

THE EASTER GARDEN

We are all familiar with the Christmas crèche, a model stable with figurines representing the Nativity of our Lord. There is a similar tradition on Pascha, called an Easter garden, and we have one this year at St. Paul's. Easter gardens may be found in churches, gardens, and homes, and may be small and quite simple or large and very elaborate. Sometimes they have figures to represent the people in the story, and sometimes they are simply gardens. An Easter garden has three essential features: a mound with at least one cross to represent Calvary; a stone or stone structure to suggest the empty tomb; and live greenery and flowers. The simplest Easter gardens are made in a shallow pot or dish. Ours is laid out on a table, and you will notice that the figures will change from time to time to represent different parts of the story.

All baptized persons who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord are invited to share in the Blessed Sacrament of his Body and Blood, in which we believe him to be truly present.

We extend a warm welcome to visitors and newcomers to St. Paul's, and we invite you to join us for a hospitality hour in the rectory following the service. Please be sure to sign the guest register in the back of the church.

Please remember the community food pantry. Contributions of nonperishable food may be left in the basket at the back of the church.

The Church of Saint Paul the Apostle

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Sundays: Sung Eucharist, Rite I, 10:30 am

Prayer Book Holy Days: Holy Eucharist, Rite I, as announced

Confessions: By appointment

SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

Salem, New York ❖ Sunday, 30 March 2008 ❖ Second Sunday of Easter

Before the service, talk to God. After the service, talk to your neighbor.

ORDER OF SERVICE: THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

THE WORD OF GOD

INTROIT HYMN 174 *(sung by all, standing)*

Salzburg

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: S202 *(sung by all, standing)*

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(standing)*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 8:6-16; 9:8-16 *(seated)*

(after the Lesson) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

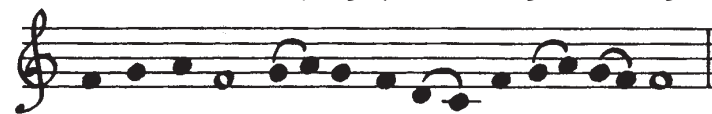
Tone IV

(see insert; refrain sung by a precentor, then by all; verses sung by the precentor, refrains by all)

THE SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:14a,22-32 *(seated)*

(after the Lesson) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(sung by all, standing, after being announced by the precentor)* Tone VI



Al-le-lu-ia, al -le-lu-ia, al-le -lu -ia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19–31 *(standing)*

(before the Gospel) The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

(after the Gospel) The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON *(seated)*

Father Kriss

THE NICENE CREED *(said by all, standing)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form IV *(remain standing)*

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY: HYMN 206 *(sung by all, standing)*

O filii et filiae

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(standing)*

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

PREFACE OF EASTER

(ending) . . . evermore praising thee, and saying:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS: S114 *(sung by all)*

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER continues *(standing)*

Prayer Book, page 341

(ending) . . . O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER: S119 *(sung by all)*

THE FRACTION

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

FRACTION ANTHEM: S151

Missa orbis factor

(alleluias sung by the precentor, then by all; verse sung by the precentor; alleluias sung by all)

COMMUNION

(after receiving communion, the people return to their seats for a time of silent prayer)

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Regina caeli

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia:

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia:

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia,

resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

has risen, as He said, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 209 *(sung by all, standing)*

St. Botolph

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(standing)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING *(standing)*

(ending) . . . and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL: S175

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.