

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: VIGIL OF EASTER

WELCOME

GREETING

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

And also with you.

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 and oil, 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.

The new fire is lighted.

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.

Amen.

The presiding ministers may trace the inscription on the paschal candles, which is held by the two candle bearers.

Christ, yesterday and today, ✙
the beginning and the ending. A Ω
To Christ belongs all time 2
and all the ages; 0
to Christ belongs glory and dominion 2
now and forever. 4

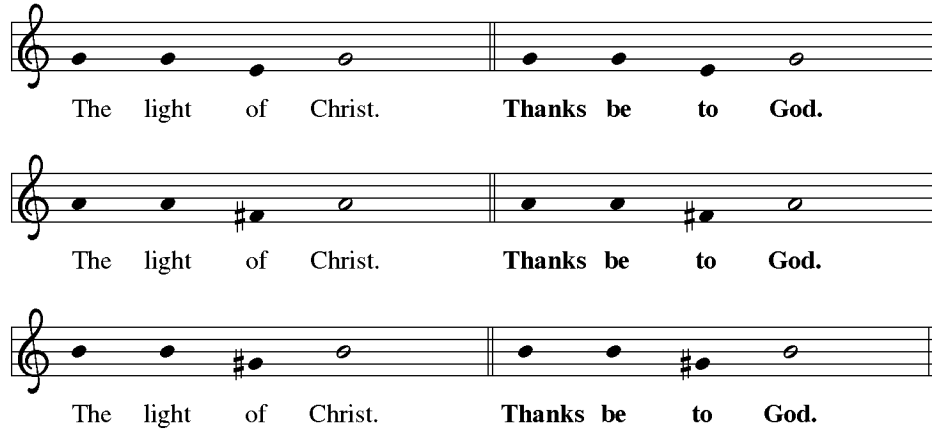
Amen.

The presiding minister lights the paschal candle, using a stick or taper from the fire, and sings or says:

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

The candle bearers lift the candles so that all may see them. The light is passed from the paschal candle to the congregation. Wait while all light their candles.

PROCESSION (the congregation follows the procession to the Luther Room)



Upon entering the Luther room, the congregation places their processional candles into the sandbox then sits.

“Easter Proclamation” Abbey Beck-Snow, Renee Beck, George Pendill

“Rejoice, O holy church...echoing the mighty song of God’s people”
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

“It is indeed right...the faithful are made holy”
This is the night. **This is the night.**

“...and led them, dry shod through the sea”
This is the night. **This is the night.**

“...by the rising brightness”
This is the night. **This is the night.**

“...and are restored to holiness”
This is the night. **This is the night.**

“...arose again from hell”
This is the night. **This is the night.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 1/John 1 - The Story of Creation (read by Jeff and Diane Andert)

FIRST PRAYER

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, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

SECOND READING: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20 - The Parting of the Red Sea (read by various readers)

“I Will Sing Unto the Lord” Israeli Folk Hymn Choir

SECOND PRAYER

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.

Amen.

THIRD READING: Isaiah 55:1-11 - God Invites Creation into Abundant Life
(read as slides of local nature scenes are shown)

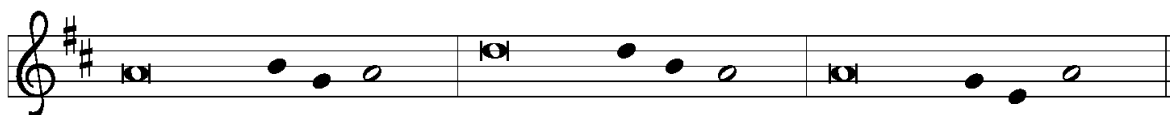
THIRD PRAYER

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.

Amen.

FOURTH READING: Daniel 3:1-29 - God Delivers Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from the Fiery Furnace (puppet show arranged by Susan Renee)

FOURTH RESPONSE: Song of the Three 35–65



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

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

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

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

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

You nights and days, ¹ bless the Lord;
you light and darkness, ¹ bless the Lord;
you lightnings and clouds, ¹ bless the Lord.

