

Easter Vigil

April 8, 2023 7:00 PM St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Colorado Springs Welcome to St. Michael's Episcopal Church Colorado Springs.

We are delighted that you have joined us to worship God this evening. We kindly ask that you silence your cell phone. Bulletin Cover: "Milkweed and Butterfly" Chris Tomlin,, Copyright 2002, The Saint John's Bible, Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

# Prelude"Easter Vigil"by Gerald Near

(As you are able, please join us outside on the front sidewalk as we light a new fire)

#### The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 285

*Celebrant* 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 lit from the newly kindled fire. Individual candles are lit from the Paschal Candle and the Deacon bearing the Candle, leads the procession into the sanctuary, pausing three times and singing the following:)



The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 286

#### (Please kneel as you are able or be seated)

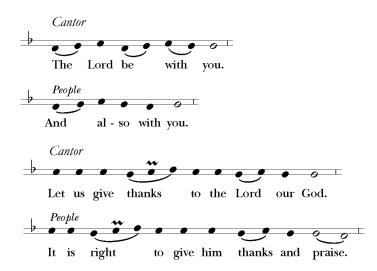
*Cantor* Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Exsultet



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

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

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

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning - he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

(Please be seated, extinguish candles, and place in the container at the end of your pew.)

#### Holy Scripture

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 288

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

#### A Reading from the Book of Genesis (2:4-9,15-20)

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.**PeopleThanks be to God.** 

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 288

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.** 

#### A Reading from the Book of Exodus (14:10-15:1)

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."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.**PeopleThanks be to God.** 

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 291

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 Reading from the Book of Ezekiel (37:1-14)

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."

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 291

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 in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### A reading from the prophet Zephaniah (3:12-20)

For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord the remnant of Israel; they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths. Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid. Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

*Celebrant* O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Meditation

"What a Beautiful Name"

by Hillsong Worship

(Please stand as you are able)

#### The Gospel

Deacon	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (28:1-10)
People	Glory to you Lord Christ.

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

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

#### Sermon

The Reverend Matt Holcombe

# Holy Baptism

# Presentation & Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant	The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Sponsors	I present (N.) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Celebrant Candidate	Do you desire to be baptized? I do.
Celebrant Sponsors	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? I will, with God's help.
Celebrant Sponsors	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? I will, with God's help.
Question Answer	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? I renounce them.
Question Answer	Do you renounce the evil powers of the world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? I renounce them.
Question Answer	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? I renounce them.
Question	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer Question Answer	I do. Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? I do.
Question Answer	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? I do.
Celebrant <b>People</b>	Do you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? We will.
Celebrant	Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
	(Please stand as you are able)
The Bapti	ismal Covenant The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 304
Celebrant <b>People</b>	Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? I do.
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Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Father?
People	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant <b>People</b>	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.
Celebrant <b>People</b>	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.
Celebrant	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<b>People</b>	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<b>People</b>	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant <b>People</b>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<b>People</b>	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant <b>People</b>	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 Candidates
Leader	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
<b>People</b>	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
<b>People</b>	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<b>People</b>	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<b>People</b>	Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<b>People</b>	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Send them into the world in witness to your love.
<b>People</b>	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader <b>People</b>	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

#### Thanksgiving over the Water

Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 306

#### The Baptism

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

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

#### *Celebrant* 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.** 

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 Peace

CelebrantThe Peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

#### Announcements

(To make a one-time contribution to St. Michael's or to pay your pledge online;)

- 1. Text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446, and follow the secure link.
- 2. Scan the QR code.

## Offertory

"How Beautiful"

by Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson

The Doxology (sung)

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Hymn 380, st. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant <b>People</b>	Alleluia. Christ is risen! <b>The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!</b>
Celebrant <b>People</b> Celebrant <b>People</b> Celebrant <b>People</b> Celebrant	<ul> <li>The Lord be with you.</li> <li>And also with you.</li> <li>Lift up your hearts.</li> <li>We lift them to the Lord.</li> <li>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</li> <li>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</li> <li>It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (<i>Here a Proper Preface is sung or said</i>)</li> <li>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:</li> </ul>
Sanctus	<ul> <li>S129</li> <li>Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,</li> <li>heaven and earth are full of your glory.</li> <li>Hosanna in the highest.</li> <li>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.</li> <li>Hosanna in the highest.</li> </ul>
	(You may kneel or stand)
Celebrant	Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
	He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
	On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
	After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
	Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People	Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.
Celebrant	We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

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

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Celebrant	The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(Please be seated)

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. Please come to the altar rail and place one hand in the other, like a manger or bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may consume it, or wait for the wine. When the wine comes to you, you may dip your wafer into the wine and then consume and return to your pew. At this time we are only offering intinction.

