

Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Baptism



The Eve of Easter

April 4, 2026 at Sunset

The Book of Common Prayer, page 285

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

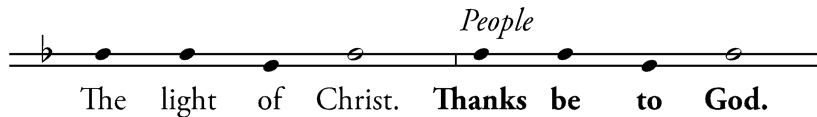
In darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the People and prays

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.

The Celebrant continues

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

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the fire. The people's candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle as the following is sung:



The Exultet *Sung by the Deacon with congregational responses*

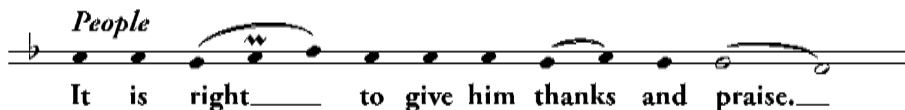
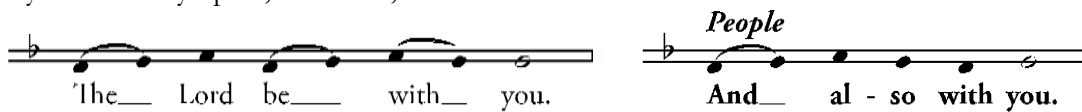
Responses: The Hymnal 1982 #S 69

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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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.

The people follow the Paschal Candle into the church, gathering in the back rows of the Nave.

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.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. To every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant: John Goss (1800-1880)

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, for his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his mercy endures for ever.
- 4 Who only does great wonders, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 6 Who spread out the earth upon the waters, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 7 Who created great lights, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 9 The moon and stars to govern over the night, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- 23 Who remembered us in our low estate, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 25 Who gives food to all creatures, for his mercy endures for ever.
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant

Let us pray. 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.**

The Second Reading **Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea**

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

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.

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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 the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 8 The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

The Hymnal 1982 S 208

The congregation sings the antiphon after the Cantor and then where indicated.



- 1 I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
- 2 The Lord is my strength and my refuge; the Lord has become my Savior.
- 3 This is my God and I will praise him, the God of my people and I will exalt him. *Antiphon.*
- 4 The Lord is a mighty warrior; Yahweh is his Name.
- 5 The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; the finest of those in armor have drowned in the Red Sea.
- 6 The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; they sank into the depths like a stone. *Antiphon.*
- 7 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
- 8 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?
- 9 You stretched forth your right hand; the earth swallowed them up. *Antiphon.*
- 10 With your constant love you led the people you redeemed;
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
- 11 You will bring them in and plant them on the mount of your possession,
- 12 The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
- 13 The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever. *Antiphon.*

Celebrant Let us pray. 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 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.**

The Third Reading

The valley of dry bones

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: 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

Holy Baptism

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The Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present Caredwen Holme Foley to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the candidate when presented
Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates that can speak for themselves

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 I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant 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

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

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

People 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?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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 Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

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

People 
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **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 forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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

The candidate for baptism is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Caredwen, 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 Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over her, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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 Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and using Chrism if desired

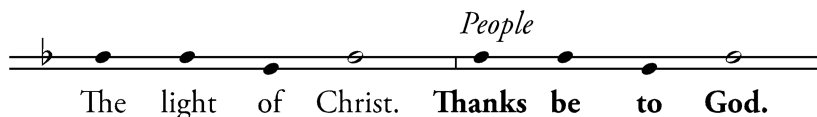
Caredwen, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant 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.**

The Paschal Candle is taken to the altar.



THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

At the following Easter Acclamation, the church is lighted and bells are rung.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Gloria

The Hymnal 1982 S 202

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will towards men.
 We praise thee, we bless thee,
 we worship thee, we glorify thee,
 we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
 O Lord God, heavenly King,
 God the Father Almighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
 have mercy upon us.
 For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
 thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for the Vigil of Easter

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

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *the Hymnal 1982 #296*

Engelberg

“We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

The Book of Common Prayer 389

The Peace

The Book of Common Prayer 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome, Announcements, and Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *If ye be risen again with Christ*

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer D)

The Book of Common Prayer 372

Celebrant
The Lord be with you.

