

TRIDUUM

The Great Three Days
2025

Mission Statement

Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church is a welcoming and inclusive community nourished by Christ in vibrant worship and committed to God's mission of love and service especially to the oppressed and to the poor.



RECONCILING *in* CHRIST

Welcome Statement

Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here. Called by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to welcoming and celebrating all people, inclusive of culture, age, race or ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, or family structure. We are committed to the work of racial equity and justice within and through our community that we all may be transformed to be fully the body of Christ in our world. We invite you to worship with us, receive Christ's gift of Holy Communion with us, share your own story with us, and serve with us as we strive to live into God's universal embrace in Jesus Christ.

Whether you are a new member or visiting for the first time, we welcome you to our spiritual home.

- If this is your first Sunday with us, please stop by our information kiosk to learn more about our church community.
- During our worship service, children are invited to enjoy the playground area. For families with infants, our nursery attendants are available to provide care. The nursery is accessible through the courtyard.
- Our Holy Communion elements are free of gluten and alcohol. You may choose to receive both the bread and cup, or either one: Christ is fully present in all.
- Restrooms are conveniently located in the ministry building. From the nave, simply follow the cloister through the courtyard and enter the double doors; you will find the restrooms on your left.
- Please note that firearms are strictly prohibited within all Christ the King Church buildings and courtyard at all times.

We are delighted to have you join us and hope you have a meaningful experience with us.



Beloved in Christ,

From Passover to the Promised Land, from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life, the Triduum, the *Great Three Days*, is the most sacred time of the Church's year. We gather together...around a meal, at the foot of the cross, before a pillar of fire. We listen together...to stories of betrayal, abandonment, and rescue. We receive together...holy food and drink, forgiveness and peace from God, reconciliation, and peace with one another.

The Triduum is one service of worship – one liturgy – that we participate in over three days. It has been central to Christian worship for 1800 years.

The Triduum is a baptismal journey through all the challenges of life, filled with every possible emotion. It is a journey best made together, as community, because without Christ and one another, we cannot travel this road alone.

No matter how far you've wandered, no matter how long you've been or felt alone, you are welcome here! This is a place of reconciliation, a community of healing, in which those who are broken are made whole by the broken body of Christ. Come and hear. Come and receive. Come and see a place to feel at home and a community where you and your gifts are welcomed, acknowledged, and appreciated. All are welcome!

The worship services for each day are:

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Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Maundy comes from the Latin word:

MANDATUM

Which means Commandment.

*Tonight, Jesus commands disciples to
love one another.*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Adorn yourself, dear soul, with gladness, BWV 654

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Stand as you are able.

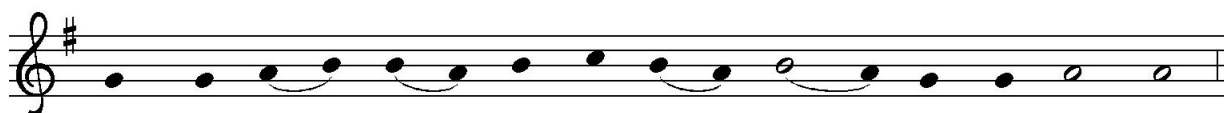
Tolling of the Bell

The bell tolls forty times.

Refrain sung first by soloist and then by all in Latin. stanza 1 choir, stanzas 2 & 3 all.



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,



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.

The presiding minister invites the assembly into the confession.

Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard Christ's call to struggle against sin, death, and the evil one—all that keeps us from loving God and on another. This is the struggle to which we were called in baptism. Within God's beloved community, God never wearies of forgiving and giving peace and reconciliation. Tonight let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and, reconciled with God and one another, let enter into the celebration of the Great Three Days.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

This confession and forgiveness on Maundy Thursday marks the close of Lent. We have sacrificed and fasted for 40 days.

Our annual Passover begins tonight.



The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

sit

Individual Absolution

People may come to the altar rail and kneel or stand.

The minister, laying both hands on each person, addresses each in turn:

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins. **Amen.**

During individual absolution, the following hymns are sung.

