

PASCHAL VESPERS AND HOLY COMMUNION

St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church

(Rev. 3/23/10)

Set up

Welcome Table

- Nametags and pens
- Basket for collection
- Bread and wine

Altar Table and Area

- Drape the Table
- lay out two large palls
- Put cross stand beside Table (toward SW corner)

Font

- Set aspergillum (sprinkler) IN font itself

Lectern and Seats

- Light charcoal and set swinging thurible near lectern 10 min. before service
- Set incense next to thurible
- Put the Gospel book on the lectern
- Light Paschal Candle

Presider's Area

- Put Presider's script on chair
- Mark chair for Deacon with maniple

Recruiting

- Reader for Gospel reading

Depending on the arrangement of the room the location of the presider and deacon may change.

Lamp-lighting

The vested party enter from the vestry and go to the solea, near the Paschal Candle to begin the service by its light.

Presider Christ is Risen!

People He is risen indeed!

Deacon A We'll sing *Heaven's Angels* at Number 1 in your Easter Booklets. We'll sing it THREE times through.

Deacon B *Lights the candles and lamps recruiting help from the congregation. Light is taken from the Paschal Candle. Meanwhile is sung:*

repeat *ad lib.*

Heav - en's an - gels, Christ our Sav - ior, hymn your re - sur - rec - tion.

En - a - ble us on earth to glo - ri - fy you in pur - i - ty of heart.

Music: Kievian chant, harm. B. Ledkovsky

Presider ♪ Let us pray. Eternal God, who led your ancient people into freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we who walk in the light of your presence may rejoice in the liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People ♪ Amen.

Deacon B The incense hymn is at number 3 in your Easter Books
Through the Red Sea brought at last. Number 3.

1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!

1 E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! deep and wide
 2 through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb
 3 bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night

1 flows the tide sev - ering us from bond - age past, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Ronald A. Knox (1888-1957)
 Music: *Straf mich nicht*, melody from *Hundart Arien*, 1694; harm. Alistair Cassels-Brown (b. 1927)

Cantor leads the music.

Deacon helps to add incense to the thurible

Presider censens the Paschal Candle and the people.

The Evening Psalm

Deacon B Take your seats...and turn to number 19 in your Easter books. We'll sing the evening Psalm. The cantor will sing the verses of the Psalm and we'll sing the Skoroye troparion between verses. The Troparion goes very fast! Number 19.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tram - pling down death by death, and on
those in the tombs be - stow - ing life!

The image shows a musical score for a Troparion. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is in a simple, rhythmic style.

Music: Russian traditional, according to Scott R. King.

Cantor With my whole heart I praise the Lord among the just.*
Great are God's works, a delight to explore.

People Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on
those in the tombs bestowing life!

Cantor In splendor, in majesty, God's justice will stand.*
Who can forget God's wonders!

People Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on
those in the tombs bestowing life!

Cantor A God, merciful and kind who nourished the faithful,*
upheld the covenant, and revealed mighty deeds,
giving them the land of the pagans.

People Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life!

Cantor Faithful, just and true are all God's decrees:*
each law in its place, valid forever.

People Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life!

Cantor The Lord redeems the faithful, decrees a lasting covenant.*
Holy and awesome God's name!

People Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life!

Cantor Fear of the Lord is wisdom's crown, wise are those who live by it.*
Praise the Lord for ever!

People Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life!

Psalm 111

Procession to Font

Deacon B We're going to go out to the font together, singing the Athens Troparion at number 11 in your Easter books. Follow the cross as we go out, singing number 11.

Chris-tos a - ne - sti ek ne - kron, tha - na - to
Χρισ-τός ἄ - νε - στη ἐκ νε - κρών, θά - να - τω

tha - na - ton pa - ti - - - sas, ke tis
θά - να - τον πα - τη - - - σας, καὶ τοῖς

en dis mni - ma - sin zo - in cha - ri - sa - - me - nos.
ἐν τοῖς μνη - μα - σιν, ζω - ἦν χα - ρι - σα - - με - νος.

Cantor Leads the troparion.

Presider Leads the people out after the troparion is sung once through.
Don't forget the thurible!!

Deacon Brings the incense.

Presider During the following antiphon, censes the font.

Deacon A ♪ Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas and streams; sing praise and give honor for ever, alleluia.

Presider ♪ Let us pray. O God, you have united diverse peoples in the confession of your Name: Grant that all who have been born again in the font of Baptism may also be united in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People ♪ Amen.

Presider During the following Antiphon, sprinkles the people with water from the Font.

Presider *♩* I saw water flowing from the temple, from the right side, alleluia; and all those to whom the waters of life shall come shall be healed, and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon B We'll move to the solea while we sing from number 13 in your Easter Books, the Kievan Troparion at number 13. Follow the cross and sing!