People
And also with you.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts.

People
We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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

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

“Holy, holy, holy” *Sanctus*

The Hymnal 1982 #S 114

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

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

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

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.**

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

“Our Father” *The Lord's Prayer*

The Book of Common Prayer 364

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

The Eastertide Confractorium

sung by all

The Hymnal 1982 #S 154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Fraction Anthem *The People sing the antiphon after the Cantor, then where indicated.* *The Hymnal 1982 S 171*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon*

One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread. *Antiphon*

The Presentation and Invitation

The Celebrant communicates every individual with bread, following the usual custom. To receive wine, you may either drink from the common cup as it passes or bring an individual chalice to the altar rail and the minister will fill it with a small amount of wine. If receiving wine individually, take your chalice with you and return chalices belonging to Good Shepherd to the rear of the nave.

The Administration of the Sacrament

Anthem *Rise up, my love* Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #178* *Alleluia*
No. 1

“Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord”

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and people

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #199/200* *St. Kevin/Gaudeamus pariter*

“Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!”

The tunes will be sung alternately: hymn 199 for vv. 1 and 3, hymn 200 for vv. 2 and 4

The Eastertide Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - - lu - ia!_____

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - - lu - ia!_____

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the congregation and the second is for the people. Both staves feature a melody of quarter notes with a final half note, and lyrics are placed below the notes.

Voluntary *Christ ist erstanden*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Easter Flowers this year are given:

In Loving Memory Of:

Rob Hausman
By Barbara Wood
Wayne Keith
By Alison and Jay Weldon
Aley Kutty and A.G. John
By Sunu Yeh
Hannah Pheasant
By James Oldfield
George and Joan Nesgos
By Nick Nesgos
Lucy Snyder, Robert Snyder, Ruth Snyder
By Craig Snyder
Nancy & C. Earl Bennett, Bruce Younkin
By Roysin Younkin
David Cole
By Mary Ellen and Nick Washienko

In Thanksgiving For:

Otis, Revere, Elizabeth, Amelia and their Parents
By Marygrace Barber
The Hausman and Wood Families
By Barbara Wood
Good Shepherd Church
By Ernie Gianelly
Good Shepherd's Musicians and Servers
By Father Jay

Parish Notes for the Great Vigil of Easter

Holy Week and Easter 2026 Schedule

Sunday, April 5th

Easter Day, Festal Choral Eucharist at 10:00AM

Easter Gala Coffee Hour – Please sign up in the Common Room to support the celebration. Contact Louise Conant with any questions or to help. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the 10AM Eucharist during our Easter Gala Reception. Children will gather on the Good Shepherd Green for the Hunt, then meet with the Easter Bunny!

Eastertide Confirmation – God willing, the Rt. Rev'd Julia Whitworth will confirm Charlotte Baker, Louisa Younkin, and Theo Younkin at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Framingham on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 10:30AM. Your prayers and presence are requested.

Easter II – Sunday, April 12, 2026 ~ a day of celebration and thanksgiving, Fr. Jay's final Sunday as Rector of the Parish of the Good Shepherd

10:00 AM Choral Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism

11:15 AM Festive Coffee Hour

5:30 PM Celtic Eucharist

6:30 PM Farewell Celebration for the Weldons (Common Room)

Adult Forum – Spring Series begins May 3, 2026

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Jack Corcoran – First Reader/Usher; **James Oldfield** – Subdeacon; **Pia Bertelli** – Chalice Bearer and Second Reader; **Rachel Teubner** – Lumen Bearer and Third Reader; **Gene Wayne** – Fourth Reader; **Caredwen Foley** – Oblation Bearer; **Loring Conant** – Intercessor; **Matt Harris** – AV Tech; **Theo Younkin** – Crucifer; **Ella Weldon** – Thurifer; **Louisa Younkin and Ella Teubner** – Torch Bearer(s);
Barbara Wood – Altar Guild

The Reverend Dr. Jay Weldon – Celebrant

The Reverend Kevin Vetiack – Preacher

The Reverend Dr. James A. Weldon, Jr., Rector
The Reverend Dr. Paul Kolbet, Priest Associate
Andrew Sheranian, Organist/Choirmaster
Dr. Rachel Teubner, Christian Education Director
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