



Immanuel
Lutheran
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**The Great Three Days
Holy Week 2018**

Thurs. 6:30 PM; Fri. 8:00 PM; Sat. 8:00 PM

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The Great Three Days

The Great Three Days—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Saturday's Great Vigil of Easter—though chronologically three days and seemingly three services, are actually liturgically a single, long service that gradually unfolds the unified mystery of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.

Each evening we will hear part of the great drama and will experience once more the mighty acts of God in Christ Jesus, the Savior of the World. As much as we might want to, we cannot go straight to the glory of Easter and resurrection without first passing through the way of fellowship and mutual servanthood, the dark night of betrayal, the long day of suffering, the death on the Cross, the sealing of the tomb, and the anguished, numb waiting of Jesus' friends as they wonder what comes next...and as they begin to realize the good news that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

These services are wonderfully participatory, and make use of all the senses. We invite you to enter into the drama, responding with your whole being to the awesome story of salvation.

Maundy Thursday

Agape Meal with Eucharist
and Stripping of the Altar

March 29, 2018, 6:30 PM



About tonight's worship...

This is the first of the Great Three Days: Holy Thursday, or “Maundy” Thursday. The word “maundy” was a garbled pronunciation of *mandatum*, the Latin for word for “commandment.” As we will hear in tonight’s Gospel reading, it is on this night, as Jesus enjoys a final meal with his friends, that he gives “a new commandment”—the commandment to love one another just as Jesus has loved us. Jesus gives this commandment as he gives up his role as master, and stoops as a humble servant to wash the feet of those who by rights should be washing his feet. This willingness to lovingly bend and serve one another is the very last message that Jesus wants to leave with his followers. That is the core of the Good News for the first part of this evening.

We share a meal just as Jesus and his friends did that night. We call this an “*agape* (uh-GAH-pay) feast,” the Greek word for the kind of selfless love that Jesus was talking about. As we gather around the tables, we will take the opportunity to serve one another. Watch to see what your neighbors’ needs are, and offer to fill them, even for such simple things as going to refill their plate or glass.

The pastor will lay on hands and pronounce individual absolution for sins as we come to the end of Lent, time of repentance, and approach Easter. We will sing together, pray together, and hear the words of scripture together. Then the ministers will lead us in washing one another’s hands as we live out the reality that we are servants to one another. And then, just as Jesus and his friends did that night, we’ll share the Lord’s Supper together. You will be asked to pass the bread to your neighbor, speaking to them the words of promise: “This is the body of Christ, given for you.” You will then pour wine for your neighbor, and speak again: “This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.” We will all wait to eat and drink together when the Pastor indicates it is time.

And then, just as Jesus and his disciples sang a song and went out into the night to go pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, we sing a hymn, then enter into a time of prayerful meditation, followed by the solemn stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday. We strip away all those adornments that might distract us from our focus on the Cross that lies ahead. And then we go out into the night to wait to hear the next part of the story.

Serving in worship this evening...

Presiding Minister	Pr. Keith Fry
Assisting Minister	Kim Miller
Lector	Terri Hummel
Communion Minister	Anne Heider
Cantor and Pianist	James Morehead
Psalm Cantors	Sara Krentz, Kevin McDaniel
Communion Bread	Scott Romans

Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

P: Presiding Minister A: Assembly L: Leader R: Reader C: Choir

Greeting

P The Lord be with you!

A And also with you!

L Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Confession and Forgiveness

P Our loving Parent never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

All keep silence after each petition for reflection and self-examination.

L Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples; we ask for your mercy and your help; our thoughtlessness and selfishness betrays you.

P Lord, forgive.

A Christ, have mercy.

L We fail to share the pain of your suffering, or the suffering of those around us.

P Lord, forgive.

A Christ, have mercy.

L We run away from those who heap scorn upon you, and from those who abuse the least of these.

P Lord, forgive.

A Christ, have mercy.

L We are afraid of being known to belong to you.

P Lord, forgive.

A Christ, have mercy.

P God loved the world in this way: He gave the only Son, in order that whoever believes in him should not perish, but should have eternal life. In the name of + Jesus Christ, and for his sake, your sins are forgiven. May the servant Lord who loves us even to death on a cross, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

A Amen.

Absolution with Laying on of Hands

During the singing of the hymn, all those who desire to receive the laying on of hands and individual absolution are invited to come to the area by the stage, where the Pastor will offer this.

Song

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here" Hymnal 358

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

Supper

You are invited to serve one another as you enjoy fellowship over the meal.

Word: *God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song ...*

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 12:1-14

R A reading from Exodus.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation"I Give You a New Commandment" **S 440**

I give you a new com - mand - ment, that you
love one an - oth - er just as I have loved you.

Gospel**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. [. . .] Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

Reflection on the Word

Discussion around the tables follows.

Washing of Hands

The Presiding Minister will lead the Assembly in a rite of washing one another's hands.

During this time, the Assembly sings the songs on this page and the next.

Song

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" **Hymnal 659**

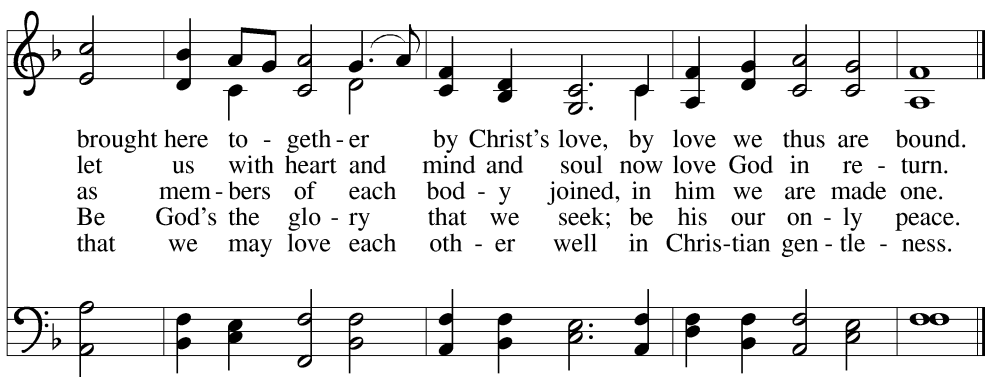
1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Prayers of the People

- L On this holy night, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy. *[A brief silence.]*
- L By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of your church. Where there is division, grant healing. Where there is fracture, grant unity. Where there is indifference, grant passion. Lord, in your mercy,
A hear our prayer.
- L By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the creation. Put an end to destruction and renew our commitment to the fullness of life you intend for every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,
A hear our prayer.
- L By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the human family. Bring understanding and a spirit of cooperation to nations and communities in conflict. Dissolve distrust into understanding and transform disregard into profound care for one another. Lord, in your mercy,
A hear our prayer.

L By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit, especially Serena Bernstein, Mid Carlson, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Barb Engelsen, Bob Fried, Jennifer Grethe, Dick Heisler, Judy Hokenson, Ron Laudert, George Shiff, Joe Skelton, John and Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Feed those who hunger, give shelter to those without a home, heal the sick, and grant rest to the dying. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of this community. Help us seek not so much to be served, but to serve; not to be loved, but to love; not to be forgiven, but to forgive, for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

The Assembly is invited to offer thanksgivings and petitions.

Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness within us. Cast out all fear of separation from you, and join us to the communion of saints who celebrate at your eternal banquet table. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

P Into the arms of your tender embrace, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who, on the cross, opened his arms to all: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Peace

P Jesus says to his friends, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you."

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

A And also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.

If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing.

Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...

Offering *An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.*

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray. God of glory,

A receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.

**As Jesus was lifted up from the earth,
draw us to your heart in the midst of this world,
that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom,
from darkness to light, and from death to life;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you!