**Celiac friendly:** Please come to the left side (as you face the front) of the altar rail and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine. The ceramic chalice is for gluten free bread only.

#### "Now the green blade riseth"

- Communion Hymns
  - Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: *Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*
  - In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, thinking that never he would wake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
  - Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain, quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
  - 4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

# "Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord"

**Refrain:** Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

- Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain*
- 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

- 3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever. *Refrain*
- 4. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. **Refrain**

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

(Please kneel as you are able)

**Post Communion Prayer** 

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*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.

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# Hymn 178

#### **Final Blessing**

May the babe of Bethlehem bring you Peace. May the child of Nazareth bring you Joy. May the man of Galilee bring you Strength. May the Christ of Calvary bring you Courage. May the risen Jesus bring you Hope. May the ascended Savior bring you a foretaste of the heavenly glory. And may the Blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you, forever and ever. Alleluia

#### **Closing Hymn**

#### "He is risen"

Hymn 180

- He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.
- Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now, and the passion that he bore sin and pain can vex no more.

- 3. Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day; not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.
- He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate: we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

#### Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

"Hallelujah Chorus"

by G.F. Handel, arr. W.F. Mills

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# EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY OF ...

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Jim Kuykendall - Given by Kay Wettemann Molly Miller - Given by Greg Miller Mary Judith Neill – Given by Sue & Tom Neill William J. Neill - Given by Sue & Tom Neill The Rev. Ann Nelson - Given by Edwina Burdekin Robert G. Pettis, III - Given by Bob & Lorrie Pettis Our parents, Betty, Max, Cathy & Lee - Given by Cindy & Steve Carr David Robie - Given by Rich Revis John Sehorn - Given by Mary Anne Sehorn **Bob Shively** - Given by Steve & MB Shively Dottie Shively - Given by Steve & MB Shively H. Bradley Smith - Given by Leslie & Emily Darling, daughter & granddaughter Don Swartwout - Given by Steve & MB Shively Alley & Edward Timmons - Given by Chris & Ama Couch Sibyl Walters - Given by Doug & Debbie Swanson Roddy Walton - Given by Leona, Emily & Ellen Ginger Weaver - Given by Sheila Wilson Karen Whalen - Given by Sue & Tom Neill Richard Wiedey - Given by Jan; Chris & Mary Jo; Curt, Dine, Cole & Cade Wiedey

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Birth of Abigale Amelia Matthewson - Given by Edwina Burdekin Case & Lance Pohle - Given by Tamara Pohle Family - Given by Betty Bullard Family - Given by Bob & Gerry Forster Family- Given by Nita Huelf Family & Friends - Given by Micki Rice & Wolfgang Hoot Family & Friends - Given by Steve & Peggy Toldy Family, friends & grandchildren; Kierra, Kyle, Lyla, Riley & Evan - Given by Vicki & Dean Logemann Jan Smith's Birthday - Given by Ed Smith Kurt & Emmy Wessely - Given by James Wessely Mary Anne Sehorn - Given by Jody Thome My children & grandchildren - Given by Marilyn Wright Our kids, grandkids & great grandkids - Given by Ann & Rick Couch Past memories & future hopes - Given by Penny & Ed Bever St. Michael's Choir - Given by The Lundys St. Michael's Family - Given by Rev. Matt & Alicia Holcombe St. Michael's Volunteers, within & beyond our walls - Given by Bob & Gwen

