



Immanuel
Lutheran
of Evanston

**The Great Three Days
Holy Week 2022**

Thurs. 7:30 PM; Fri. 7:30 PM; Sat. 7:30 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

April 14, 2022, 7:30 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.

For those who wish, Pastor Mark will lay on hands and pronounce individual absolution for sins as we come to the end of Lent, the time of repentance, and as we prepare for the joy of 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 or feet 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 will share the Lord’s Supper together.

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 will enter into a time of prayerful meditation, followed by the solemn stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday as a psalm is sung. 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. Mark Sloss
Assisting Ministers.....	Anne Heider
Lector	Dana Barron
Music Director	James Morehead
Organist.....	Greg Hummel
Psalm Cantors	Sara Krentz, Kevin McDaniel
Zoom Host	Bert Mount
Audio-Visual Technicians.....	Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel, Tyler Heyl, Mark Kearns
Ushers and Greeters.....	Marlene Chatain

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

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 us.

A Christ, have mercy.

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

P Lord, forgive us.

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 us.

A Christ, have mercy.

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

P Lord, forgive us.

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.

Individual 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 forward and to kneel as the minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each person in turn: "In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins." You may respond: **Amen.***

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.

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 And also with you!

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.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 12:1-14

R A reading from Exodus.

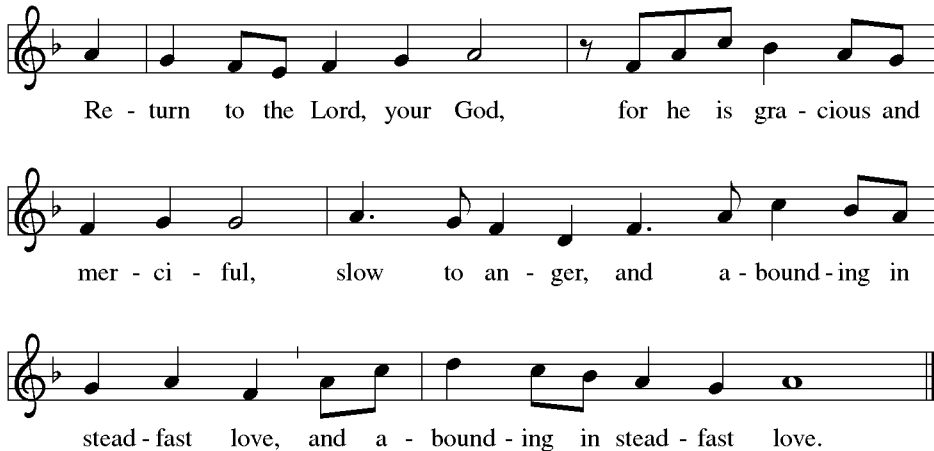
¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If 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



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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!

Sermon

Washing of One Another's Hands and Feet

The ministers will lead the Assembly in a rite of washing either hands or feet.

You may wash the hands of other family members who come forward with you, or the ministers will wash you.

All those who wish to participate may come forward to either the hand- or foot-washing station.

Please wait until a station is open to come forward for the rite.

During this time, the Assembly sings.

Songs During the Washing

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" ELWI 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.



Refrain
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, De - us i - bi est.
 Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide, God is dwell - ing there.



1 We are gath - ered by the one love of Christ Je - sus;
 2 Since we are all one in the Lord, as we gath - er,
 3 All sur - round - ed by the blest saints, we shall see you



let us lift our voic - es to God and be joy - ful.
 let us be watch - ful that no strife still di - vide us.
 face to face in glo - ry and light, O Christ Je - sus.



In ho - ly won - der let us love the liv - ing God,
 Con - ten - tion, en - vy, ill will, spite— may these all cease;
 With ho - ly joy far be - yond thought we shall be full,



Refrain
 and may our hearts ev - er be one in faith - ful love.
 with us, a - bid - ing in our midst, is Christ our God.
 from age to age, world with - out end, for - ev - er - more.