**Let the earth ¹ bless the Lord;
you mountains and hills, ¹ bless the Lord;
all you green things that grow on the earth, ¹ bless the Lord.**

You wells and springs, ¹ bless the Lord;
you seas and rivers, ¹ bless the Lord;
you whales and all that swim in the waters, ¹ bless the Lord.

**All you birds of the air, ¹ bless the Lord;
all you wild animals and cattle, ¹ bless the Lord;
all you children of mortals, ¹ bless the Lord.**

You people of God, ¹ bless the Lord;
you priests of the Lord, ¹ bless the Lord;
you servants of the Lord, ¹ bless the Lord.

**You spirits and souls of the righteous, ¹ bless the Lord;
you holy and humble in heart, ¹ bless the Lord;
let us bless the Father and the Son and the ¹ Holy Spirit.**

FOURTH PRAYER (ELW p. 269)

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.

Amen.

ELW 459 “Wade in the Water” Gary Goodykoontz, soloist; George Pendill, clarinet; Rebekah Seng, flute

The Choir will lead; the congregation will join in the refrain:

Refrain
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a comma, and the second staff ends with a double bar line.

The congregation joins the procession into the Narthex

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is **slowly** poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

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.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

ASPERSION

As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly will be sprinkled with water during the singing.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The congregation joins the procession into the Sanctuary singing:

ELW PG 149 “*This is the Feast*”

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 6:3-11

A reading from Romans.

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE ELW PG 151



GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John.

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

SERMON (Pr Kjersten Sullivan)

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 363 *“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”*



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.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

APOSTLES CREED

With one voice, in unity with the church catholic, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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

**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.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of the church, you lit the new fire of resurrection in the holy darkness of the tomb. Rekindle faith in our hearts, that your church may arise in the promise of new life and hope. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of creation, the earth itself waits for healing and redemption. Protect coastlines and reefs, forests and prairies, and the atmosphere from which we draw the breath of life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of the nations, too often the injustice of the cross echoes in human systems of power. Break cycles of vengeance and violence between peoples and nations and bring liberation to every place of captivity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of compassion, you know every heart that aches with loss and every mind that knows the weight of the tomb. Keep vigil with those who live with mental illness. Comfort the grieving and strengthen all who are close to death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of grace, grant joy to those celebrating baptism and to all who welcome them into the community of faith. Inspire and lead people of all ages to share the good news in ways that reach new people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of resurrection, the empty tomb proclaims that death itself is swallowed up. As we remember those whose lives on earth have ended, comfort us with the promise of resurrection. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE ELW 184 “*Let the Vineyards*”

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The musical score is written for four staves, each representing a different voice part. The key signature is G major, indicated by two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs. Each staff has a double bar line in the middle, dividing the two phrases of the dialogue.

The lyrics for each staff are as follows:

Staff 1: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Staff 2: Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Staff 3: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Staff 4: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE



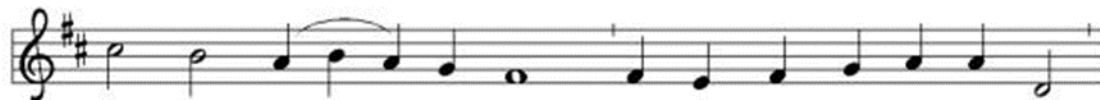
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself
to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed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

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SANCTUS: ELW 362 “AT THE LAMB’S HIGH FEAST WE SING” (VERSES 1-2)



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
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 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
 you have conquered in the fight,
 you have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise,
 and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION SONG ELW PG 154 *“Lamb of God”*



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.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 362 *“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”* (verses 3-5)



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
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Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
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Alleluia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

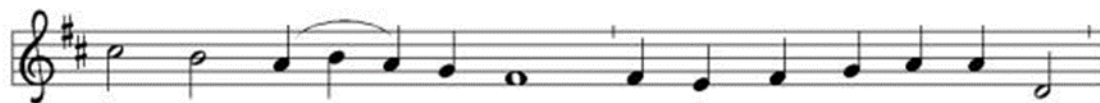
The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 362 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (verses 6-8)



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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *“Alleluia” from “Exultate Jubilate” Abbey Beck-Snow, Soprano*

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