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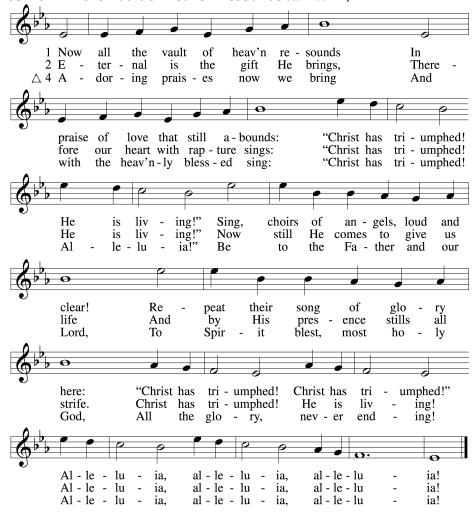
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Hymns: 465, 430, 463, 777, 487, 480, 456; Liturgy: 205, 208, 210

465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds stanzas 1-2, 4



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Invocation & Opening Sentences Psalm 16:1-2; Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a, adapted

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the \mathbf{H} Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.
- I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."
- P Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,
- c thus securing an eternal redemption.
- **P** Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,
- so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Confession and Absolution

- P Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness... O God our Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and admit that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.
- Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- We confess that we have not lived as Your followers at all times but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.
- Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation and that we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others.
- Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- P We confess that Your will has not been our priority always and that we have not reflected Your love fully.
- Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- We confess that we have not used every opportunity we have had to witness to the faith that is ours.
- Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in + peace.
- C Amen.

Holy Gospel John 19:40-42

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn Introduction

Although many hymns sung during Lent and Holy Week refer to the cross of Jesus and its setting on the hill of Calvary, not many bring to our minds the tomb of Jesus and its significance. In stanza 6 of "My Song Is Love Unknown," Samuel Crossman describes the burial place of our Lord with these poetic words: "No friendly tomb but what a stranger gave." Even the burial place of Jesus served as a testament to His humility and to His "love unknown."

430 My Song Is Love Unknown stanzas 1, 6-7



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Salutation & Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray. Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, as Your faithful disciples Nicodemus and Joseph showed care for Your body after it hung on the cross, direct us to show care for Your Body, the Church. By the indwelling of Your Spirit, strengthen us in our baptismal vows and make us to be the sign of Your presence in this world, serving You and living in peace and unity with one another in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Exodus 14:24-15:1

P The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters.

²⁴And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalm 41

- P Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
- In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
- the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;
- You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- P The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.
- As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"
- P My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"
- And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- P All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.
- They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."
- Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- **P** By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

P The Epistle Reading is from 1 Corinthians, the fifth chapter.

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel John 20:1-18

- The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it

was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.





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Sermon

777 Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord



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Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

That the Church live out its calling in all places and that we find joy in being part of the Christ that is the Church, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.
- P That the nations of the world find the blessings of peace with justice in our time, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- That the abiding blessing of God rest upon our families, our neighborhoods, our places of business, and our schools, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- That those whose confession of the true faith leads to bodily peril or other sufferings know relief and deliverance from every danger, let us pray of the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- That all those whose lives know specific challenges, including those who are ill and those who mourn, [including . . .], know heavenly benediction and strength for each day, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- That the memory of the faithful departed be held in reverence and honor by all of us as we await a time of resurrection and reunion at the close of the age, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- These things and all else that we should have asked at this time, grant to us Lord, for the sake of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

Offering

VIGIL

On this holiest of nights, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of His glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead.

Collect

- Let us pray... O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- As people of God, we join in rejoicing in our deliverance through the waters of Holy Baptism.
- The LORD is our strength and our song, and He has become our salvation. (Exodus 15:2, alt.)

Old Testament Reading Exodus 15:1-11

P The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the fifteenth chapter.

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. ⁴"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them;

they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

8At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;

the floods stood up in a heap;

the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,

I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.

I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'

¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

- This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)
- In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of Him shall the nations inquire, and His resting place shall be glorious. (Isaiah 11:10)

Baptism Saves You 1 Peter 3:17-22

P A reading from First Peter, the third chapter.