A And also with you!

P Lift up your hearts!

A We lift them to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

A It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Preface

P In this thanksgiving meal, we are with our crucified and risen Lord, and he with us. We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we also who are redeemed and brought forth from bondage to freedom, from mourning to feasting. We know that, just as our Lord was with his friends in the upper room, so he is here with us now.

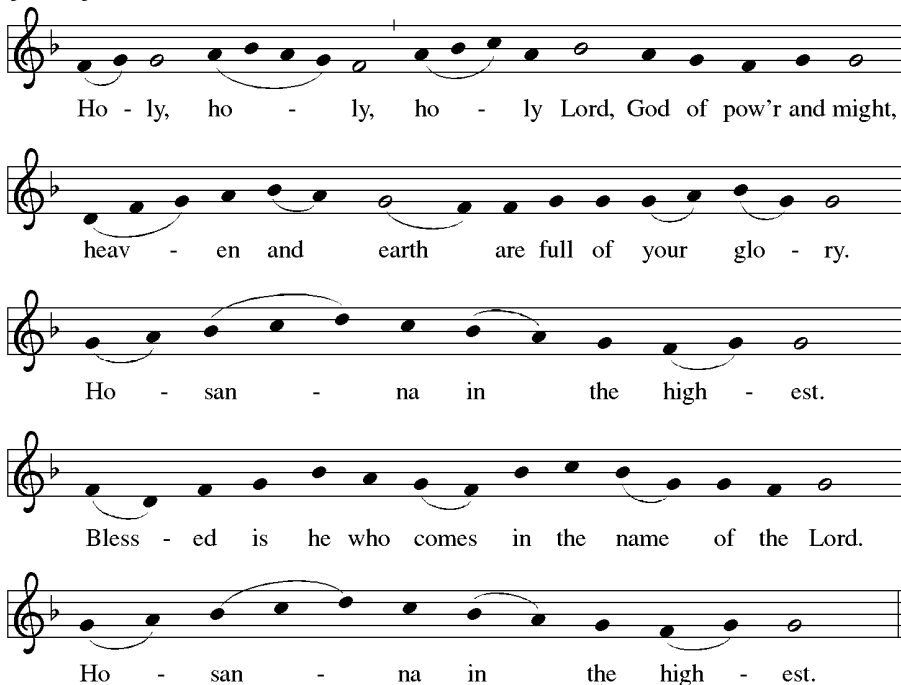
A Until the kingdom of God comes, let us celebrate the feast!

P Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow, and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son, enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven, and strangers made welcome. Your spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We, who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted up on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf of our sins had made. Through the dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory that life and light might reign.

On this night—this very night—when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: “Take, eat. This is my Body, broken for you.”

On this night—this very night—after supper he took the cup and offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.”

A We now obey your Son's command.

We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Reign.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

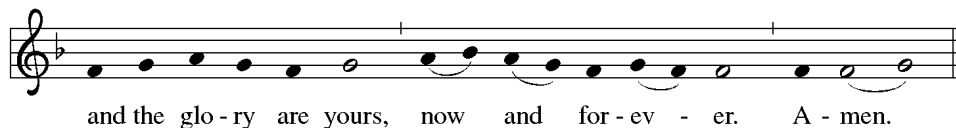
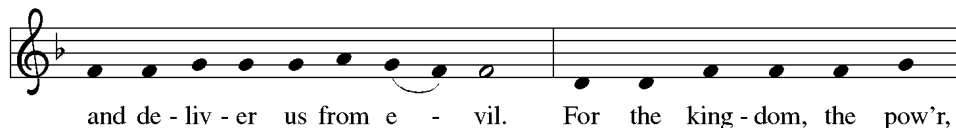
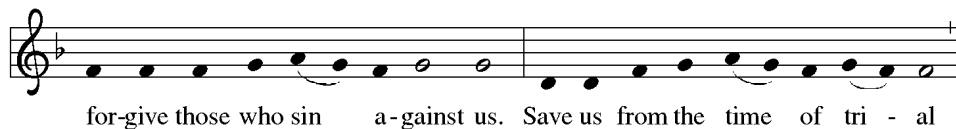
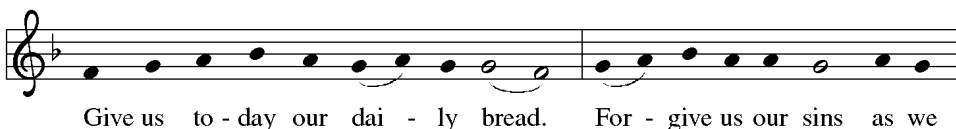
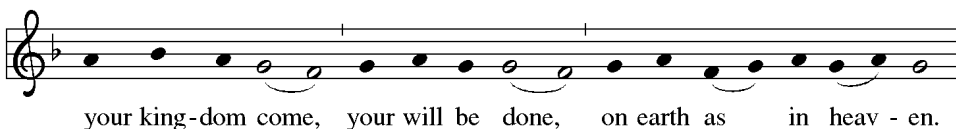
P Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Peaceable Reign.

A Help us who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until, at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of all the apostles and prophets, and of all our sisters and brothers, living and departed.

P We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, in whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.



Distribution of Holy Communion

*A person at the end of the table will begin. Please serve the person to your right.
Tear off a piece of the bread and say to them, "The body of Christ, given for you."
Then pour wine or grape juice for them from the carafe and say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."
That person then serves the person to their right, until all are served.
We will all wait and eat and drink together.*

Blessing after Communion

P The body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

A Amen.

Song

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" Hymnal 347

1 Go to dark Geth-se - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Song

"Stay With Me"

Hymnal 348

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
pray. Watch and pray.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Stay With Me" in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and". The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "pray. Watch and pray." and the piano accompaniment. The vocal line ends with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment also ends with a double bar line.

Silence

Stripping of the Altar

The worship space is stripped of all adornment as we strip away all that might distract us from our focus on the central mystery of our faith: the Cross of Christ.

The Assembly sits in awe and silence during the singing of the Psalm, marveling at the mighty thing that God has done as we enter into Good Friday.

Psalm 88

Cantors

After the ministers leave the worship space, the Assembly may depart in silence.

Good Friday

March 30, 2018, 8:00 PM



About tonight's worship...

Throughout his ministry Jesus turned things on their heads: the last became first, the poor were blessed, the blind could see. In parable and miracle Jesus brought a dominion that was set against the kingdoms of this world. In the circumstances of his death, he did away with the accepted structures of power and weakness, justice and retribution. Jesus' crucifixion was the ultimate manifestation of the paradox of the dominion of God: the king who only days before rode triumphantly into the royal city is crucified as a criminal. The Messiah is a suffering servant. The Son of God is willing to die so that we can live.

John's gospel tells the story of how God accomplished, in Jesus, the fulfillment of scriptural prophecy about the one who would bring God's people into reconciliation with God's own self. In the story of the passion, Jesus' inexorable journey toward the cross, which is the culmination of this prophecy, picks up speed. Then, with Jesus' dying breath, the journey is over. With the words "It is finished," Jesus' mission is complete. His passion and his suffering are finished; the centuries-long wait for the Messiah is finished. God's ultimate disruption of our efforts to save ourselves, and the astounding reversal of human expectations, is accomplished.

On this evening, as we meditate on the consequences of God's sacrifice, the church proclaims the good news that the Cross of Christ is not only necessary, but also sufficient for our salvation. With the command of Maundy Thursday lingering in our ears and hearts, Good Friday reminds us that the freedom to obey Jesus comes as a gift from God through the Cross of Christ. At the Cross, our old life of captivity to sin is finished, and our new life of discipleship begins.