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, especially Russia and Ukraine. 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 Steve Andes, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Marcie Heyl, Jim Jung, Judith Kratochvil, John and Nancy Lang, Lorrie Roche, Joanne Shearer, Darryl Simchak, the family of John Wold, 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.

Offering

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

Offering Music

Let Us Break Bread Together

Arr. By William Lawrence

*Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees
wid ma face to da risen' sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees
wida ma face to da risen' sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees wida
ma face to da risen' sun, O Lord, have mercy on me, ifa you please.*

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

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

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

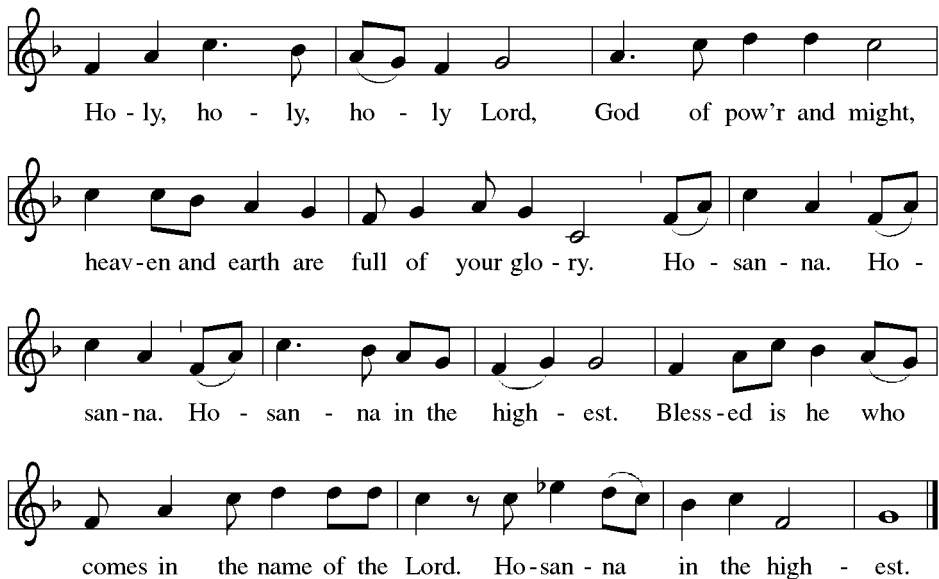
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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. Ho -
san-na. 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 Blessed are all who come in your name,
and blessed is Jesus, your Christ,
who fed the hungry and healed the hurting,
who embodied your liberation and stood with tender courage
against all the systems that divide us.
He proclaimed a new life, an Empire of Grace,
and stands among those who still are enslaved and oppressed.
Even as the Empire of Power threatened his death,
he gathered with his beloved to offer the gift of himself
and the gift of life that cannot be taken.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

A *The Assembly joins in singing:*



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, O God,
and on these gifts of bread and cup,
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
May we, bearing the light of your resurrection,
live as signs of your covenant with all Creation,
and the coming of the Realm you have promised.
We pray that every oppressive force may be undone,
including those in which we have a part.
We ask for the courage and compassion of your Spirit,
that we may pray and work for justice for all people.
May your Word be made flesh by all your holy Church,
in the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

P Here is food and drink for the journey.

A  May we be filled with your presence.

The Assembly is seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

P This is the body of Christ, given for you.

All communing may partake of the bread

P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

All communing may drink of their cup.

The Assembly stands as directed.

Blessing after Communion

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

A Amen.

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

A Amen.

Silence for Meditation

Stripping of the Altar

*The sanctuary 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.*

After the Ministers leave the sanctuary, the Assembly may depart in silence.

Good Friday

April 15, 2022, 7:30 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 now crucified as a criminal. The Messiah is a suffering servant. The Son of God is willing to die so that we might 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. We will hear a translation that minimizes the anti-semitic bent of John's gospel. 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," or better translated, "It is accomplished," 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 brought before our eyes. 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 are 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!

