

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 8, 2018
GREAT PASCHAL VESPERS – 5:00 p.m.

About this Service

Great Paschal Vespers is based on the ancient “stational” liturgies of Rome. In these services, the congregation would travel from place to place. The service was compiled and edited by Howard E. Galley for The Prayer Book Office, published in 1980.

In tonight’s service, we will forgo the movement of the gathered body of the faithful but will still incorporate the professional element in two ways as we sing psalms, hymns, and anthems. First, the Officiant will travel to the angel baptismal font in the front of the church for the section celebrating Baptism. Later, the acolyte will come forward with the processional cross for the portion of the service celebrating the Cross.

Many of the chants in this service were originally transcribed and edited from several plainsong sources by Larry Reynolds in 1981 for use at Calvary Church, Rochester, Minnesota.

I. Entrance Rite

The People stand as the procession enters.

Standing near the Paschal Candle, the Officiant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant Let us pray.

Eternal God, who led your ancient people into freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we who walk in the light of your presence may rejoice in the liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

As the Choir sings the anthems, the Altar candles and other candles and lamps in the church are lighted from the Paschal Candle.

Anthem

Plainsong

The Lord is my light and my salvation, alleluia, alleluia.
Whom then shall I fear?
Alleluia, alleluia.
The Lord is my light and my salvation, alleluia, alleluia.

Anthem

Plainsong

The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.
Who for our sake hung upon the Tree:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant Abide with us, O Lord, alleluia.
People For it is toward evening, alleluia.

All sing the Office Hymn.

Hymn 202: “The Lamb’s high banquet called to share”

Ad cenam Agni providi

The People sit. The Choir sings Psalm 112.

Antiphon

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, hallelujah.

Psalm 112 *Beatus vir*

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit, hallelujah.
As it was in the beginning, is now, *and will be for ever, amen, hallelujah.

The Antiphon is then repeated.

II. Baptism

Reading: Matthew 28: 16–20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The People stand and sing the hymn.

Hymn 187: “Through the Red Sea brought at last”



1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!



E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide
through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb
bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night



flows the tide sev - ering us from bond - age past, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!
brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

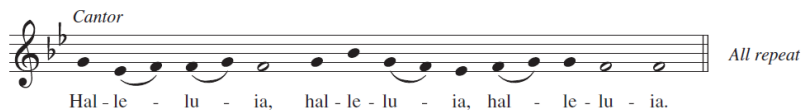
Words: *Ronald A. Knox (1888–1957)*

Music: *Straf mich nicht, melody from Hundert Arien, 1694;*
harm. Alastair Cassels-Brown (b. 1927)

Psalm 113

Psalm 113 and its Antiphon are sung by all. The Officiant proceeds to the Baptismal Font.

The Procession begins with the Antiphon and Psalm:



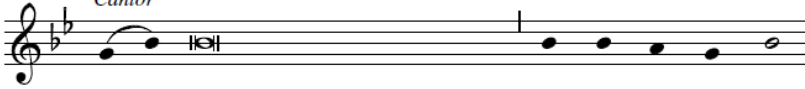
Psalm 113

Easter Tone for the Little Hours



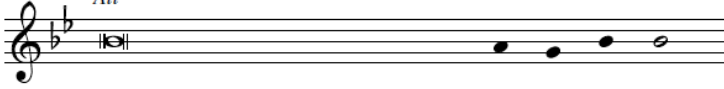
- 1 Give praise, you servants / of the Lord; *
praise the Name / of the Lord. [*Antiphon*]
- 2 Let the Name of the Lord be / blessed, *
from this time / forth for evermore. [*Antiphon*]
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its / going down *
let the Name / of the Lord be praised. [*Antiphon*]
- 4 The Lord is high above all / nations, *
and his glory a/bove the heavens. [*Antiphon*]
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits en/throned on high, *
but stoops to behold the hea/vens and the earth? [*Antiphon*]
- 6 He takes up the weak out / of the dust *
and lifts up the / poor from the ashes. [*Antiphon*]
- 7 He sets them with the / princes, *
with the princes / of his people. [*Antiphon*]
- 8 He makes the woman of a / childless house *
to be a joyful mo/ther of children. [*Antiphon*]

Cantor



O springs of water, seas, and streams, glo - ri - fy the Lord,

All



praise him and highly exalt him for ever, al - le - lu - ia.

Officiant All of us who were baptized into Christ, alleluia.
People Have clothed ourselves with Christ, alleluia.

Officiant Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, you have united diverse peoples in the confession of your Name:
Grant that all who have been born again in the font of Baptism may also be
united in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The People sit.

III. The Cross and Empty Tomb

Reading: Luke 24: 1–12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they 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.

The People stand and sing the hymn.

Hymn 190: “Lift your voice, rejoicing, Mary”



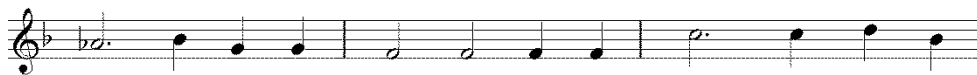
1 Lift your voice re - joic - ing, Ma - ry, Christ has
2 Raise your wea - ry eye - lids, Ma - ry, see him
3 Life is yours for ev - er, Ma - ry, for your



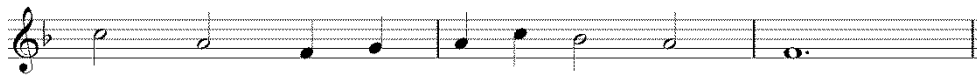
ris - en from the tomb; on the cross a suf - fering
liv - ing ev - er - more; see his coun - te - nance, how
light is come once more and the strength of death is



vic - tim, now as vic - tor he is come. Whom your
gra - cious, see the wounds for you he bore. All the
bro - ken; now your songs of joy out - pour. End - ed



tears in death were mourn - ing, wel - come with your smiles re -
glo - ry of the morn - ing pales be - fore those wounds re -
now the night of sor - row, love has brought the bless - ed



turn - ing. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!
deem - ing. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!
mo - rrow. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!

