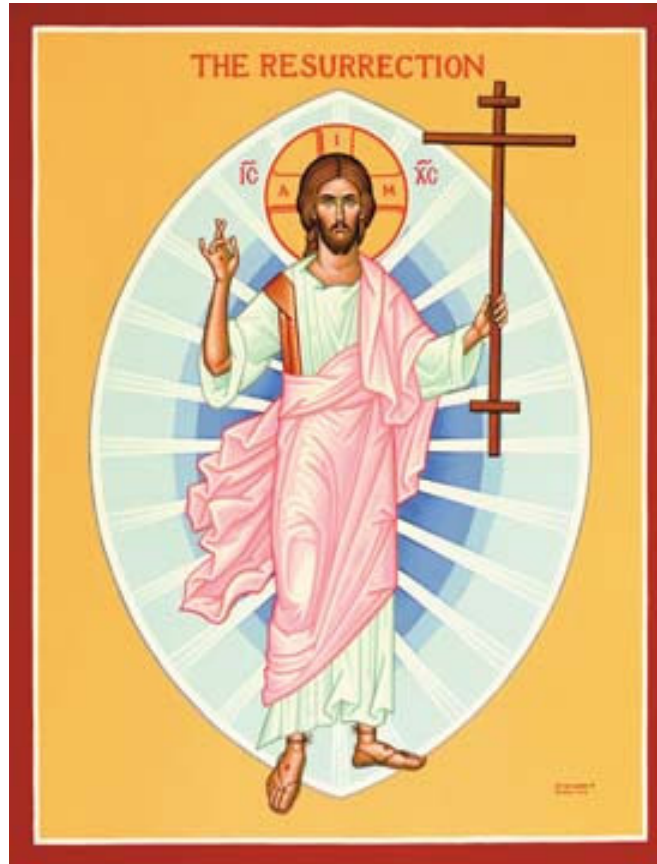


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GATHERING

Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.*Assembly:* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.*Assembly:* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.*Assembly:* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn of Praise –

S 280

Canticle 20

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

We sit.

Sermon

The Presentation for Baptism

Presider: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: I present *Harrison* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism

Presider: Will you be responsible for seeing that *Harrison* is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you, by your prayers and witness, help *Harrison* to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Do you seek to awaken to the eternal presence of God, who is your very heart and soul?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Presider: God forever invites you to let go of self deceit to dwell in the house of honesty, where eternal Hope reigns. Will you accept this invitation?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: God forever invites you to let go of all fear to dwell in the house of courage, where eternal Faith reigns. Will you accept this invitation?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: God forever invites you to let go of all anger to dwell in the house of serenity, where Love reigns. Will you accept this invitation?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as the way of Life and Hope?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Presider: Do you put your whole trust in Christ's grace and love?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Presider: Do you promise to follow Christ as the way of life?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

We stand as we are able.

Presider: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *Harrison* in her life in Christ?

Assembly: **We will.**

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

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider: Do you place the trust of your heart in God, the Creator?

Assembly: **I place the trust of my heart in God, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you place the trust of your heart in God, the Redeemer?

Assembly: **I place the trust of my heart in Jesus Christ, God's beloved, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and descended to the dead; who on the third day rose again, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider: Do you place the trust of your heart in God, the Sanctifier?

Assembly: **I place the trust of my heart in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

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

Assembly: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to God?

Assembly: **I will, with God's help.**

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

Assembly: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbors as yourself?

Assembly: **I will, with God's help.**

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

Assembly: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: May we always know
that all creation rests eternally
in the compassionate arms of God,
the Mother and Father of all,
who ceaselessly gives new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
who forever bestows upon us the forgiveness of sin,
and who graciously keeps all creation forever in eternal life,
living in the heart of Christ.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Presider: As we celebrate the Sacrament of rebirth,
let us pray for the church, the world and *Harrison*:

Leader: May all who confess your Name be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May the people of this land, and of all the nations,
be guided in your ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit be comforted and healed;
may they find courage and hope in their troubles, and the joy of your salvation.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May all who have died receive your mercy, that your will for them may be fulfilled;
and may we share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Harrison* know your Spirit as the faith
liberating him from the broken and deadly way of anger, fear and deceit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Harrison* know your Spirit as the love
opening him to your grace and truth.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Harrison* know your Spirit as the hope filling his soul with wholeness and life.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Harrison* know that he forever has a place in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Harrison* learn to love others in the power of the Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Harrison* know that he is sent into the world in witness to your love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Harrison* know that in you is the fullness of peace and glory.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: You, O God,
grant that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus live in the power of the resurrection,
and look for Christ to come again in glory;
who lives and reigns in love now and for ever. *Amen.*

We sit.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: We thank you, Beloved God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moves in the beginning of creation. Through it you lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your child Jesus receives the baptism of John and is 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, Mother, 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 as joyful followers of the way of Christ, we bring into the company of saints those who come to Christ in faith, baptizing them in the name of the one God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

You sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit that those who here are received into this household may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

Presider: *Harrison*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Presider: Beloved God,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you welcome *Harrison* into the church,
you bestow upon this your beloved
the forgiveness of sin,
and raise her to the new life of grace.
May he know you, O God,
as the Spirit sustaining her.
May he know you, O God,
as his own inquiring and discerning heart.
May he know you, O God,
as his own courage and love;
and may he taste your joy and wonder, O God,
in all he does. **Amen.**

We stand as we are able.

Presider: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: God receives you by baptism
into the Church.
Child of God,
blessed in the Spirit,
welcome
to the family of Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Recognition of Parishioner Birthdays & Anniversaries
Welcoming of Visitors and Guests

THE TABLE OF GOD

Presentation Anthem – Halleluiah
Presentation of the Gifts

G.F. Handel

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider:

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

The Holy Eucharist

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Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Presider:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

All:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Presider:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with blessed Paul and all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.

**Assembly: We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
All are invited to God's table.

The Communion

Please receive the bread in your open and outstretched hands. Take hold of the chalice firmly and guide it to your lips or hold the wafer and dip it into the wine. The response to receiving of the bread and wine is "Amen".

Communion Hymn 204
Hymn 178

*Now the Green Blade Riseth
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

SENDING FORTH

We stand as able.

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

All: We send you forth bearing these holy gifts
that those to whom we go may share with us
in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
We who are many are one Body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Presider: Let us pray

All: Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

We sit.

Announcements

We stand as able.

Presider: The Wisdom of God,
the Love of God,
and the Grace of God
strengthen us
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity.

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Assembly: Amen.

Hymn 208

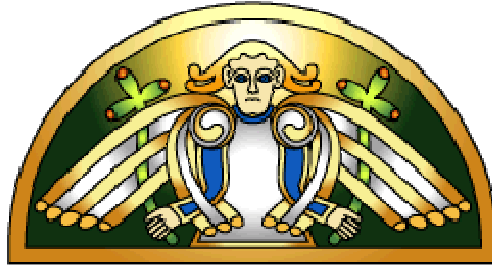
The Strife is O'er

Deacon: Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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