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Marilyn Borer - Given by Jon & Rose Numair John & Dorothy Creely - Given by Allan & Sally Creely Bill Council - Given by Linda Council & Family Karen Council - Given by Linda Council & Family Julie Christiansen - Given by Sally Wessely, her mother Bob & Betty Davidson - Given by Allan & Sally Creely George & Barbara Donald - Given by Kaelin Donald & Warren Primeau Family - Given by Bob & Gerry Forster J.B. Fasterling, Jr. - Given by Charlie Fasterling Michaelene Hepner, 21st anniversary of her passing - Given by Melanie Llaña Bruce Hutchison - Given by The Hutchison Family Tony Geanopulos - Given by Martie Geanopulos & the Callihan Family George Greenway - Given by Karlyn Greenway Kylie Kelleher - Given by Kaelin Donald & Warren Primeau Hunting & Janet Lord - Given by Karen Hinken Ralph & Mildred Mapes - Given by Mike & Charlotte Mapes Molly Miller - Given by Greg Miller Ray Miller - Given by Margaret Miller Bob Nestlerode - Given by Nestlerode Family Ruth & Frank Page - Given by Rich & Linda Page Elsie Estelle Snyder Parker - Given by Chad, Rachel, Thomas & Devin Stoller Mary Pate - Given by Emily Keller Lee & Midge Perry - Given by Jan Perry McLaughlin Steven Pierce - Given by Carol & Jim Pierce Charles & Esther Primeau - Given by Warren Primeau & Kaelin Donald Skip Robertson - Given by Debbie, Wendy & Mason Charles Snyder - Given by Chad, Rachel, Thomas & Devin Stoller Dorothy Snyder - Given by Chad, Rachel, Thomas & Devin Stoller William Stoller - Given by Chad, Rachel, Thomas & Devin Stoller Stephen & Esther Sugano - Given by Rich & Linda Page Mardelle & Tommy Thornhill - Given by Chris & Ama Couch

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Children & grandchildren - Given by Bob & Judy Jager Chris, Meggie, Ella & Emma - Given by Bob & Linda Kean Douglas Wilson - Given by Sheila Wilson Erin, Bryson & Deagan - Given by Kaelin Donald & Warren Primeau Family - Given by Lee Rasi Family & Friends - Given by Jack & Carolyn Braley Family & Friends - Given by Micki Rice & Wolfgang Hoot Family & Friends - Given by Rick & Judy Jenkins Glory of Music - Given by Pat Nielsen Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren - Given by Bob & Lorrie Pettis Our family - Given by The Glass Family Our mothers, Dorothy & Maggie - Given by Ed & Jan Smith Lynne Sticher, my sister - Given by Jan Preher St. Michael's - Given by Kathy Dailey St. Michael's - Given by Nancy Jones St. Michael's Choir - Given by The Lundys St. Michael's Choir - Given by Darryl & Terry Thatcher St. Michael's Music - Given by Regina Winters St. Michael's Music - Given by Lee Kulbitski St. Michael's Staff, Vestry, Volunteers & Lay Leaders - Given by the Rev. Matt & Alicia Holcombe

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Senior Warden: Russ Howell Junior Wardens: Mike Mapes, Danny Raider Class of 2024: Andy Laffely, Elena Zarecky, Regina Winters Class of 2025: Linda Page, Rachel Stoller, Ruth Morrison Class of 2026: Lee Kulbitski, Bob Poli, Rod Sato Clerk: Aprel Mitchell Treasurer: Chris Couch Thank you for joining us as we celebrate Easter at St. Michael's. Even though the first Easter was quiet as Jesus' followers were figuring out just what God had done, from our perspective, nearly 2,000 years later, we understand more fully and triumphantly celebrate. For the next 50 days we will continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection (as we do each Sunday through the year) in the presence and love of the Risen Christ who is with us always. We invite you to join us (and bring a friend) for the following opportunities to deepen your faith, enjoy fellowship, and make Christ known within and beyond our walls.

#### Every Sunday (through May 21) 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services 9:15 – 10:10 AM Education for All Ages

7:45 – 11:45 AM Nursery is open for children 5 and under. Coffee Hour & Fellowship after both services.

**Creative Spirituality & The Artist's Way** April 15, Saturdays 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Please RSVP.

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Great American Clean up Prospect Park Lake

April 15, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Please RSVP.

Big HUGE News April 16, 9:15 AM Sunday Forum. In-person & Online.

## Earth Day Interdenominational Festival Chorus

April 22, 2:00 PM First United Methodist Church. Purchase Tickets Online.

**Town Hall Sunday** April 23, 9:15 AM Sunday Forum. In-person & Online

## SMASH Old Spaghetti Factory

April 28, 11:30 AM. Please RSVP.

## Children & Youth Sunday

April 30, 8:00 & 10:30 Youth Preacher & Youth Council Sunday Forum 9:15 AM with Owen

**Episcopal Essentials** April 30, 9:15 – 10:10 AM 7-weeks. Please RSVP.

**Parish Retreat & Family Camp** August 4-6, YMCA of the Rockies. Please RSVP.

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