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.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889–1953

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Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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stand

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love,
on the night of his betrayal,
Jesus gave us a new commandment,
to love one another as he loves us.
Write this commandment in our hearts,
and give us the will to serve others
as he was servant of all,
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

sit

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

The passover of the Lord

Whirl Story Bible, p. 54; Spark Story Bible, p. 78

after the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

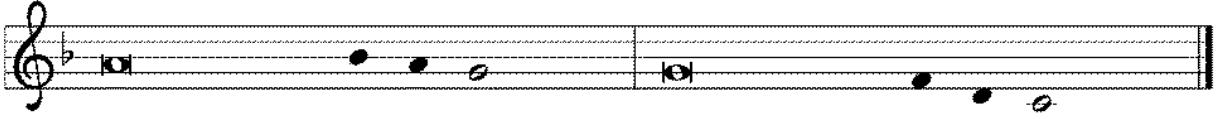
or The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

The psalm is sung to the following tone; the assembly sings the portions in boldface:



¹I love the LORD, who has¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my¹ supplication,

**²for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.**

¹²How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

**¹³I will lift the cup¹ of salvation
and call on the name¹ of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people.

**¹⁵Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me¹ from my bonds.

**¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice[|] of thanksgiving
and call upon the name[|] of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people,

**¹⁹in the courts of | the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

after the reading:

Word of God, word of life. or The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God. **Thanks be to God.**

stand

Gospel Acclamation (*sung by the cantor*)

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. (John 13:34)

Gospel John 13:1–17, 31b–35
The service of Christ: foot washing and meal
Whirl Story Bible, p. 394; Spark Story Bible, p. 462; Frolic First Bible, p. 38

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

At the conclusion of the introduction, the congregation stands to sing the hymn of the day.

Hymn

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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Foot Washing and Prayers

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

During this time, you are invited to participate in one or more expressions of prayer.

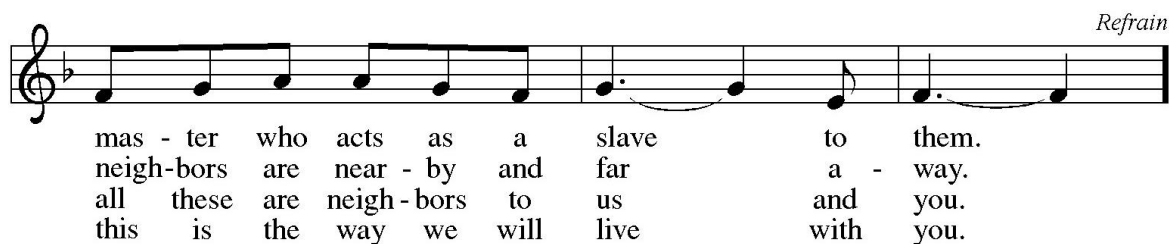
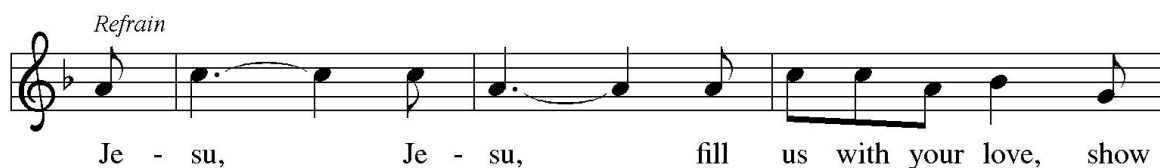
- **Washing of Feet:** Visit one of our foot-washing stations located in two areas around the perimeter of the nave. Please have a seat in one of the chairs, remove your shoes and socks, and be present in sacred space with your foot-washer.
- **Candle-Lighting:** Light candles at one of four spaces near the font or pulpit.
- **Prayers of the People:** Fill out prayer cards in your pew. These will be collected during the offering and stewarded until our Easter Vigil service, where they will be commended to God.
- **Community Art:** Contribute your fingerprint to a piece of community art begun by artist Cody Jorgensen at a station at the south windows looking out onto our columbarium garden.
- **Visio Divina:** Latin for "divine seeing," is a method of meditation, reflection, and prayer through a process of intentional seeing. Stop by and reflect on "The Supper at Emmaus" by He Qi in the narthex.