 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

- P You make known to me the path of life;
- in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11)

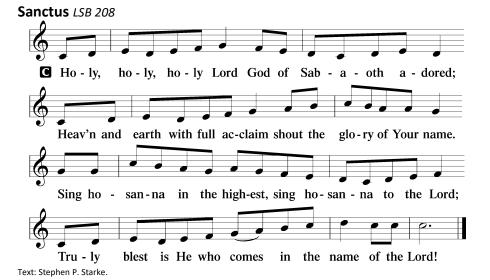
Renewal of Baptismal Vows

- P Brothers and sisters in Christ, we proclaim anew the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Since we are buried with Christ by Baptism into His death, as Christ was raised from death, we should walk in newness of life. Together as a family of faith then, let us renew our promises made in Holy Baptism. Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- Yes, we renounce them all.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- Yes, we believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- Yes, we believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, we believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- P Do you promise to abide in this faith and in the covenant of your Baptism, and as member of the Church to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and in prayer?
- Yes, with the help of God.
- The almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has begotten us again of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven us all our sins, strengthen us with His grace unto life everlasting.
- C Amen.

Preface & Proper Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.

- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because through the sufferings, death, burial, and glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus, You have given us life and salvation. He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death, He has destroyed death and, by His rising to life again, He has restored us to everlasting life. Continue the work of Your Holy Spirit in us that we acknowledge Your goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your blessings, and serve You faithfully; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your

resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

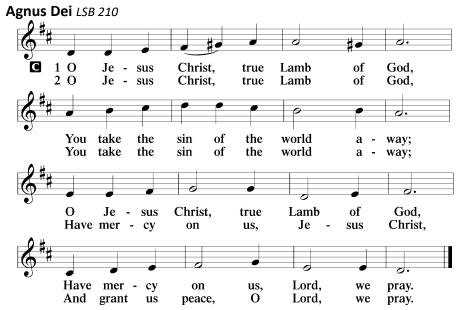
Lord's Prayer

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
forever and ever. Amen.



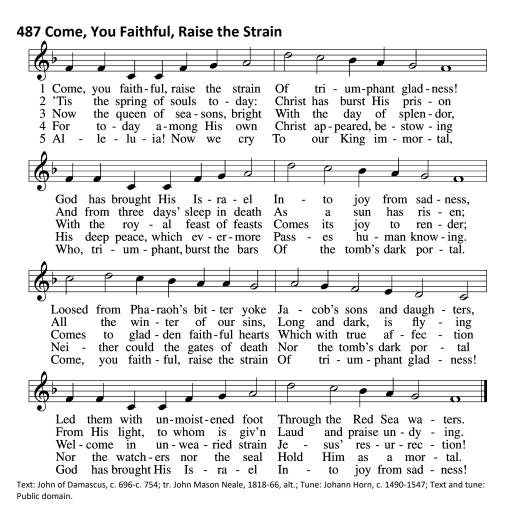
Peace of the Lord

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



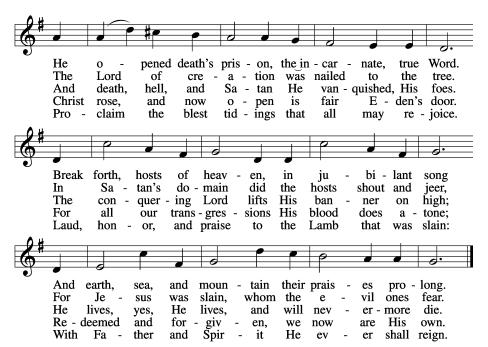
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480 He's Risen, He's Risen





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Collect

P Let us pray...

O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

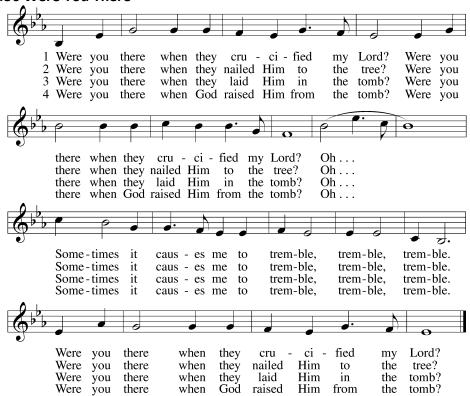
- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C Amen.

456 Were You There



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THEN MOSES AND THE PEOPLE OF ISCAEL SANG THIS SONG TO THE LORD, SAYING, "I WILL SING TO THE LORD, FOR HE HAS TRIUMPHED BLORIOUSLY; THE HORSE AND HIS RIDER HE HAS THROWN INTO THE SEA." (EXODUS 15:1, ESV)

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