# St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral



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## WELCOME

The congregation gathers in the Cathedral Rain Garden, wearing masks and practicing social distancing. The congregations receives bulletins, candles, and receives instructions for the procession that will make its way down  $9^{th}$  Street after the Paschal candle is lit. The congregation will enter the church via the entrance on  $9^{th}$  and High Streets. Those who need a level entry are invited to use the north door from the parking lot.

## THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Bishop

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 God's Word and celebrating the Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

A Deacon or acolyte strike the flint for the new fire

The Bishop

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 lighted from the newly kindled fire. The Deacon, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing



At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

The procession continues indoors to the Nave for the third proclamation of Christ's light. The congregation lights their candles upon entering the church from candles lit from the Paschal Candle. The church is kept as dark as possible until the Resurrection is announced.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the Deacon stands near the Candle and all remain standing as able while the cantor sings the Exsultet.

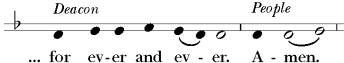
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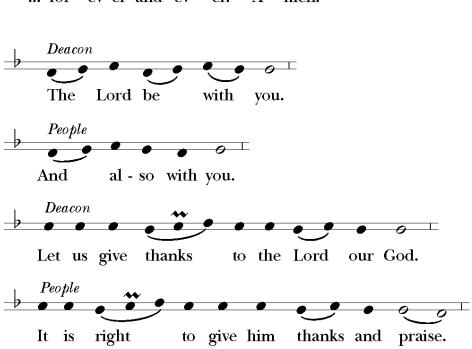
Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

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.* 





#### The 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.

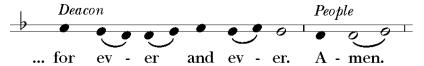
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

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



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The congregation is seated throughout the readings, musical responses, and collects.

The Bishop 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 choir extinguish their candles. Congregation candles may remain lit through the four Old Testament prophecies.

The Story of Creation Choral Response

[Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 2] Hymn 385 (St. 1) Mr. John Zickefoose Dakota Indian Chant

Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa 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.

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

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

The Rev. Kim Turner Baker

**Choral Response** Canticle 8, The Song of Moses Mr. Mark A. Babcock

Nicola Bowler, Provost of the Cathedral

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.** 

**Salvation Offered Freely To All** [Isaiah 55: 1-11] The Rev. Jeanie Smith **Choral Response** Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah Mr. Mark A. Babcock

Kim Turner Baker, Rector of St. John's Ames Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# **The Gathering of God's People** [Zephaniah 3: 12 – 20] Ms. Sharon Gentsch **Choral Response** Sing Praise Taizé

Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

The Bishop stands in place, and those being confirmed come forward, with their presenters.

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says

The Candidates for confirmation will now be presented.

Fr. Zeb Treloar

I present Kaj Elliot Gardyasz for Confirmation;

Mr. Mark Babcock

I present Kirsten Karen Ann Buniak for Confirmation;

Ms. Stephanie Wells

I present Christopher Matthew Smith for Confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my

Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words

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

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop 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 Candidates**

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy

Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

## Bishop

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 for ever. **Amen.** 

A period of silence follows.

## Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each confirmand and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Kaj with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life.

#### Amen.

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Kirsten with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. **Amen**.

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Christopher with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen**.

## The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Bishop presents the newly-confirmed to the congregation. They then return to their seats.

#### THE PEACE

The Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

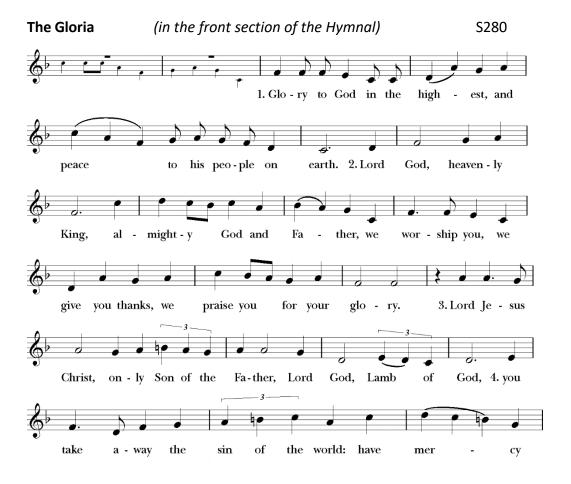
## **EASTER GREETING**

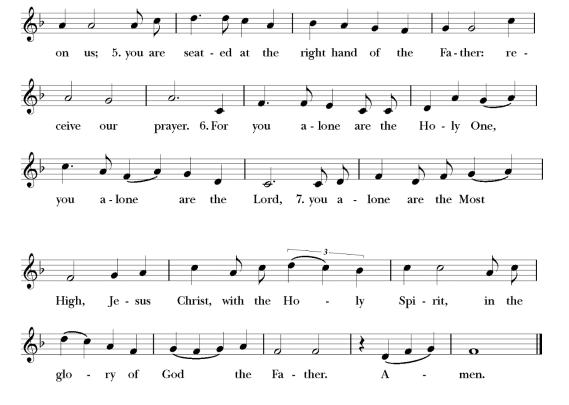
The Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

The frontal is revealed and the candles at the Altar are now placed and lighted from the Paschal Candle. The lights rise, and the people extinguish their candles. The Celebrant is fully vested as the choir sings the "Gloria".





The Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

The Bishop 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 the 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 congregation is seated.

## THE EPISTLE

## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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The Holy Gospel [Mark 16: 1-8]

All Stand

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

Mark.

People Glory be 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 him. 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. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterwards Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY The Rev. Nicola Bowler

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

## **Offertory Anthem**

Alleluia

Richard Miller

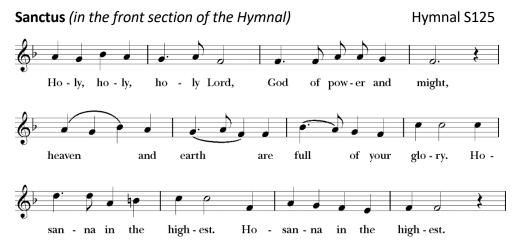
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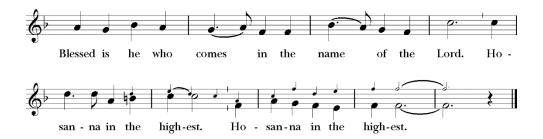
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The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## The Celebrant continues

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,





The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

## Celebrant and **People:**

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

## The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy People, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with St. Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.** 

The Celebrant then continues

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

In Unison

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,

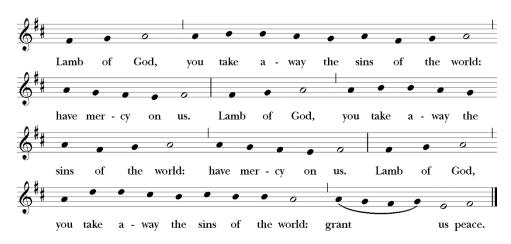
## The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S161



Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please remain in your place and a clergy person will bring communion to you. Alternatively you are invited to receive a blessing, by crossing your arms over your chest.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787) 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 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.

Drive-up communion from the reserved sacrament is available on Sundays from 9:00-9:30 am. Please park in our parking lot and a server will come out to pray with you and share the sacrament with you. Facial coverings are required.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

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 BLESSING

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

**Hymn 205** (St. 1-3) Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! GELOBT SEI GOTT



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DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia,

alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Organ Voluntary

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PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S LITURGY

**Celebrant** The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe,

Bishop of Iowa

Cathedral Hosts The Rev. Nicola Bowler

The Rev. Zebulun Treloar The Rev. John Doherty

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**Story Tellers** 

**The Creation** Mr. John Zickefoose

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The Rev. Kim Turner Baker
The Rev. Jeanie Smith
Ms. Sharon Gentsch
Ms. Peggy Aerisolphal
Mr. Austin Rozendaal
Mr. William Gentschg

Video Mr. Nate Thiessen

Thank you for joining us tonight. God bless you. We hope you will join us for Easter Services tomorrow either in person or online.

Sunday, April 4
Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 & 10:00 am
10:00 am service will be livestreamed

Please note that the Cathedral Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 5, 2021



Easter Offerings and Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

As of April 1, 2021

Peggy Aerisolphal In memory of my mother, Anita Hawes

Mark Babcock & Anthony Braida In memory of our grandparents

John & Jan Doherty In memory of Joe & Nia Doherty, and Frank &

Jean Caate

Barbara Duro In memory of Bill Duro

Penny Gerds In memory of Elizabeth Ann Gerds &

Charles John Gerds

Patti & Bill Graham In thanks for our grandchildren

Dn. Muffy and Henry Harmon IN memory of deaths from COVID-19

Scott & Kate Hedderich In memory of Saralane Zehring Hedderich and

Harry Grandall

Barbara L. & Douglas H. Hein In memory of Barbala L. & Marshall G. Linn

Susan & John Kerss In Memory of Martha & Solomon Masid and

Albert & Marian Kerss

Harriet Macomber In memory of J. Locke Macomber
Phyllis & Terry Melton In Memory of Thomas and Suzanne

Tom & John Stender-Custer In Memory of Mary Stender, Don & Mary Custer

Jacob Wal

John W. & Sue Wetherell In Memory of John H. Wetherell

Mary E. Whisenand In memory of Charles Whisenand &

Merlene Whisenand

Rick Williams In Memory of our parents Marvin F. Williams &

Betty M. Williams, and our sister Sue Williams

Deever

John Zickefoose & Elvin McDonald

#### About tonight's cover:

Tonight's cover features a detail of the window given in 1885 by John L. Weeks and his wife Deborah. Designed by the Philadelphia firm of Groves & Stiel, the windows in the Nave are original to St. Paul's, and they reflect two artistic influences at the time: the Gothic Revival and the Aesthetic Movement. The floral symbolism is noteworthy: passionflowers for the Christian faith, and lily-of-the-valley for purity and humility.

Have a Joyous Eastertide!