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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 this day not to mourn but to celebrate Christ’s life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the Tree of Life.

P: Presiding Minister **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister **R:** Reader **C:** Choir **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.

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13--53:12

13See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

14Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—

15so 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.

53:1Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2For 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.

3He 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.

4Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

5But 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.

6All 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.

7He 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.

8By 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.

9They 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.

10Yet 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.

11Out 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.

12Therefore 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.

The Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God

Psalm 22

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through. The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses. All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

Tone:



Refrain:



1 My 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.**

3 Yet 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. R**

5 They 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.**

7 All 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." R**

9 Yet 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.**

11 Be 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. R**

- 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. R**
- 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. R**
- 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!**
- 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. R**
- 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!" R

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

[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.

The Word of the Lord

A Thanks be to God

THE PASSION OF JESUS ACCORDING TO JOHN

We will hear a translation that minimizes the anti-semitic bent of John's gospel.

John 18:1 - 11 Jesus in the garden

“Stay with Me”

Sing 3 times

ELW 348

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with block chords. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody starts on a G4 note and ends on a G4 note.

pray. Watch and pray.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a sharp sign (F#) on the second measure of this system. The bass staff accompaniment continues with block chords. The system concludes with a double bar line.

A time of silence for reflection

John 18:12-27 Jesus denied by Peter

“Ah, Holy Jesus” Verses 1-3

ELW 349

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

A time of silence for reflection

John 18:28-19:16a Jesus before Pilate

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Verses 4-5

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A time of silence for reflection

John 19:16b-22 Jesus goes to Calvary

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Verses 1-2

ELW 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.

A time of silence for reflection

John 19:23-25a Jesus is crucified

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Verses 3-4

ELW 351

A time of silence for reflection

John 19:25b-30 Jesus gives up his spirit

"Were You There"

Verses 1-3

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1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Refrain

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

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

A time of silence for reflection

John 19:31-42 Jesus in placed in the tomb

"Were You There" Verses 4-5

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A time of silence for reflection

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

ELW 803

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Offering Music

Faithful Cross, Above All Other

By Orlando Lassus

Faithful Cross, above all other, One and only noble Tree:
None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.
Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron, Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, Sing the ending of the fray,
Now above the Cross, the trophy, Sound the loud triumphant lay:
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer, As a Victim won the day.

God in pity saw man fallen, Shamed and sunk in misery,
When he fell on death by tasting Fruit of the forbidden tree:
Then another Tree was chosen Which the world from death should free.

Thus the scheme of our salvation Was of old in order laid:
That the manifold deceiver's Art by art might be outweighed;
And the lure the foe put forward Into the means of healing made.

Therefore when the appointed fullness Of the holy time was come,
He was sent, who taketh all things, Forth from God's eternal home:
Thus he came to earth, incarnate, Offspring of a maiden's womb.

Lo! he lies an infant weeping, Where the narrow manger stands:
While the Mothermaid his members Wraps in mean and lowly bands:
And the swaddling clothes is winding Round his helpless feet and hands.

Thirty years among us dwelling, His appointed time fulfilled,
Born for this he meets his passion, For that this he freely willed;
On the cross the Lamb is lifted Where his life blood shall be spilled.

He endured the nails, the spitting, Vinegar, and spear, and reed;
From that holy Body broken Blood and Water both proceed:
Earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean By that flood from stain are freed.

Bend thy boughs, O Tree of glory; Thy relaxing sinews bend:
For awhile the ancient rigor That thy birth bestowed suspend:
And the King of heavenly beauty On thy bosom gently tend.

Thou alone wast counted worthy This world's ransom to uphold:
For a shipwrecked race preparing Harbour, like the Ark of old:
With the sacred Blood anointed Form the smitten Lamb that rolled.

To the Trinity be glory Everlasting as is meet:
Equal to the Father, equal to the Son and Paraclete:
Trinal Unity, whose praises All created things repeat.

Bidding Prayer

The Ministers kneel. The Assembly is seated, bowed in a posture of worship.

