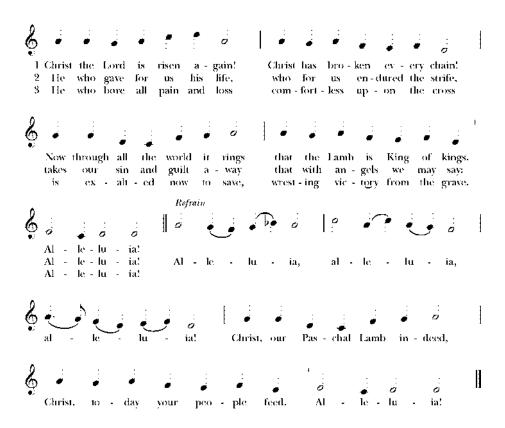
ANTHEM Christ is now risen agayne Brian Brockless
(1926-1995)

Christ is now risen agayne from his death and all his payne; therefore wyll we merry be and rejoyse with hymn gladly. Kirieleyson.

Had he not risen agayne, we had ben lost, this is playne: But sen he is risen in dede let us love hym all with spede. Kirieleyson.

Now is tyme of gladnesse, to singe of the Lordes goodnesse; therefore glad now wyll we be and rejoyse in hym onely. Kirieleyson.

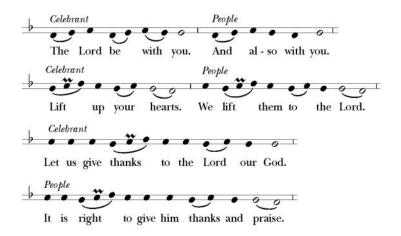
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer D)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Sursum Corda



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

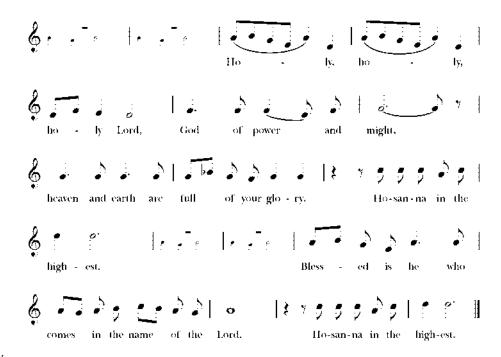
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

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,

Celebrant and People

Sanctus



The people stand or 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

Remember Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; John the Bishop of Tennessee; the Cathedral clergy, Timothy, Gene, Joshua, and Jacoba; our seminarians, Melinda and Molly; and all who minister in your Church.

Remember the men and women of the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Shona, Heath, and all those on active duty from this community; and those who suffer because of war.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth, especially the newly baptized: Elaina, Madelyn, and Oliver; and those who were Confirmed, Received, or who renewed their Baptismal Vows this night.

Remember Will, Roberta, Leigh, David Paul, Linda, Claire, Margaret, Sarah, Brandie, Derek, Jim, Peggy, Butch, Mary, Al, John, Mavis, Jessica, Patsy, Darla, and those we name before God or who are known to God in the silence of our hearts.

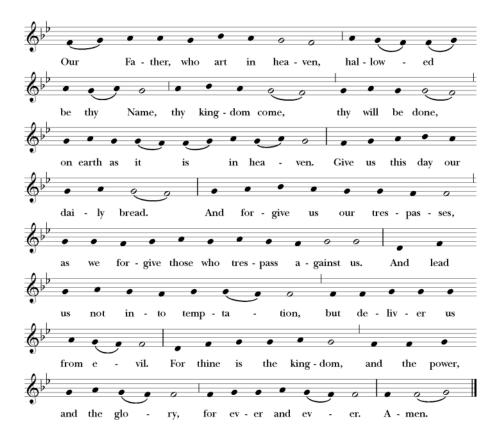
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

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.

The Lord's Prayer (sung by all)

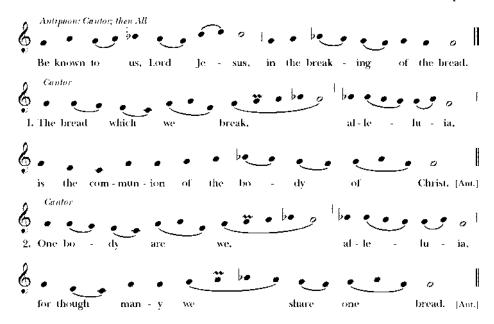
Plainsong, adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas



The Breaking of the Bread

Be known to us

Mode 6 melody adapt. Mason Martens



Please follow the direction of the ushers in order to receive Communion. When you approach the altar rail from the center aisle, begin to take your place from the center. You may stand or kneel to receive.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Anthem

When Mary through the garden went

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

When Mary through the garden went, there was no sound of any bird, and yet, because the night was spent, the little grasses lightly stirred, the flowers awoke, the lilies heard.

When Mary through the garden went, the dew lay still on flower and grass. The waving palms above her sent their fragrance out as she did pass. No light upon their branches was.