In our worship, we cry out with the psalmist, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?", the same words that Jesus cries out on the Cross. We pray for the whole world that Christ came to redeem. We stand in reverence and then bow in awe as the Cross is processed into the worship space. We hear the Crucified One speak to us in the ancient words of the Solemn Reproaches, challenging us for the ways in which we fail to live as people of the Cross and of the Resurrection. We then contemplate the Cross on which was hung the Savior of the whole world. We then sing a song of praise, hear a loud sound to symbolize the stone sealing the tomb, and when we are ready, we depart.

Thanks be to God, Good Friday and the Cross is not the end of the story. Tonight's liturgy is a continuation of last evening's worship, and is completed tomorrow evening as we gather for the Great Vigil, where we will hear the stories of God's saving acts throughout all of history, and then will join in the feast as we hear the great good news of the Resurrection proclaimed. Please join us!

Serving in worship this evening...

Presiding Minister.....	Pr. Keith Fry
Assisting Minister.....	Kathryn Skelton
Lector	Stephen Warner
Cantor	James Morehead
Pianist.....	James Morehead
Ushers.....	Stephen Warner, Jim Jung

Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the Passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant ruler who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the “Triumph of the Cross”—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ’s life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the Tree of Life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died.

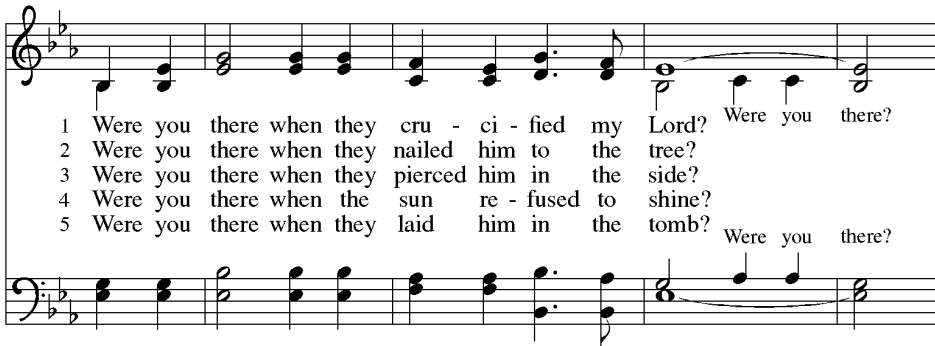
P: Presiding Minister **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister **R:** Reader **A:** Assembly
+ All may make the sign of the cross.

All gather in silence. The Assembly stands when the Ministers stand.

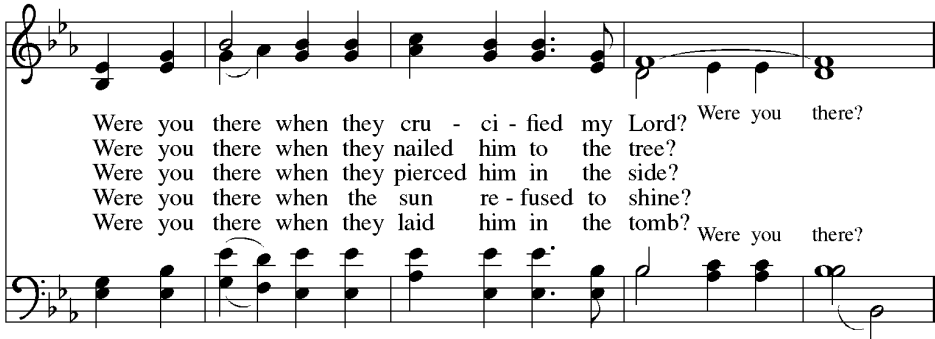
Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

A Amen.

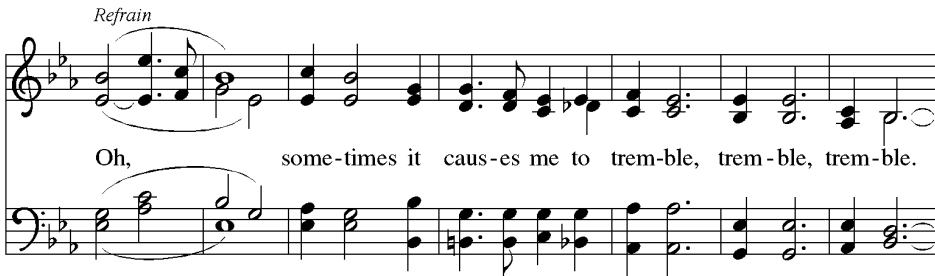


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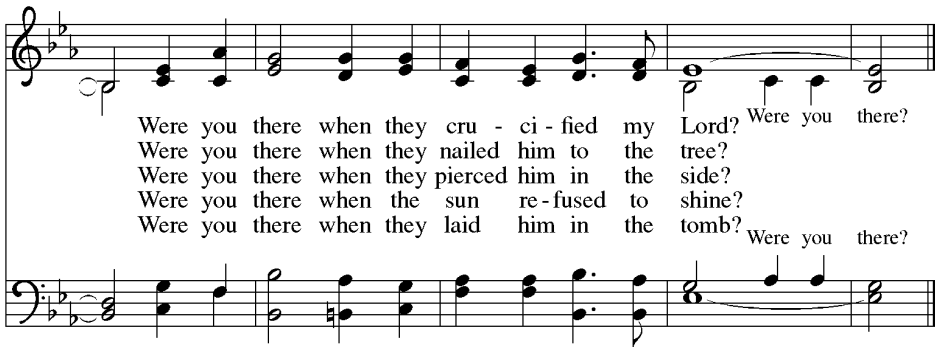


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Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

R A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—
so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth. *[cont.]*

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
 Who could have imagined his future?
 For he was cut off from the land of the living,
 stricken for the transgression of my people.
 They made his grave with the wicked
 and his tomb with the rich,
 although he had done no violence,
 and there was no deceit in his mouth.
 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
 When you make his life an offering for sin,
 he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
 through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
 Out of his anguish he shall see light;
 he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
 The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
 and he shall bear their iniquities.
 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
 and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
 because he poured out himself to death,
 and was numbered with the transgressors;
 yet he bore the sin of many,
 and made intercession for the transgressors.

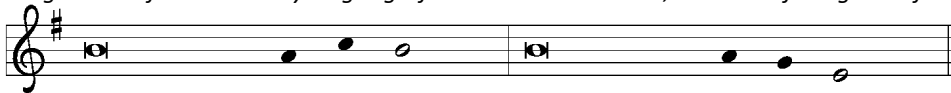
R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 22

ELW Psalm Tone 9

The right side of the Assembly sings lightface verses to the tone, and the left sings boldface ones.



¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?
 Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?
²**My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;
 by night, but I | find no rest.**
³Yet you are the | Holy One,
 enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.
⁴**Our ancestors put their | trust in you,
 they trusted, and you | rescued them.**
⁵They cried out to you and | were delivered;
 they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.
⁶**But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,
 scorned by all and despised | by the people.**

- ⁷All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.
- ⁸**“Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.”**
- ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,
and kept me safe on my | mother’s breast.
- ¹⁰**I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my | mother’s womb.**
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,
and there is no | one to help.
- ¹²**Many young bulls en- | circle me;
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.**
- ¹³They open wide their | jaws at me,
like a slashing and | roaring lion.
- ¹⁴**I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**
- ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.
- ¹⁶**Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;
they pierce my hands | and my feet.**
- ¹⁷I can count | all my bones
while they stare at | me and gloat.
- ¹⁸**They divide my gar- | ments among them;
for my clothing, | they cast lots.**
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.
- ²⁰**Deliver me | from the sword,
my life from the power | of the dog.**
- ²¹Save me from the | lion’s mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
- ²²**I will declare your name | to my people;
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**
- ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
- ²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the
LORD’s face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
- ²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever! [cont.]**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 10:16-25

R A reading from Hebrews.

