

The Paschal Candle is an ancient symbol of the risen Christ. It is the largest and tallest of all sanctuary candles. The Paschal Candle is prominently featured in the service from the Easter vigil until Ascension Day when it is extinguished following the Gospel reading. After that, it is removed from its place next to the altar and placed near the baptismal font.

The Paschal Candle may be adorned with Christian symbols or it may be plain white. It is lighted at baptisms to remind Christians that in baptism we are crucified and raised with Jesus. The Paschal Candle is also lighted at Christian funerals as a reminder that those who die in Christ are raised up with Him.

The Paschal Candle in our worship this morning will already be lit as we enter the sanctuary representing the eternal light of Christ. As the acolyte approaches the altar this morning, she will light her taper from the Paschal Candle and proceed to light the Altar Candles.

Voluntary *March and Gavotte* George Frederick Handel

Choral Introit (from the Narthex)

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Proclamation of the Resurrection**

Leader: Christ the King is Risen! Alleluia!

People: Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

* **Processional Hymn No. 302** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* Easter Hymn

* **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And 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, dead and buried,

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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. Amen

Anthem

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Craig Courtney

Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing His praise among the saints.

Let us rejoice in our God. Let us be glad in our King. For the Lord takes delight in His people.

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; Praise in His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend; His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore, singing for ever more, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Sing to the Lord a new song. Alleluia! Amen!

Morning Prayers

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (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, forever. Amen.

Offertory *Let the Bright Seraphim* Handel

Offertory Anthem *Joy in the Morning* Natalie Sleeth

Joy, there'll be joy in the morning on that day, with the light of dawn,
the dark is gone, there'll be joy.

There'll be peace and contentment evermore. Ev'ry heart, ev'ry voice
on the day will rejoice, there'll be peace evermore.

And the glory of the Lord will shine upon us and the glory of the Lord
will bring the truth divine.

There'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere, and the way of the Lord
that day will be restored, there'll be love, sweet love ev'rywhere.

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** Doxology with *Alleluias* No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Children's Moments *Elijah* Mr. Mac

*Children ages three through fourth grade may go to Children's Church in room 216.
Nurseries are provided for infants through age three in rooms 115 and 117.*