When Mary through the garden went, her eyes, for weeping long, were dim. The grass beneath her footsteps bent. The solemn lilies, white and slim, these also stood and wept for Him.

When Mary through the garden went, she sought, within the garden ground, One for Whom her heart was rent, One Who for her sake was bound, One Who sought and she was found.

Mary E. Coleridge

Anthem

Regina caeli Queen of heaven

William Hawley (b. 1950)

Regina caeli laetare, alleluia: quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia: resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia: for He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia: is now risen, as He foretold, alleluia. Pray for us to the Lord, alleluia.

Anthem

Rise up, my love, my fair one

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come; arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon

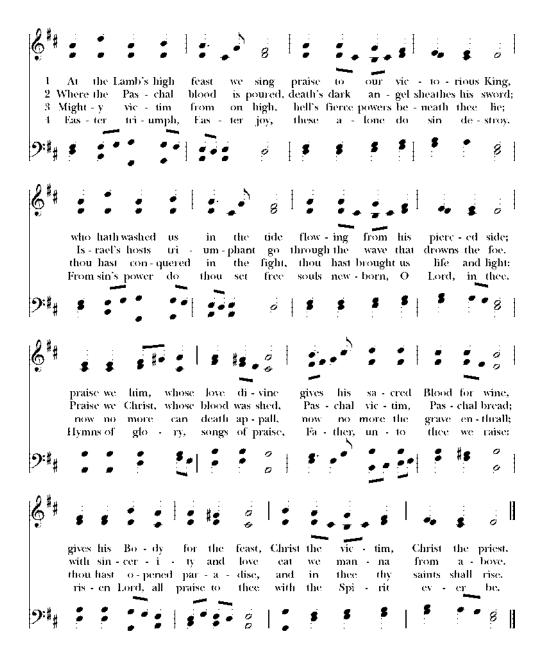
Surrexít Christus, alleluía. Surrexít Christus vere de Sepulcro. Alleluía.

Christ is arisen, alleluia. Christ is truly risen from the dead. Alleluia.

Hymn

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg



POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (stand)

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.

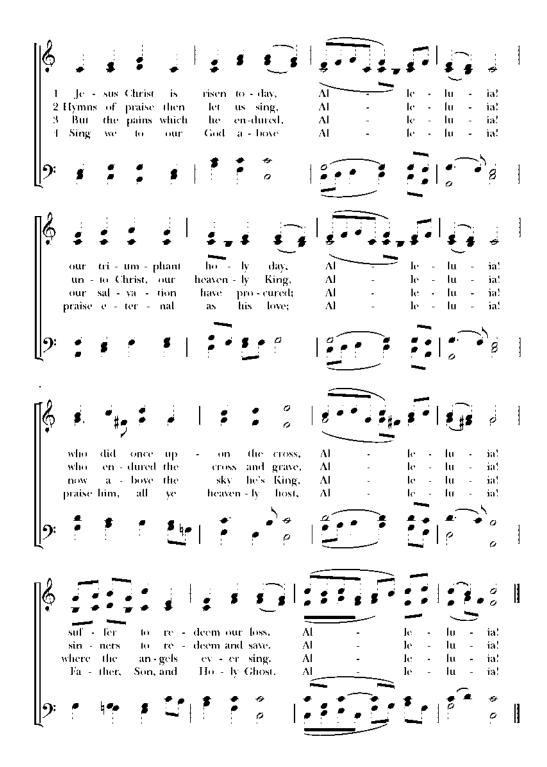
BLESSING (kneel)

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.



DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

BAPTIZED

Elaina Nicole Yu, daughter of Erin and Michael Yu Madelyn Bethany Vaughn, daughter of Cassandra and Robert Vaughn Oliver McLaughlin Irwin, son of Dixie and George Irwin

CONFIRMATION (YOUTH)

Katharine Scott Watke

Sarah Adele Wright

Zachary Thomas Williams

Eian Royce Brown Frances St. John Nix Lavey Stephen Wiley Martin Owen Hargitt Burns Henry Harrison Byrd Margot Malone May Laura Hughes Cheek Mary Fares Niarhos Margaret Killebrew Cook Edward Lawrence Noser Daniel Sellers Cowan Massey Margaret Quiggle Caroline Chappell Smith Robert Hays Cowan II Leigh Lewis Fox Denee Zaramarie Stewart Freeman

Jackson Langford Hasty Letitia Ferriss Thym

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, REAFFIRMATION (ADULT)

David Bridges Sue McDougall Madeline Bridges Cara Murphy Charlette Kay Hummel Eric Dale Perkins Nicholas Byron Huskins Geoffrey Ryan Pratt

Jeffrey Anton London Shane Prine

Alexandra Wilkes Long Sterling Collis Smith

David Turner Long Suzannah Lipscomb Scurry Smith

Easter Offering

The Christ Church Cathedral Easter offering is designated to the orphan outreach program of St. John the Divine in Randfontain, South Africa. The St. John's Community Center has cared for AIDS orphans for many years under the leadership of the Reverends Gwyn and Trevor Slade, whom many will remember from their sabbatical time here at the Cathedral. Their mission has moved to new and larger quarters, and they hope to purchase computers so that the children they serve can learn to use technology and broaden their awareness of the world.