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, our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Dana, our council, and our justice ministries, 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.

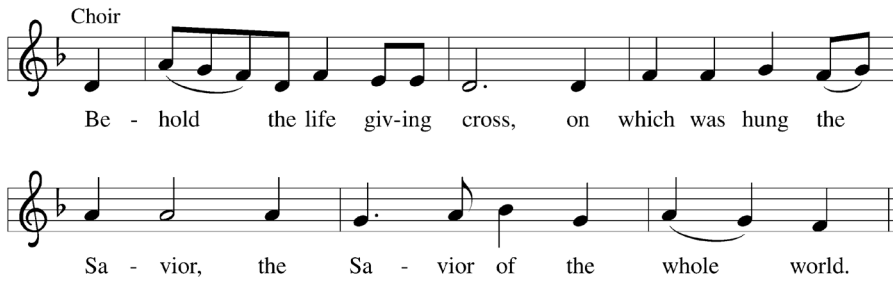
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

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

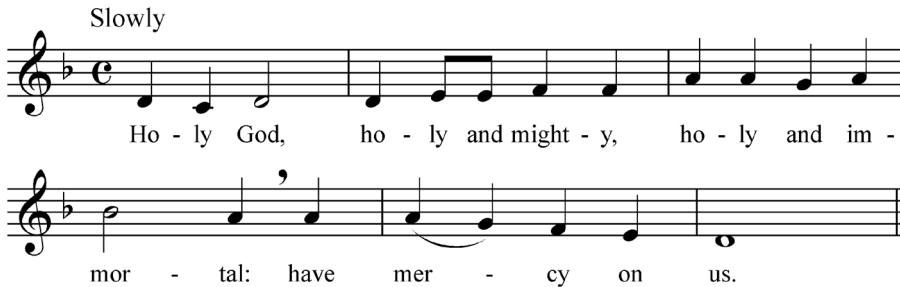
Michael Krentz

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.

The Leader will sing the refrain at the beginning, and the Assembly repeats it. Then each time the Leader sings, "... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior," the Assembly sings the refrain.

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

Slowly



Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im -
mor - tal: have mer - cy on us.

Text: Greek

Music: Michael E. Krentz, © 2004

Veneration of the Cross.

As we sing or in the silence following 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.

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.

- C 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.

- C 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.

Sing My Tongue

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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 -



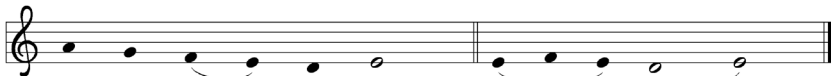
tri - umph far and wide; tell a - loud the won - drous
 shame and mis - er - y, felled to death in E - den's
 point - ed time was come, Christ, the Word, was born of
 went from Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed,
 lax - ing sin - ews bend; for a while the an - cient



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

Before 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 as long as you wish.

When you are ready, please depart in worshipful silence.

The Great Vigil of Pascha

April 16, 2022, 7:30 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 the Paschal 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, as we ourselves welcome two new brothers, 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.

Serving in worship this evening...

Presiding Minister.....	Pr. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister.....	Kit McCarthy
Lectors.....	Kathryn Skelton, Steve Warner, Chris Djuric, Tyler Heyl, Susan Ross, Laurie Stivers, Melanie Anderson, Dana Barron
Music Director.....	James Morehead
Organist.....	Greg Hummel
Table Preparation.....	Kit McCarthy
Zoom Host.....	Bert Mount
Audio-Visual Technicians.....	Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel
Ushers.....	TBD

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.

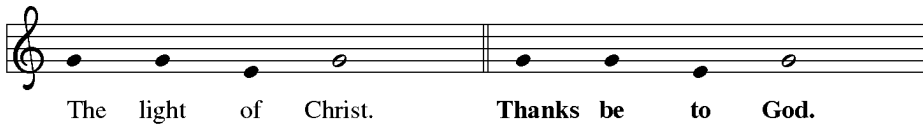
Procession

The Assisting Minister leads the assembly to the entrance of the worship space and holds the paschal candle at the entrance of the sanctuary for the assembly to light their candles and bring the light into the darkened sanctuary.