[After the Holy Spirit says,] ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

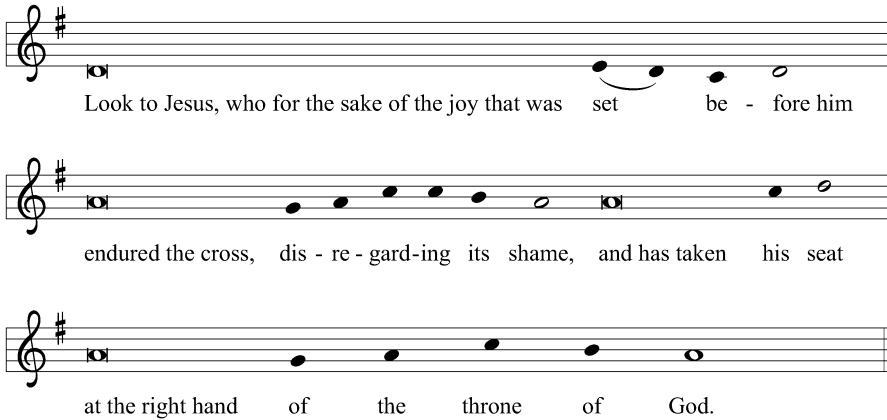
¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

R Word of God, word of life!

A Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

"Look to Jesus" S 452



Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, dis - re - gard - ing its shame, and has taken his seat
at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel

John 18:1-19:42

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

*Remain seated until the pronouncement that Jesus is led out to the Place of the Skull,
at which point you will stand and remain standing through the end of the reading.*

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Assembly is seated.

Response to the Gospel

"Stabat Mater" op. 138 *Joseph Gabriel Rheinberger*

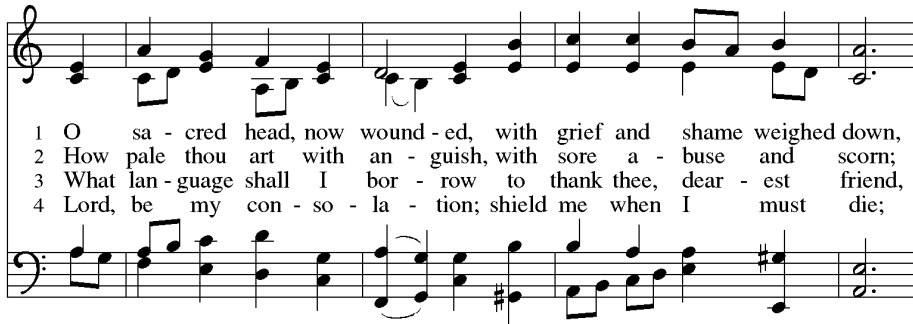
1. At the cross her station keeping,
stood the mournful mother weeping,
close to Jesus to the last.
2. Through her soul, of joy bereaved,
bowed with anguish, deeply grieved,
now at length the sword hath passed.
3. Oh how sad and sore distressed
was that mother highly blessed,
of the sole-begotten One!
4. Christ above in torment hangs;
She beneath beholds the pangs
Of her dying glorious Son.
5. Is there one who would not weep,
Whelm'd in miseries so deep
Christ's dear Mother to behold?
6. Can the human heart refrain
From partaking in her pain,
In that Mother's pain untold?
7. Bruis'd, derided, curs'd, defil'd,
She beheld her tender child
All with bloody scourges rent.
8. For the sins of His own nation,
Saw Him hang in desolation,
Till His spirit forth He sent.
9. O thou Mother! fount of love!
Touch my spirit from above;
Make my heart with thine accord.
10. Make me feel as thou hast felt;
Make my soul to glow and melt
With the love of Christ our Lord.
11. Holy Mother! pierce me through;
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Savior crucified.
12. Let me share with thee His pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.
13. Let me mingle tears with thee,
Mourning Him who mourn'd for me,
All the days that I may live.
14. By the cross with thee to stay,
There with thee to weep and pray,
Is all I ask of thee to give.
15. Virgin of all virgins best,
Listen to my fond request
Let me share thy grief divine.
16. Let me, to my latest breath,
In my body bear the death
Of that dying Son of thine.
17. Wounded with His every wound,
Steep my soul till it hath swoon'd
In His very blood away.
18. Be to me, O Virgin, nigh,
Lest in flames I burn and die,
In His awful Judgment day.
19. By Thy cross, O Lord, guard me
armed by Christ's death I'll be,
and His grace shall cherish me.
20. While my body here decays,
May my soul Thy goodness praise,
Safe in Paradise with Thee.

(tr. Edward Caswall, Lyra Catholica 1851)

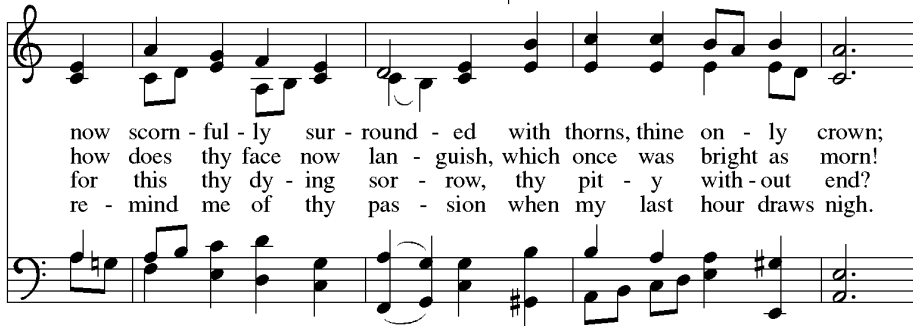
The Assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

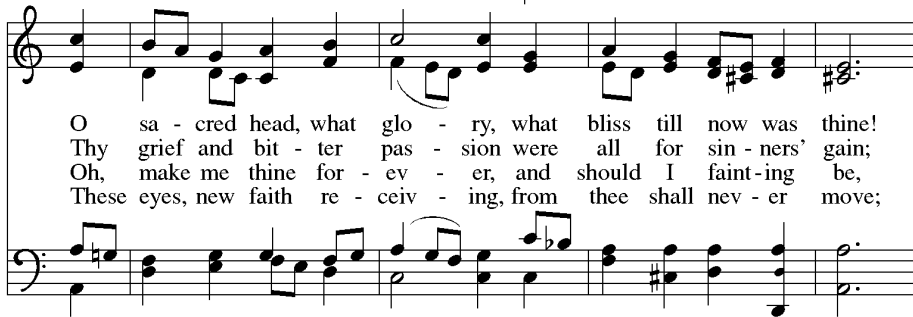
"O, Sacred Head Now Wounded" Hymnal 351



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Bidding Prayer

After the Assisting Minister invites you to prayer with each petition, please pray silently for that need.

L Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world. *[Silent prayer.]*

P Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

L Let us pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Wayne, our pastor, Keith, our President, Sara, our Council, our musicians, Greg, Laurie, Jimmy, and our choir, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God. *[Silent prayer.]*

P Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church. Help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

L Let us pray for those preparing for baptism. *[Silent prayer.]*

P Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

L Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ. *[Silent prayer.]*

P Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

L Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God. *[Silent prayer.]*

P Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

L Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. *[Silent prayer.]*

P Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

L Let us pray for those who do not believe in God. *[Silent prayer.]*

P Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

L Let us pray for God's creation. *[Silent prayer.]*

P Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

L Let us pray for those who serve in public office. *[Silent prayer.]*

P Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

L Let us pray for those in need. *[Silent prayer.]*

P Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

L Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**A Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

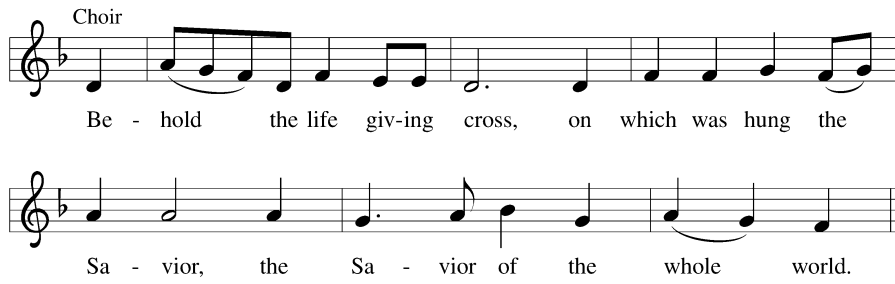
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Procession of the Cross

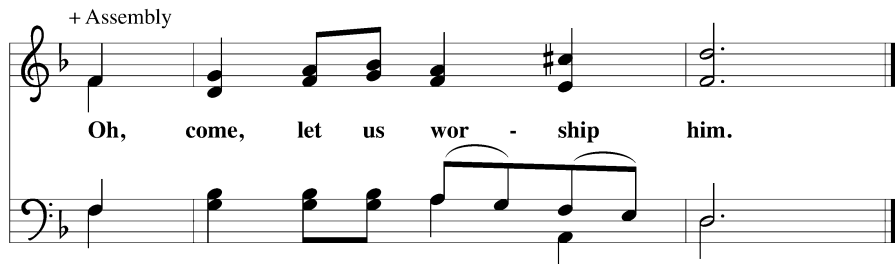
The Assembly stands and the Choir and Assembly sing as the cross is brought in.

Choir



Be - hold the life giv-ing cross, on which was hung the
Sa - vior, the Sa - vior of the whole world.

+ Assembly



Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

The cross is brought further forward, and the dialogue is sung a second time.

The cross is placed in the center of the worship space.

The Assembly bows in reverence and the dialogue is sung a third time. The Assembly is then seated.

Solemn Reproaches

The Solemn Reproaches are the voice of the Crucified One speaking to us, calling on us to remember the mighty and gracious things God has done for us in spite of our failings.

We respond by acknowledging God's holiness, and by asking for God's mercy.

When the Presiding Minister sings, "... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior," the Assembly sings the refrain.

P O my people, O my church, [...] but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Refrain

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

Silence and Veneration of the Cross

Silence is kept for contemplation.

During this time you are invited to come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.

At the end of the silence, the bell will chime, and the Assembly stands to sing.

We Glory in Your Cross



We glo-ry in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your ho-ly res-ur-



rec-tion, for by your cross joy has come in - to the world.

- P May God be merciful and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.



We glo-ry in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your ho-ly res-ur-



rec-tion, for by your cross joy has come in - to the world.

- P Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.



We glo-ry in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your ho-ly res-ur-



rec-tion, for by your cross joy has come in - to the world.

[A brief silence]

Leader



We a - dore you, O Christ, O Christ, we bless you.

Assembly



By your ho - ly cross you have re - deemed the world.

Sending: *We sing our praise to the Crucified*

Song of Praise

Hymnal 355



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; tell the
 2 God in mer - cy saw us fal - len, sunk in
 3 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of the ap -
 4 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, Je - sus
 5 Bend your boughs, O tree of glo - ry, your re -



tri - umph far and wide; tell a - loud the won-drous
 shame and mis - er - y, felled to death in E - den's
 point - ed time was come, Christ, the Word, was born of
 went from Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed,
 lax - ing sin - ews bend; for a while the an - cient



sto - ry of the cross, the Cru - ci - fied;
 gar - den, where in pride we claimed the tree;
 wom - an, left for us the heav - 'nly home,
 will - ing, did his work, and met his death;
 rig - or that your birth be - stowed, sus - pend;



tell how Christ, the world's re - deem - er, van - quished
 then an - oth - er tree was chos - en, which the
 blazed the path of true o - be - dience, shone as
 like a lamb he humb - ly yield - ed on the
 and the Lord of heav'n - ly beau - ty gent - ly



death the day he died.
 world from death would free.
 light a - midst the gloom.
 cross his dy - ing breath.
 on your arms ex - tend. (7) A - men.

6 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
 be for all the noblest tree;
 none in foliage, none in blossom,
 none in fruit your equal be;
 symbol of the world's redemption,
 for your burden makes us free.

7 Unto God be praise and glory;
 to the Father and the Son,
 to the eternal Spirit honor
 now and evermore be done;
 praise and glory in the highest,
 while the timeless ages run. Amen.

Departure

*The ministers depart. A loud sound is heard, signifying Christ's death and entombment.
 You may stay and contemplate the great mystery of the Cross.
 When you are ready, please depart in worshipful silence.*

The Great Vigil of Pascha

March 31, 2018, 8:00 PM



About tonight's worship...

The Great Vigil of Pascha ("Passover") is a special night. We hear some of the greatest stories of our faith heritage unfurled in one setting, like telling our shared stories around a fire. In hearing these stories, we connect with the heart of our own faith story.

As the people of God, we have through history ached in suffering, celebrated in praise, begged for help, offered generous service, and in general led lives full to the brim. The stories of the Easter Vigil remind us of the range of faithful moments, including both joy and desolation. Witnessing these ancient stories, we discover anew how God's great story is for *us*. These stories are indeed *our* stories.

God brings us through fire and water, out of death and night, welcoming us into the light of life. This night we light a new Christ candle from a new fire. By the light of that flame we gather in a circle to hear and to remember who we are and where we have come from. We gather at the baptismal font, giving thanks for water that is a sign of death to sin and rebirth into eternal life and for the fire of the Spirit, animating ashes and dry bones. Tonight, as the church around the world welcomes new brothers and sisters in Christ through baptism, and as we renew our baptismal vows, we remember how on the first Easter Christ welcomed Mary: calling her by name, bringing her out of weeping into the joyous light of Easter morning.

Through the drama of the Great Vigil, our communities of faith are invited to honest reflection and real renewal. On this night we remember that God's great story holds all of our little stories: the joy and fear of a new baby, changing jobs, cancer, celebrating friendship, waiting for new faith to emerge. All of us are written into God's ongoing and welcoming narrative of passionate grace and service.

Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! Tonight after we process into the Sanctuary, we will gather around the altar rail. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, you may take a small cup from the tray. The outer ring contains wine, while the inner ring contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please indicate to the pastor if you need that. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on the front row, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to stand with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

Serving in worship this evening...

Presiding Minister	Pr. Keith Fry
Assisting Minister	Kit McCarthy
Acolyte	Chris Djuric
Lectors	Scott Romans, Susan Ross, Judy Kratochvil, Charly Yarnoff, Sara Krentz, Stephen Warner, Kit McCarthy, Chris Djuric, Kathryn Skelton, Kim Miller, Anne Heider, Melanie Anderson
Communion Minister	Susan Ross
Choir Director	James Morehead
Organist	Greg Hummel
Table Preparation	Kit McCarthy
Communion Bread	Erik and Amy Shearer
Ushers	Jim Jung, Marlene Chatain

Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Tonight is the heart of our celebration of the Great Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, as we gather around a pillar of fire, hear the ancient stories of our faith, renew the promises of our baptism at the font, and share the food and drink of the Promised Land as we gather around the Table. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the great good news of the Resurrection.

P: Presiding Minister **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister **R:** Reader **A:** Assembly
+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Welcome and Explanation

The Great Vigil begins after sunset after darkness has begun to descend, as a reminder of the darkness that is pierced by the blinding light of the resurrected Christ. The service begins outside.

The new fire represents God's creative energy that is sparked again and again in our world.

The Paschal Candle recalls for us the pillar of fire that led the Children of Israel through the desert, and represents for us tonight the light of Christ, leading us to freedom.

