# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

April 3, 2021



# The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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 then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying

The light of Christ.

# **People:** Thanks be to God.

Members of the congregation should light their candles at this time. Then the Cantor, standing near the Paschal Candle, sings the Exsultet as follows:

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.

Cantor: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

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

#### 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 give his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Extinguish candles. Congregation may be seated.

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

## The Vigil Lessons

**The First Lesson:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a Reader: Alison Jaenicke

The story of Creation

**Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26** *Confitemini* 

**BCP** 789

- 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 the stars to govern the night, \* for his mercy 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 (silence)

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 Lesson**: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13 Reader: Elisa Edgar The flood

## **Psalm 46** Deus noster refugium

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \* a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \* and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, \* and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \* the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \* God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \* God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \* what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \* he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*
  I will be exalted among the nations;
  I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Celebrant: Let us pray (silence)

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

**The Third Lesson**: Genesis 22:1-18 Reader: Jason McCloskey

Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac

## **Psalm 16** *Conserva me, Domine*

BCP 599

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

Celebrant: Let us pray (silence)

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

**The Fourth Lesson**: *Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21* Reader: Philip Jenkins

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

## **Canticle 8 The Song of Moses** Cantemus Domino

**BCP 85** 

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \* the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \* the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, \* the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*

Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \* the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \* they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \* your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \* who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; \* the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \* with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

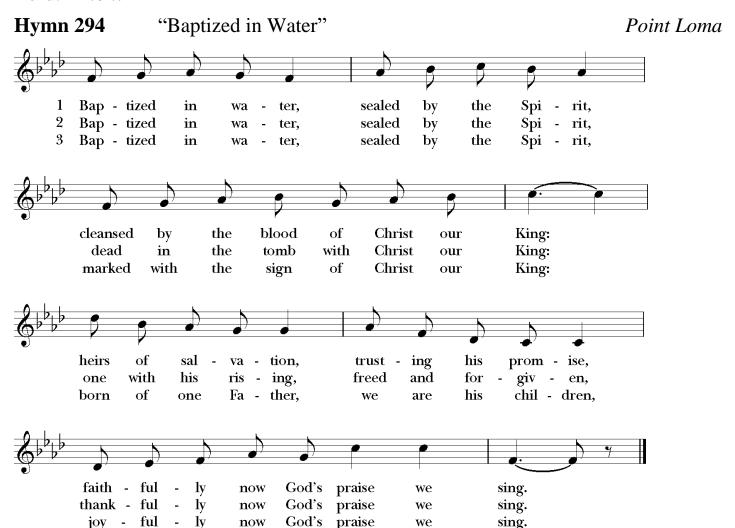
You will bring them in and plant them \* on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \* the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign \* for ever and for ever.

Celebrant: Let us pray (silence)

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*.



Celebrant:

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your

commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

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 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.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen*.

## Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first 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 First Eucharist of Easter

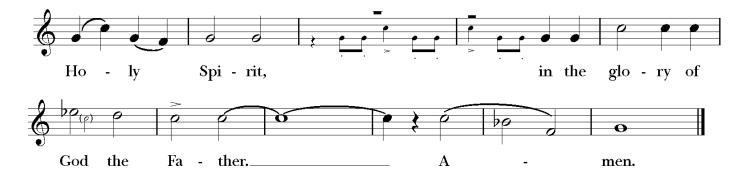
## **The Easter Acclamation**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Bells are rung at this time.





Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

#### The Collect

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

Reader: Amy Pritchett

## The First Reading: 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.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Celtic Alleluia



**The Gospel**: *Mark 16:1-8* 

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

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Jeffrey A. Packard

## **Prayers of the People, Form III**

**BCP 387** 

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishop, Audrey; for our priest, Jeffrey; for our deacon, Joe; and for all bishops, priests.

We pray for those about to be ordained, especially Kevin Barron.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for Joseph, our President; for Tom, our Governor; and for all our elected and appointed leaders.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Priest concludes with the following collect

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by is glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever *Amen*.

The Peace BCP 360

# **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory** 

**Offertory Anthem:** Christ Our Passover Is Sacrificed For Us Joe Cox (b. 1954)

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

**BCP 367** 

Celebrant: The Lord be with you **People:** And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

## Priest and People

### **Sanctus**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

### Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 according to his command, O Father:

Celebrant and People

We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.** 

# The Lord's Prayer

**BCP 364** 

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

People: 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 Fraction

Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.

## **Communion of the People**

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

## **Celebrant and People:**

Eternal god, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
Of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
And you have fed us with spiritual food
In the sacrament of his body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
With gladness and singleness of heart;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Easter Blessing**

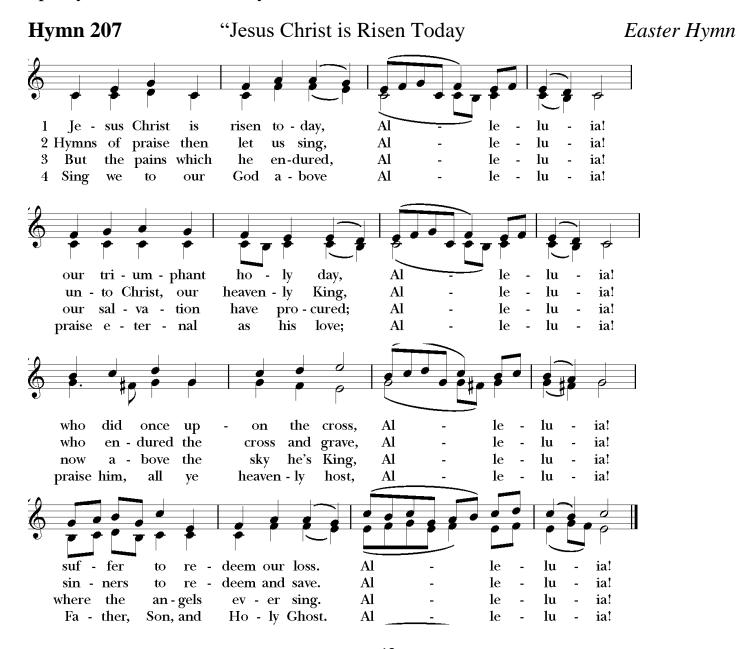
The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.* 

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen*.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God the Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.



## The Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Postlude:** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" Jonathan Reuss

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## Participants in today's celebration

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Reader for the Second Lesson
Reader for the Third Lesson
Reader for the Fourth Lesson
Lector (First Reading)
Choir Director
Organist

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