The Assisting Minister then bring the paschal candle into the sanctuary.

The candle is held aloft three times along the way, to sing our thanks for Christ, our Light.

The Cantor sings and the Assembly responds. At the entrance to the worship space:



In the middle of the sanctuary:



The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.



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.*

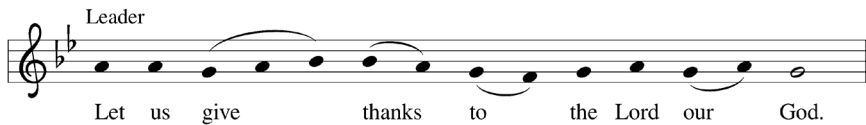
- L Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen!
Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation;
and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation.
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of 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,

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated. Please extinguish your candles.

Vigil Readings

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

F C F B♭ F Dm B♭ C F

1 We thank you, Lord, for you are good;
 2 You, Lord, a - lone did won - drous deeds;
 3 You made the star - ry lights to rise; your mer - cy lives for - ev - er.
 4 You res - cue us from ev - 'ry foe;

6 F C F B♭ F Dm

Your kind - ness from of old has stood;
 From you a - lone all good pro - ceeds; your love will keep us
 Your glo - ries shine in ra - diant skies;
 You feed your crea - tures here be - low;

10 B♭ C F B♭ C Am B♭ F

ev - er. O God of gods, O sov - 'reign Lord, we
 Your wis - dom made the heav'ns to be; you
 Your glow - ing moon en - hanc - es night. Your
 We give you thanks, Cre - a - tor, Lord; we

14 C F G C F/A B♭ C F B♭ C F

bless you now with one ac - cord:
 formed the earth a - bove the sea: your love is ev - er - last - ing.
 sun brings forth each morn - ing's light:
 sing the glo - ries of your word;

A time of silence for reflection

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: Deliverance at the Red Sea

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

Response

Go Down Moses arr. by Anne Heider

*When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let my people go.
Oppressed so hard they could not stand. Let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.*

*Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said, Let my people go.
If not I'll smite your first-born dead, Let my People go.*

*Your foes shall not before you stand. Let my people go
And you'll possess fair Canaan's land. Let my people go.*

*Through wilderness God led the way, let my people go.
With fire by night and cloud by day, Let my people go.*

A time of silence for reflection

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.**

Third Reading: Salvation Freely Offered to All

Isaiah 55:1-11

Response "Surely God is My Salvation" (*on next page*)

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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!

A time of silence for reflection

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.

Fourth Reading: A New Heart and a New Spirit

Ezekiel 36:24–28

Response

“Sicut Cervus” G. alestrina

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.

A time of silence for reflection

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.

Fifth Reading: The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Response

“Psalm 143”

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain responsively every two verses.

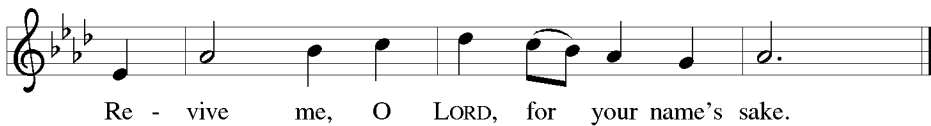
The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses.

All sing the refrain where indicated by “R.”

Tone:



Refrain:



LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my | supplications;
answer me | in your righteousness.

²Enter not into judgment | with your servant,
for in your sight shall no one liv- | ing be justified.

³**For my enemy has sought my life and has crushed me | to the ground,
making me live in dark places like those who | are long dead.**

⁴**My spirit | faints within me;
my heart within | me is desolate. R**

⁵I remember the time past; I ponder | all your deeds;
I consider the works | of your hands.