The Presider leads the people to the solea during the following:

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tram - pling down death by death, and on

those in the tombs be - stow - ing life.

Music. Obikhod chant; harm. N. Bakhmetev

Procession to the Cross

The Presider censes the cross, while the following is sung:

Deacon A *♩* We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world, alleluia.

Presider *♩* Let us pray. O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his 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.

People

♩ Amen.

Deacon B We'll sing at number 12 in your Easter Books, the Znamenny Troparion at number 12. As we sing, find a seat.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tram - pling down death by death, and on

those in the tombs be - stow - ing life.

Music: Znamenny chant harm. Boris Ledkovsky (1894–1975)

Liturgy of the Word

Deacon B As the people are seated, brings the reader(s) to the lectern.

Deacon B Listen to a reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Reader Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he

said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he

said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Sermon

Preacher offers sermon of **TEN to TWELVE** minutes.

Preacher cues Cantor to ring pot-bells at end of sermon;

Cantor observes **ONE** minute silence; rings hand-bells

Preacher We continue the sermon together. If an experience of your own came to mind, please share it now while we listen for God speaking to us in the silence.

Preacher Limit sharing to no more than seven minutes, then:

Thank you all.

Sermon Hymn

Deacon A We'll sing *Come ye faithful* at number 30 in your Easter Books. Please stand and sing at number 30.

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - umph - ant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the Spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

1 God hath brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
2 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
3 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
4 Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

1 loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
2 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
3 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
4 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

1 led them with un - mois - ten'd foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
2 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
3 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains, Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
4 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Prayers

Deacon B *steps immediately onto solea, with maniple;*

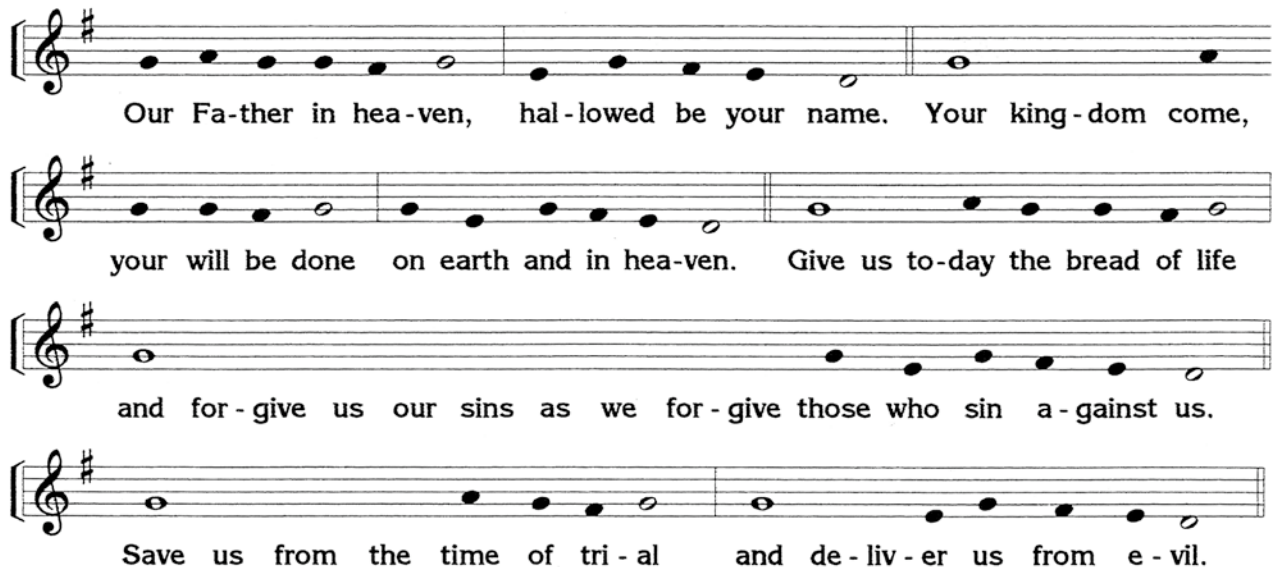
stands at end of carpet, facing Presider.

We'll sing the Lord's Prayer at number 9 in your Easter Books.

Call out your prayers when we stop singing, and if more than one person prays at the same time look up here for help.

Sing at number 9.

Cantor leads *♩* "Our Father..."



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name. Your king-dom come,
your will be done on earth and in hea-ven. Give us to-day the bread of life
and for-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri-al and de-liv-er us from e-vil.

Deacon B For peace in the whole world, for peace in _____
and for which other countries shall we pray? [pause]
and for peace everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

People *add their own prayers*

Deacon B For **Marc**, our Bishop, **Katherine** our presiding Bishop, **Rowan**, Archbishop of Canterbury. For the Diocese of Curitiba and **Naudal** their bishop. And for **Guang-Shun, Peter, Thomas, Louis, Paul** and **David**, bishops of China, Let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon extends maniple toward those who pray aloud.