Gifts for Easter music are given to the glory of God and

in honor of the Cathedral Choristers, by Fletch and Bill Coke

in thanksgiving and love to Michael Velting and Michael Gebhart for the wonderful music and musical work with the Senior and Junior Choristers, by Thomas, Tara, and Clark Steffen

in memory of Howard Lynn Swindle, by Carl Wall

in thanksgiving for Belle, Marie, and Jeremy Yeagle and Elizabeth Ann Stringer and Trey House, by Bella and Pete Stringer

in honor of the Right Reverend John Bauerschmidt and the Reverend Canon Pamela Snare for their many contributions to the Diocese of Tennessee, by Bella and Pete Stringer

in thanksgiving for music, by George and Mavis Allen

in memory of Donna Ross Cheek, by John Auston Bridges

in memory of Jean Rogers, by Don Rogers...and He shall raise them up on the last day

in loving memory of John N. Lukens, Jr., by Cauley Lukens

in thanksgiving for the ministries of Michael Velting, Michael Gebhart, and the Cathedral Choir and Choristers, by Joe Giles

in thanksgiving for their friends here and departed, by John and Shirley Lachs

in thanksgiving for the music program at Christ Church Cathedral, by Art and Sandra Hooper

in thanksgiving for her children, Charles, Nicoya, Gabrielle, and grandson Chioh, by Anzora Lee-Starks

in honor of Becky Rochford for her years of service at Christ Church Cathedral, by Betty and Andy Grimes

in memory of Clayton Reeve, friend and colleague, and in honor of Gail Reeve, by Jo Helen Railsback

in loving memory of their mother and grandmother, Linda Jackson, by Christina, Matt, Anna Claire, and Samantha Isbell

in memory of Kit Benson, grandmother of Opal, Audrey, and Lloyd Ivester, by the Ivester family

in thanksgiving for Michael Velting, Michael Gebhart, and the Cathedral Choristers, by Leigh and Michael MacMillan

in memory of her husband Larry, by Sarah Burchett

in memory of Michael Ayer, by Cynthia Ayer and family

in gratitude for the Cathedral clergy, lay canons, and staff, by Ophelia and George Paine

in loving memory of Frances Helton Patton and Nella Wood Helton, and in honor of Ann Patton, by Nancy Patton

in thanksgiving for their daughter, Campbell, by Tom and Patti West.

Easter flowers for the chancel are given to the glory of God and

in memory of their mothers, Ruth Thackston and Josephine Colton Williams, who shared the same birthday, by Bettye Westermann and John O. Colton

in loving memory of Sally Ann Schenker, by her children, Julie, Steven, David, Andrew, and Jenny, and their families

in memory of Nancy and John Katz, and Barbara and Bill Stringer, by Bella and Pete Stringer

in thanksgiving for their children, Lauren, Lukas, Olivia, and Loulou, by Jason and Scotty Falk

in honor of our grandchildren, Patrick, Matthew, Sarah, Augusta, and Heather, by George and Mavis Allen

in loving memory of Donna R. Cheek, by her family

in honor of Gloria and David Graves, from their children and grandchildren

in memory of Scarlet Noe, granddaughter of Sharon Noe, by members of the Flower Guild: Beverly Meece, Robert and Elaine Smyth, Diane Clements, Elizabeth Corney, and Deborah Koch

in loving memory of our father and grandfather, Jerald Manning, by Christina, Matt, Anna Claire, and Samantha Isbell

in memory of Donna Cheek and Brad Reed, by Charles Cook and Lawrence Blank-Cook

in honor of the current Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Formation Class: Luke Benfield, Sarah Rochford Benfield, Meredith Flynn, Adria Lambert, Emily Hansen McMakin, Heather Morris, Meg Nichols, Mary Ward, and Gina Williams by Rachel Barden, Chris Hansen, Becky Rochford, and Beverly Sanders

in memory of Stephen Burchett, by Sarah Burchett

in loving memory of Dan and Rosalind Clements, by their daughter Dede and grandchildren Katie Cowan and William Kaminski

in thanksgiving for our daughter, Frances St. John Nix Lavey, on the occasion of her confirmation, by Hannah and John Lavey

in honor of our family, Sarah and Luke Benfield, Anne, Chris, and Margaret Morris, and Bob Rochford, by Becky and Bill Rochford

in memory of Patricia T. Meador, by Keith, Kate, Hannah, John, and Catherine Meador

in loving memory of Ed Womack and Brad Reed, by Tish Womack

in loving memory of her mother, Marian Bosley Lee Moore, father, David W. Lee, Jr., and stepfather, Willie Moore, by Anzora Lee-Starks.



Sermon Notes

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