⁶I spread out my | hands to you;
my soul gasps to you like a | thirsty land.

⁷**O LORD, make haste to answer me; my | spirit fails me;
do not hide your face from me,
or I shall be like those who go down | to the pit.**

⁸**Let me hear of your lovingkindness in the morning,
for I put my | trust in you;
show me the road that I must walk,
for I lift up my | soul to you. R**

⁹Deliver me from my ene- | mies, O LORD,
for I flee to | you for refuge.

¹⁰Teach me to do what pleases you, for you | are my God;
let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground.

¹¹**Revive me, O LORD, | for your name's sake;
for your righteousness' sake, bring me | out of trouble.**

**¹²In your steadfast love, destroy my enemies and bring all my | foes to naught,
for truly I | am your servant. R**

A time of silence for reflection

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.

Sixth Reading: The Deliverance of Jonah

Jonah 1:1-2:1

Response: Jonah 2:2-9 "Jonah Prayed"

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The Choir sings phrases, and the Assembly repeats.

Dana Barron, flute

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



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

"Thank you, God; you saved me from death.



say-ing, "Thank you, God; you

You cast me to the



saved me from death. You cast me

mid-dle of the sea; and the waves rose



to the mid-dle of the sea; and the

and the bil-lows cov-ered me. As my



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

life was ebb-ing a-way I re-



As my life was ebb-ing a-way

mem-bered you, my God; I lift-ed up my

I re - mem - bered you, my God;

prayer, and you an - swered me.

I lift-ed up my prayer, and you

With grate - ful heart I will

an - swered me. With grate-ful heart

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

I will pay my vows. De -

be - longs to you!"

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

1 With 2
longs to you!"

A time of silence for reflection

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.

Seventh Reading: Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3:1-29

Response

"All You Works of the Lord"

By Roger T. Petrich

The Choir sings the verses, the Assembly sings the refrain.

As we sing, the Assembly is led in procession to the font. As the Paschal candle passes, please join in behind it.



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** *[cont.]*

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**

A time of silence for reflection

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.

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!

Announcement of the Resurrection

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Assembly returns to the pews.

The worship space is adorned with flowers and banners and paraments as a sign of resurrection. As we sing "This is the Feast," we ring bells and sing joyfully. Please remain standing, as you are able.



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



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 -



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

P The holy gospel 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!

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Homily

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Affirmation of Baptism: *We renew our baptismal vows...*

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism
as we come before God to make public affirmation of *our* baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Profession of Faith

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

The Assembly joins in the Profession of Faith as we renew our own baptismal promises.

P 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.**

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"****ELW 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-joice, all you bap-tized, called to be chil-dren of God.

Prayers of the People

L On this holiest of nights, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

A brief silence.

God of the ages, you have accompanied your people throughout history, delivering them from flood, fire, and famine. Inspire your church to tell the story of your unending love and presence. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L God of the cosmos, you declared your creation good. Make us mindful of the roles every plant and creature play in your creation and guide us in protecting and restoring our shared home. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

God of the nations, you desire justice in all lands. Raise up leaders who encourage us to step away from fear and distrust and increase our desire for collaborative peace. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

God of darkness, you keep watch as we labor through the night. Protect mothers in childbirth. Shelter all who have no safe place to lay their head. Give ample rest to any who cannot sleep due to fear, illness, or overwork (especially). Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

God of community, you knit your people together into one body through the waters of baptism. We pray for those newly baptized (especially). Kindle faith in each person and renew our zeal to live out our baptismal promises. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

God of new life, you welcome the faithful dead with open arms and the assurance of new life. We give thanks for those who have died (especially) and rejoice that they have found rest in you. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

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.