Your unlighted candle represents the soul waiting to be kindled by the fire of God's Spirit.

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A Amen.

P Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Lighting of the New Fire

The new fire is lighted.

P Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

The Presiding Minister traces the symbols on the Paschal Candle as he prays.

- P Christ yesterday and today, (+)
the beginning, (*Alpha-A*)
and the ending. (*Omega-Ω*)
To Christ belongs all time and all the ages. (*year*)
To Christ belongs all glory and dominion, now and forever.

A Amen.

The Paschal Candle is lighted from the new fire.

- P The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Assisting Minister lifts the candle for all to see.

- P Let us pray. Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle, so that all who share this night in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

Procession

The Assisting Minister leads us in procession into the Fellowship Hall, following the light of Christ.

Along the way, we stop three times to sing our thanks for Christ, our Light.

The Cantor sings and the Assembly responds. At the beginning of the procession:



At the entrance to the worship space:



*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.
After all candles are lighted, the Assembly sings.*



Easter Proclamation

*The Cantor sings out an ancient hymn of praise called the Exsultet (Latin for "Rejoice!").
The song announces Christ's resurrection and calls on all creation to join in praise and thanksgiving.
Please join in singing after the Cantor, as you are directed.*

- L Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen!
Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation;
and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation.
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of your king!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever.
Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

Leader Assembly

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that with full devotion of heart and mind and voice
we should praise the invisible God, and the only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
who, by his precious blood, redeemed us from bondage to the ancient sin.
For this indeed is the Paschal Feast in which the true Lamb is slain,
by whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy.

Leader Assembly

This is the night **This is the night**

- L in which, in ancient times,
you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel,
and led them, dry-shod, through the sea. *[cont.]*

Leader Assembly

This is the night **This is the night**

L in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness.

Leader Assembly

This is the night **This is the night**

L in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness.

Leader Assembly

This is the night **This is the night**

L in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph.
O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know
the time and hour in which Christ arose again from hell!

Leader Assembly

This is the night **This is the night**

L of which it is written: "The night is as clear as the day,"
and, "then shall my night be turned into day."
The holiness of this night puts to flight the deeds of wickedness;
washes away sin; restores innocence to the fallen,
and joy to those who mourn; casts out hate; brings peace;
and humbles earthly pride.
Therefore, in this night of grace,
receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving
for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ,
reflected in the burning of this candle.

The Assisting Minister lights a small candle from the Paschal Candle, and its flame is passed from person to person, symbolizing the one light of Christ, which, as it is shared, burns brighter and brighter, illuminating all.

Please do not tip a lighted candle, but hold it upright as you light your neighbor's candle.

We sing the glories of this pillar of fire,
the brightness of which is not diminished
even when its light is divided and borrowed.
For it is fed by the melting wax which the bees, your servants,
have made for the substance of this candle.

Word: God speaks to us in scripture and song ...

At this point in the Vigil, we hear our “family stories,” the stories and songs of the Hebrew Scriptures that recount God’s marvelous acts in creation and in delivering God’s people over and over again from their captivity and exile, bringing life and salvation out of death and despair. As we listen, we hear how God has acted in the past, knowing that God is acting now in the resurrection of Jesus and in our own deliverance from all that binds us.

Invitation

P Sisters and brothers, let us now hear the record of God’s saving deeds in history, how God saved God’s people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

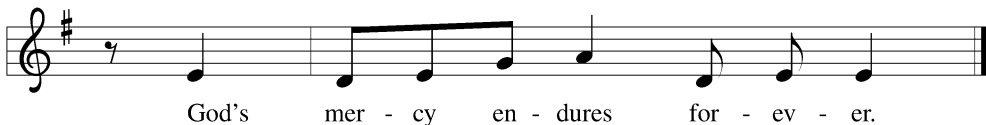
First Reading: Creation

Genesis 1:1–2:2a

Response: Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26 “God’s Mercy Endures Forever”

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This phrase is repeated by the assembly throughout the psalm, quietly until the end when it becomes louder.



Prayer

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

Second Reading: Flood

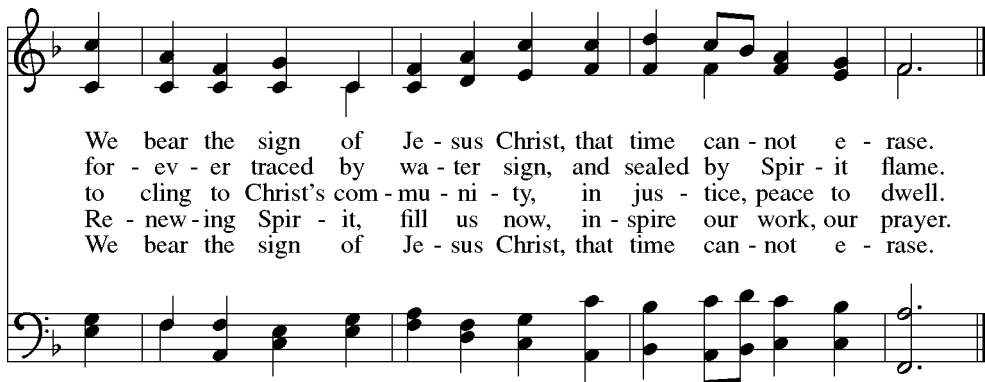
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Response: "Remember and Rejoice"

Hymnal 454



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.

Prayer

P Let us pray. O God, strength of the powerless and light in all darkness: Look in mercy upon your church, a wonderful and sacred mystery, that it may be an ark of peace in the midst of chaos. Let the whole world come to see that what was fallen is being raised up, that what was old is being made new, and that all things are being restored to wholeness through the one from whom they first took being, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Third Reading: The Testing of Abraham

Genesis 22:1-18

Prayer

P Let us pray. God and Father of all the faithful, you promised your servant Abraham that he would become the father of many nations, and through this gift of faith you increase your chosen people throughout the world. Form us anew by the death of your Son, that we may joyfully accept the new life of grace given through him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Response: "Go Down, Moses"

arr. Anne Heider

Fourth Reading: Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Response: "I Will Sing to the Lord"

S 480

*The Choir will sing the refrain, which is repeated by the Assembly.
The Assembly then sings the refrain after each verse.*

Refrain

I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;
for the horse and the rider God has thrown into the sea!

Prayer

P Let us pray. O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation offered to everyone by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may partake in the salvation of the Israelites and together dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Fifth Reading: Salvation Freely Offered to All

Isaiah 55:1-11

Response: "Surely God is My Salvation" (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Choir or cantor



1 Sure-ly God is my sal - va - tion, I will trust and shall not fear.
2 Thus with joy you shall draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's wells and springs.
3 Tell the na - tions of God's glo - ry, make this known in all the earth.



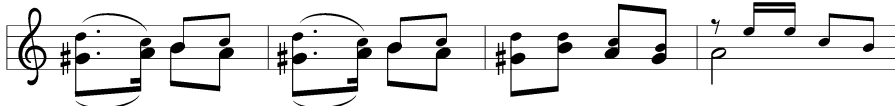
God the LORD is strong and might - y, my sal - va - tion true.
Sing your thanks to God Al - might - y for these won - drous deeds.
Praise the LORD, the God of Is - rael, call up - on God's name.

Refrain - All



Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O Daugh-ter Zi - on!

Sing ho-san-na!



Great in your midst is the LORD, the Ho - ly One!



Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh - ter Zi - on!



Great in your midst is the LORD, the Ho - ly One!