Deacon make sure that prayers include: the church / the nation and her leaders / the world's welfare /local concerns / the sick, suffering and imprisoned. Offer prayers for those that are missed.

Presider concludes open prayer, saying
For peace for the dead, and comfort for mourners, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon B For those we have wronged, for our enemies and all who wrong us, let us pray to the Lord.

For forgiveness, generosity and love among all people everywhere, and for the coming kingdom of peace, Let us pray to the Lord.

In fellowship with Gregory of Nyssa, with Mary, Christ's mother, and with all God's holy people in every time and place, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our lives through Christ to God.

Presider prays collect:

Presider Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord...



Deacon gives cross to Presider for Procession

Procession to the Altar

Deacon A from solea: We'll go to the Table together following the cross singing from number 6 in your Easter Booklets, *Now the green blade riseth*. Keep circling the table until we finish singing. Let's sing at number 6.

Presider leads procession to Table.

Deacon B carries Deacon's candle and takes a volunteer to the kitchen; prepares for Great Entrance.

Deacon B [carrying candle] and congregant bring gifts from the side table to the altar table.

1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain. Wheat that in
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom fear had slain. Think - ing that
3 Forth he came at East - er, like the ris - en grain, He that for
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, Thy touch can

1 dark earth ma - ny days has lain; Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
2 nev - er he would wake a - gain, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
3 three days in the grave had lain, Quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
4 call us back to life a - gain. Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love is come a - gain, Like wheat that spring - eth green.

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), alt.
Music: *Noël nouvelet*, medieval French carol; harm. Marcel Dupré 1886-1971; adapt. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935)

Peace

Presider Christ has come, bringing us peace here and now.
Turn to those near you and share it.
The Peace of the Lord be with you all!

All *And also with you!*

All exchange Peace

Deacon *moves candle to welcome table, leaving lit*

Deacon B The service continues at Number 22 and goes all the way to Number 26.

Deacon A&B ♪ Draw near! Draw near!

Deacon A ♪ Let us love one another that we may offer the holy sacrifice in peace!

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider It is right and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere
To give thanks to you, God our Creator and Lover.
You make all things and call them good.
You love us into being,
You form us in your image
and breathe into us the breath of life.
When we turn away, and our love fails,
Your love remains steadfast.
You deliver us from captivity,
And bring us to a land flowing with milk and honey.

You set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven

We praise your name as we join their unending hymn:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By his baptism of suffering and death
You give your church birth into a living hope.
Raising Jesus from the dead,
You make a new covenant with us,
by water and the Spirit,
and deliver us into freedom.
We who were no people are now your people,
Declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
Who calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
On the night when he gave himself up for us,
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
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.”
When the supper was over he took the cup,
Gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

On the third day you raised him from the dead
And revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.
On that day he was recognized by his disciples
In the breaking of bread.

And so, remembering these your mighty acts
in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

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

Presider Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
And on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
That we may be for the world
The body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your spirit make us one with Christ,
One with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
Until all feast at your heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
All honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father
Now and for ever.

All Amen.

Communion

Deacon A Jesus welcomes everyone to his table and so we offer everyone, without exception, the bread and wine, which are Christ's body and blood.

(Presider's name), the Body of Christ. *(Amen)*

The Blood of Christ. *(Amen)*

Presider offers bread and cup first to Cantor and Deacon A, then others at the Table

Deacons and recruits: distribute communion

Post-communion

Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Collection

Deacon A Let's share freely of all we've received from God. Come bring money for the work of the church right to the table.

If this is your first time at St. Gregory's we invite you to wait. Instead, spend the week noticing your blessings--and make a thanksgiving offering when you return.

As you bring your gifts, lets sing the Vermont Troparion at number 14 in your Easter Booklets – number 14.

Cantor Leads troparion.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tramp - ling down death by death and on
those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life.

Music: Music: The Young Convert, from Christian Harmony, 1805, adapt. Richard G. Fabian (b. 1942)

Deacon B We're going to dance the carol at Number 18, The Day of Resurrection. _____ will teach us the step.

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad; the
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right the
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin, the

1 Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God. From
 2 Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light; and,
 3 round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in; let

1 death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky, our
 2 list - 'ning to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain Christ's
 3 all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend, for

1 Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 2 own "All hail!" and, hear - ing may raise the vic - tor strain.
 3 Christ the Lord is ri - sen, our joy that hath no end.

Dismissal

Deacon B Please stay for refreshments, and don't forget to sign our guestbook – and, LET US BLESS THE LORD!

All: Thanks be to God!

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