Offering Music

"Alleluia"
By J.S. Bach

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

Presentation of the Gifts

"Be Not Afraid"

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The Assembly stands and sings two times through as the gifts are brought forward.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in the upper staff, and the accompaniment is in the lower staff. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second musical score is identical to the first, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

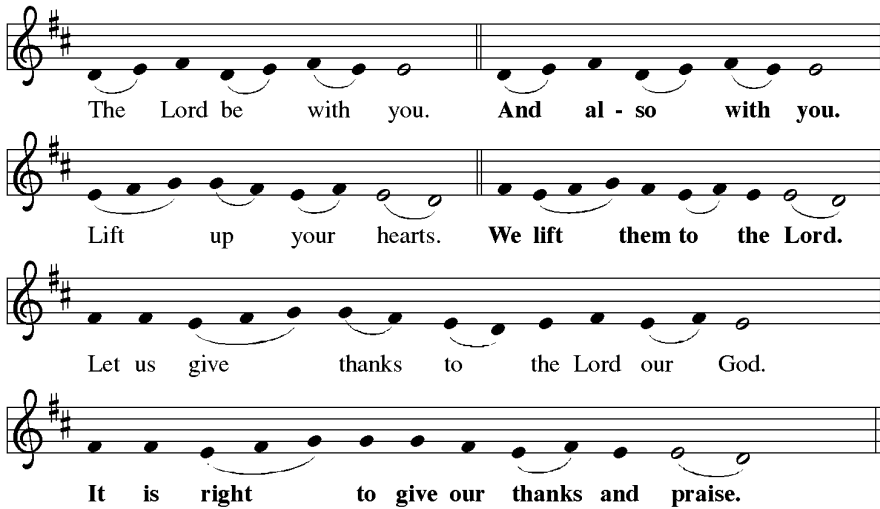
Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

**A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day 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.

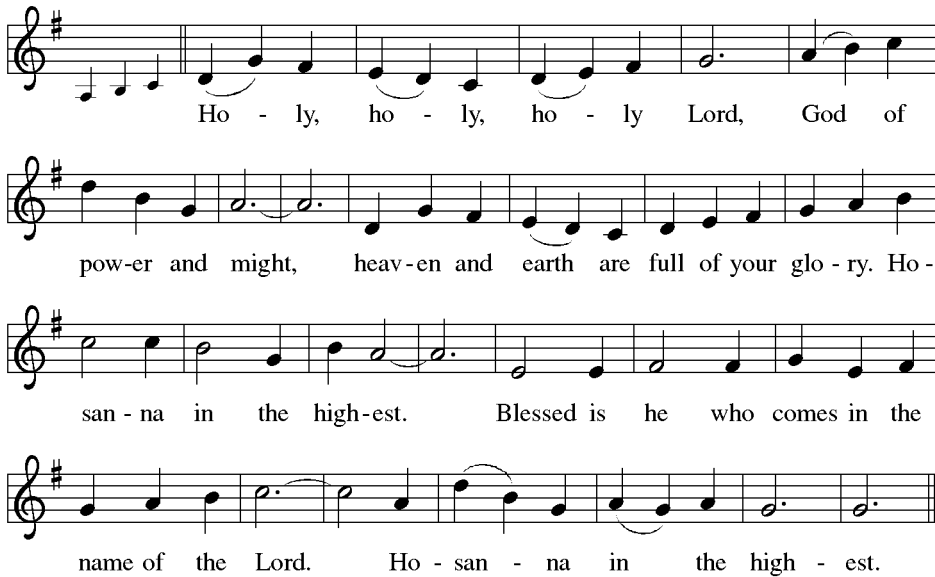
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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 Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A



P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

A **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

A **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

A



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

P The risen Christ dwells with us here.

A  We come to be filled with your new life. Alleluia.

The Assembly is seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

P This is the body of Christ, given for you.

All communing may partake of the bread

P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

All communing may drink of their cup.

The Assembly stands as directed.

Blessing after Communion

P May the body and blood of our 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, generous God,
for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

A Amen.



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Blessing

P God, the Author of life,
 Christ, the living Cornerstone,
 and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
 † bless you now and forever.

A Amen.

Dismissal

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

A Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Christ is Arisen
By J.S. Bach

*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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We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.**

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

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