Prayer

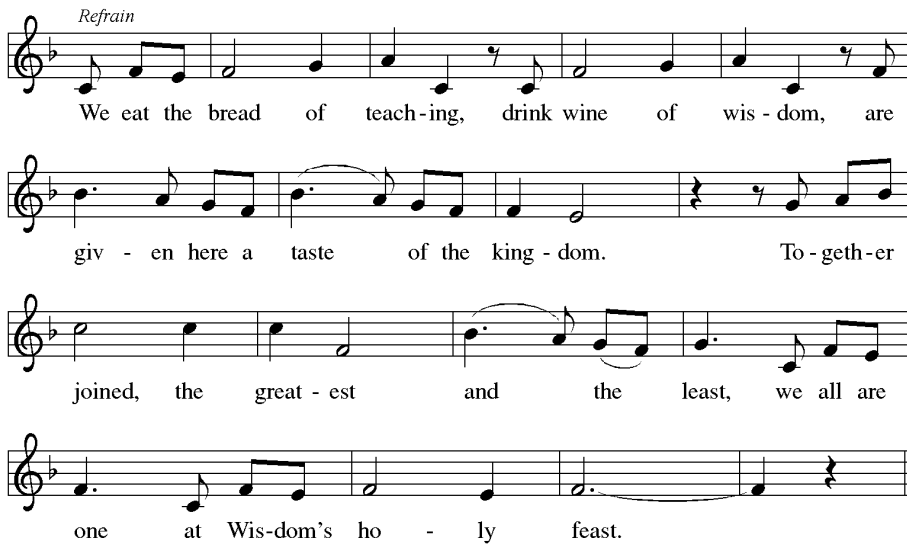
P Let us pray. Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Response: "We Eat the Bread of Teaching"

Hymnal 518

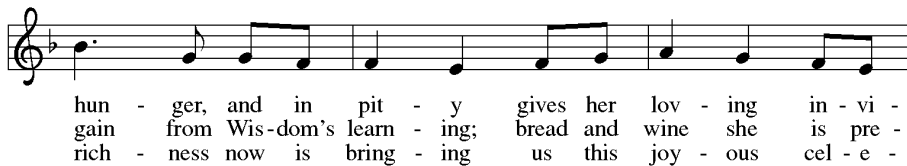
Refrain



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are
giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er
joined, the great-est and the least, we all are
one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-
gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-
rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-

Refrain



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

Prayer

P Let us pray. O God, our wisdom, teacher of truth, you fill your house by continuing to call all peoples into the way of insight. With your food and drink sustain us in the path of justice, and by your love watch over those whom you have called through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Seventh Reading: A New Heart and a New Spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Response: "Sicut Cervus"

Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*As the deer yearns for water brooks,
So my spirit yearns for you, Lord.*

Prayer

P Let us pray. God of holiness and mercy, in the dying and rising of Christ you have established a new covenant of reconciliation for us all. Cleanse our hearts and give us a new spirit, that by your saving grace we may live as your people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Eighth Reading: The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Response: "O Living Breath of God"

Hymnal 407



1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a-tion to won-drous birth:
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a-tion gives life a - new:
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a-tion for free-dom's birth:



Refrain
Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Prayer

P Let us pray. Living God, by the death and resurrection of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Breathe into us your life-giving Spirit, that receiving the gifts of word and sacrament, we may live in the hope of all your blessings to come, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

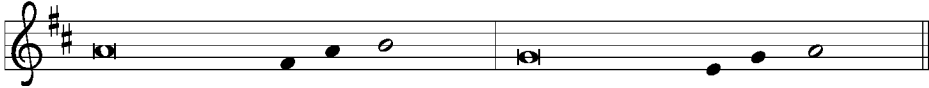
Response: Psalm 98

The musician will play the refrain, and then the Assembly repeats.

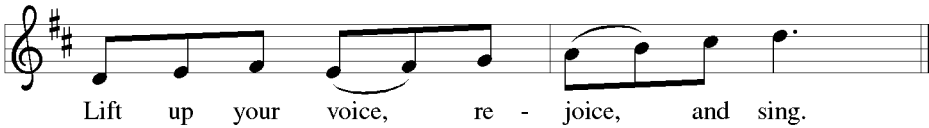
The Choir sings the lightface verses to the tone, and the Assembly sings the boldface verses.

All sing the Refrain where indicated by "R."

Tone:



Refrain:



- ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- ²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations. R**
- ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | jice, and sing.**
- ⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD. R**
- ⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- ⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.**
- ⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity. R

Prayer

P Let us pray. Sovereign God, by the resurrection of your Son you offer us victory in our struggles, a city for our refuge, the joy of the beloved, and festival celebration. Gather all the outcast into your mercy, and restore your whole creation through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

The Choir sings phrases, and the Assembly repeats.



Jo-nah prayed from the bel-ly of the fish,



say-ing, "Thank you, God; you



You cast me



to the mid-dle of the sea; and the



waves rose and the bil-lows cov-ered me.



As my life was ebb-ing a-way



I re-mem-bered you, my God;

prayer, and you an - swered me.

I lift-ed up my prayer, and you

an - swered me. With grate - ful heart I will

With grate-ful heart

pay my vows. De - liv - 'rance, LORD,

I will pay my vows. De -

liv-'rance, LORD, be - longs to you!"

1 With 2

be - longs to you!"

Prayer

P Let us pray. O God of deliverance, you saved Jonah through the waters of death, and after three days you brought him to new life. Speak to us by this sign, and call us to repentance, that we may heed the voice of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Eleventh Reading: Clothed in the Garments of Salvation**Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11****Response: "Now the Green Blade Rises"****Hymnal 379**

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Prayer

P O God, the life of all the earth, throughout the ages you sustain and comfort your people, and you clothe us with beauty and joy. Anoint us with the Spirit of the resurrection, that we may extend your healing to all that is broken in your world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Twelfth Reading: Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace**Daniel 3:1-29****Prayer**

P Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Procession to the Font: "All You Works of the Lord (*Benedicite Omnia Opera*)"

Roger T. Petrich

The Choir sings the verses, the Assembly sings the refrain. As we sing, the Assembly moves to gather around the font.



Praise Him and mag-ni-fy Him for - ev - er! er!

All you works of the Lord, | bless the Lord. **R**

You angels of the Lord, | bless the Lord;
you heavens, | bless the Lord;
all you powers of the Lord, | bless the Lord. **R**

You sun and moon, | bless the Lord;
you stars of heaven, | bless the Lord;
you rain and dew, | bless the Lord. **R**

You winds of God, | bless the Lord;
you fire and heat, | bless the Lord;
you winter and summer, | bless the Lord. **R**

You dews and falling snow, | bless the Lord;
you frost and cold, | bless the Lord;
you ice and snow, | bless the Lord. **R**

You nights and days, | bless the Lord;
you light and darkness, | bless the Lord;
you lightnings and clouds, | bless the Lord. **R**

Let the earth | bless the Lord;
you mountains and hills, | bless the Lord;
all you green things that grow on the earth, | bless the Lord. **R**

You wells and springs, | bless the Lord;
you seas and rivers, | bless the Lord;
you whales and all that swim in the waters, | bless the Lord. **R**

All you birds of the air, | bless the Lord;
all you wild animals and cattle, | bless the Lord;
all you children of mortals, | bless the Lord. **R**

You people of God, | bless the Lord;
you priests of the Lord, | bless the Lord;
you servants of the Lord, | bless the Lord. **R**

You spirits and souls of the righteous, | bless the Lord;
you holy and humble in heart, | bless the Lord;
let us bless the Father and the Son and the | Holy Spirit. **R**

Thanksgiving for Baptism: *We renew our baptismal vows...*

Thanksgiving at the Font

P The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Water is poured into the font as the Presiding Minister prays.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.

You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters:

Noah and the animals survive the flood,

Hagar discovers your well.

The Israelites escape through the sea,
and they drink from your gushing rock.

Naaman washes his leprosy away,

and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray:

Praise to you for the water of baptism

and for your Word that saves us in this water.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.

Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

P Dear friends, on this most holy night when we remember our Lord's passage from death into life, we give thanks for the gift of baptism by which we have been buried with Christ in a death like his, and in which we have been raised to new life. We come to the font to be renewed once again in the promises of baptism, and to make public affirmation of our faith.

P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

A Amen.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

A I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

A I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

A I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**A I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**A 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.**

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

A I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

A We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

A Amen.

Response: "Springs of Water, Bless the Lord"

Hymnal 214

The Cantor will sing the verses, and the Assembly sings the refrain.

As you sing, the ministers will sprinkle you with water in remembrance of baptism.

Refrain - All

Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord.

Give God glo - ry and praise for - ev - er.

Leader or All *Refrain*

1 Buried with Christ in death, you are raised with him to life.
2 Bathed in the foun-tain of life, you are born to a liv - ing hope.
3 You are God's work of art, cre - ated in Christ Jesus.
4 You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.
5 All of you are one, u - nited in Christ Jesus.
6 Re-joyce, all you bap-tized, called to be chil-dren of God.

The Assembly now processes through the central doors into the hallway, where we stop at the door to the Sanctuary to hear the Easter Proclamation.

The Feast of Victory: Christ is Risen!

Gospel

John 20:1-18

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed 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." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who 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 returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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 Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because 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 she told them that he had said these things to her.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

Announcement of the Resurrection

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Presiding Minister knocks on the door, as though knocking at the stone of the tomb.


This exchange is repeated three times.

The door opens, and the Assembly processes into the Sanctuary singing "This is the Feast" and ringing bells joyfully!

Canticle of Praise: "This is the Feast"

Hymnal p. 99


Refrain




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




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




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



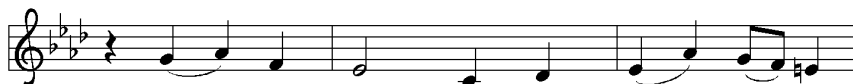
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayers of the People

L Gathered around Christ crucified and risen, let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing.

Bring your church through the waters, that we may be jubilant in the liberating power of the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Raise up leaders in our communities and in the nations of the world who will set people free from oppression and honor the dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Renew your creation, that animals and plants, seas and stars, mountains and oceans may proclaim your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Scatter the light of Christ's resurrection, and restore hope to all who cry out for healing, especially those we name now. [...] Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Pour out the spirit of the risen Christ on all those newly baptized and on this assembly, that our lives may joyfully praise the God who triumphs gloriously. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Make our hearts glad for all your holy ones who were buried with Christ in baptism and now share his resurrection life. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

P Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

Peace

P The peace of the Risen One be with you always.

A And also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of the Risen Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words. If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing as you speak peace to others.

Offering Music

variations on "Christ is Arisen"

J.S. Bach

An offering is gathered for those in need and for the mission of the church.

Presentation of the Gifts

"Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain" Hymnal 363



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en,
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal;
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

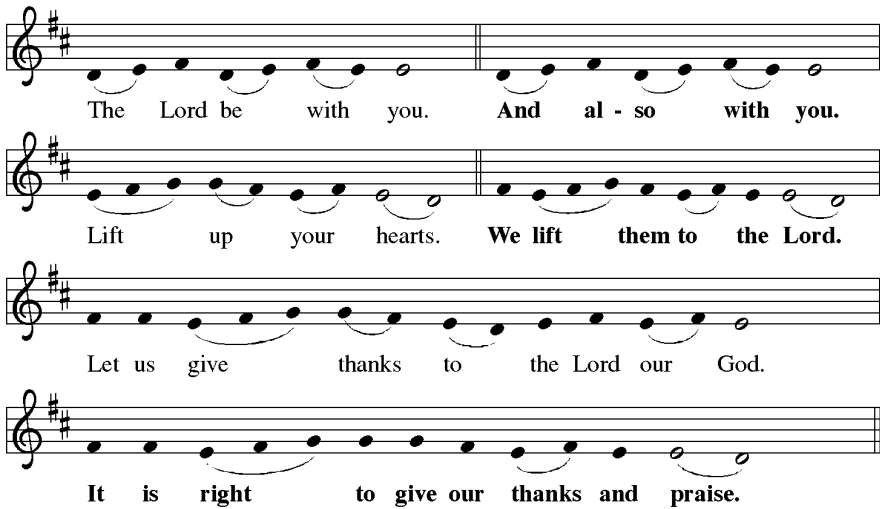
Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

**A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

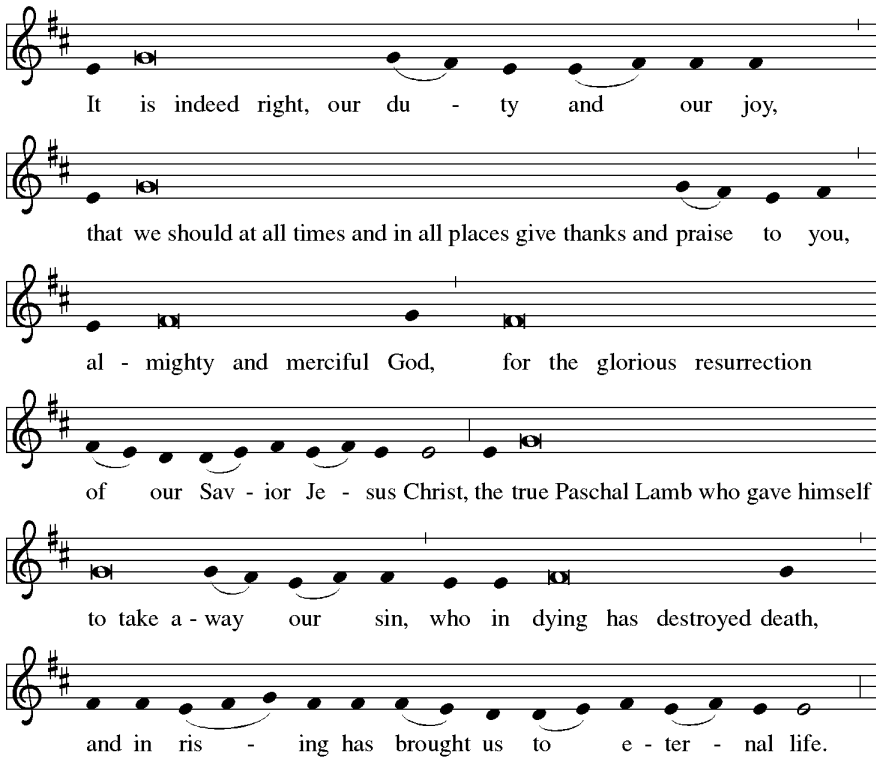
The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Preface



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself
to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the
 res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,
 and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,
 we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal, p. 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P We give you thanks, Holy One,
 through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
 whom you sent in this end of the ages
 to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.
 He is your Word, inseparable from you,
 through whom you created all things,
 and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.
He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

A Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

A Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

L Now let us feast this Easter day
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Alleluia!

A Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song

"Lamb of God" Hymnal p. 112



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Blessing after Communion

P May the body and blood of our risen Lord and Savior, + Jesus Christ,
strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

A Amen.

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and proclaim far and wide the Good News of the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Sending: *God blesses us and sends us to announce the joyous news ...*

Sending Song

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" [printed on next page] Hymnal 369

As the cross passes you, please turn and face the doors through which you will be sent into the world with Good News!

Reading from the New Testament

Romans 6:3-11

R A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

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.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Blessing

P The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through + Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

A Amen.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Share the Good News!
Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!

A Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

*Please stay for a time of feasting in the Fellowship Hall as we break the Lenten fast!
And please come back tomorrow morning at 10:30 AM for our Festival Eucharist with special music!*

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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