Words: *Latin; tr. Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1828–1896), alt.*
Music: Fisk of Gloucester, *Thomas Foster (b. 1938)*

Psalm 114

Psalm 114 and its Antiphon are sung by all. The Acolyte carries the cross to the Chancel steps.

Antiphon



Psalm 114



- 1 When Israel came / out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange / speech, [*Antiphon*]
- 2 Judah became God's / sanctuary *
and Israel / his dominion. [*Antiphon*]
- 3 The sea be/held it and fled; *
Jordan turned / and went back. [*Antiphon*]
- 4 The mountains / skipped like rams, *
and the little hills / like young sheep. [*Antiphon*]
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, / that you fled? *
O Jordan, that / you turned back? [*Antiphon*]
- 6 You mountains, that you / skipped like rams? *
you little hills / like young sheep? [*Antiphon*]
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence / of the Lord, *
at the presence of the / God of Jacob. [*Antiphon*]
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a / pool of water *
and flint-stone into a / flowing spring. [*Antiphon*]

Anthem

Plainsong

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia.

Officiant We are signed with the cross in baptism, alleluia,
People And sealed by the Holy Spirit, alleluia.

Officiant Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

IV. New Life in Christ

Anthem

Cantor *Men*
On this day the Lord has act-ed; we will re-joice and be glad in it.
All repeat: "On this day . . ."

Cantor *Men*
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy en-dures for ev-er.
All repeat: "On this day . . ."

All sit for the Reading.

Reading: John 15: 1–11

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.”

A period of silent reflection follows, after which all stand for the Magnificat.

Antiphon

Cantor *All*
Be - cause thou hast seen me,* Tho - mas, thou hast be - liev - ed:
bless-ed are they that have not seen, and yet have be-liev-ed, al - le - lu - ia.

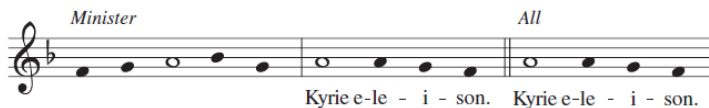
Magnificat *Luke 1: 46-55*

Cantor *All* *Tone III, 6.*

- Cantor* My soul / proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in / God my Savior; *
All for he has looked with favor on / his lowly servant.
- Cantor* From this / day all generations will / call me blessed: *
All the Almighty has done great things for me, and ho/ly is his Name.
- Cantor* He has / mercy on / those who fear him *
All in ev'ry generation.
- Cantor* He has / shown the / strength of his arm, *
All he has scattered the proud / in their conceit.
- Cantor* He has / cast down the / mighty from their thrones, *
All and has lift/ed up the lowly.
- Cantor* He has / filled the / hungry with good things, *
All and the rich he has sent / away empty.
- Cantor* He has / come to the help of his / servant Israel, *
All for he has remembered his pro/mise of mercy,
- Cantor* The pro/mise he made / to our fathers, *
All to Abraham and his child/ren for ever.
- Cantor* Glory / to the Father, / and to the Son, *
All and to / the Holy Spirit:
- Cantor* As it / was in the / beginning, is now, *
All and will be for / ever. Amen.

The Antiphon is repeated by all.

The Litany



Cantor With all our heart and with all our mind,
let us pray to the Lord, / saying, “Kyrie e/leison.”

Cantor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and
for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to / the Lord.

All Kyrie eleison.

Cantor For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to / the Lord.
All Kyrie eleison.

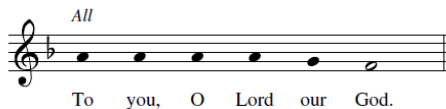
Cantor For the newly baptized throughout the world, let us pray to / the Lord.
All Kyrie eleison.

Cantor For the mission of the Church in every place, let us pray to / the Lord.
All Kyrie eleison.

Cantor For this city of Ladue, for every city and community, and for those who live
in them, let us pray to / the Lord.
All Kyrie eleison.

Cantor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the
departed, let us pray to / the Lord.
All Kyrie eleison.

Cantor In the communion of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Peter and of all
the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to
Christ / our God.



A brief silence is then observed.

The Officiant then says

Remember us, O Lord, in your kingdom, and help us as we pray,

All 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 Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Blessing

Officiant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Hymn 191: “Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise”

Lux eoi

Voluntary: The Red Sea

Michael Horvit (b. 1932)

Bearing in mind that the Voluntary, like the liturgy that precedes it, is an offering to God’s glory, the congregation is asked to be seated or depart quietly. It is requested that there be no applause.

All are invited to a reception downstairs in the undercroft after the Service.

The Rev. Luke Jernagan – Officiant

Alex Smith – Acolyte • N. N. – Lector

The St. Peter’s Singers • David Sinden – Cantor • Jennifer Spobr – Organist