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,
who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to us shall here afford:
oh, may our souls forever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see:
may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory, and thy grace. Amen



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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Hymn 642

Ubi caritas et amor

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*

Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Prayer

The Three-Day Feast by Gail Ramshaw

O God, you are our Servant,
kneeling in front of your subjects,
again and again washing us clean.
Train us to serve others
that day by day we may be the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

stand

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say:

Peace be with you.

sit

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

If you give through your bank or online, please place a reusable "Our Offering" card in the basket. These cards are located in front of you in the pew backs.

Offering Music

Schmücke dich, o Liebe Seele
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

stand

Setting the Table 666 (vs. 1 & 2)

What Wondrous Love Is This

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with the first part being a four-part setting of the first verse, and the subsequent parts being a four-part setting of the second verse. The piano accompaniment features a simple, steady melody in the right hand and a harmonic accompaniment in the left hand, often using chords and moving lines. The lyrics are as follows:

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray:

God of glory,

receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.

As Jesus was lifted up on the cross,

draw us to your heart in the midst of this world,

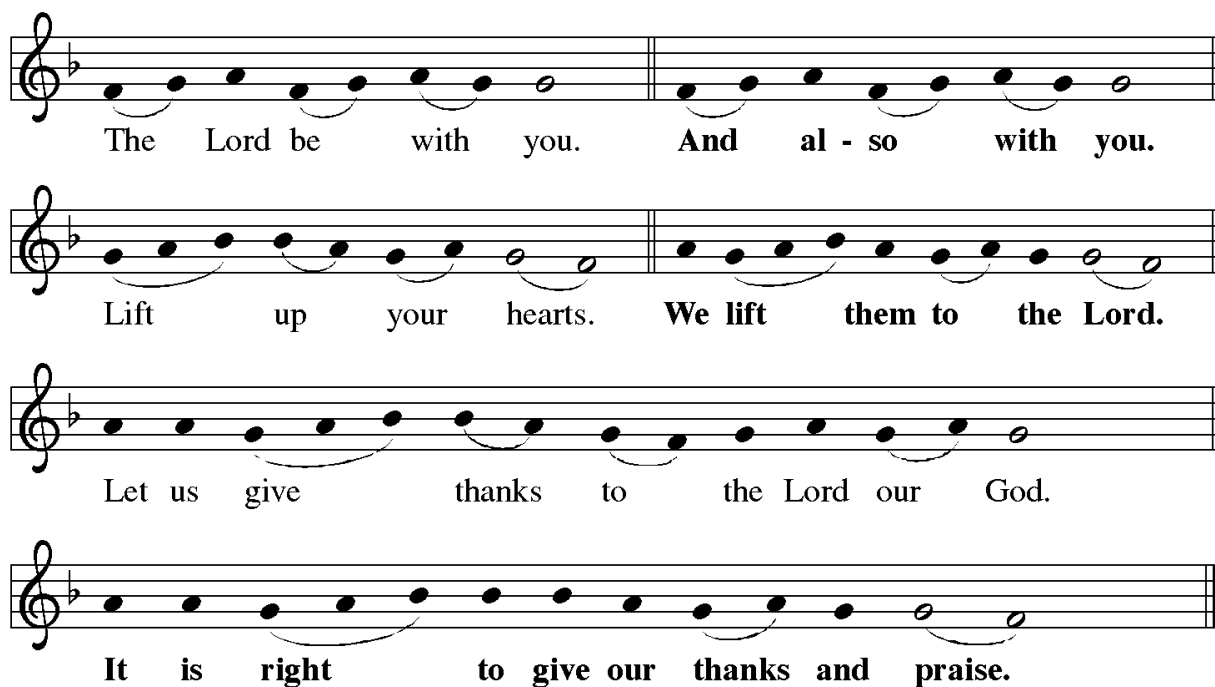
that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom,

from darkness to light, and from death to life;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

...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:

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

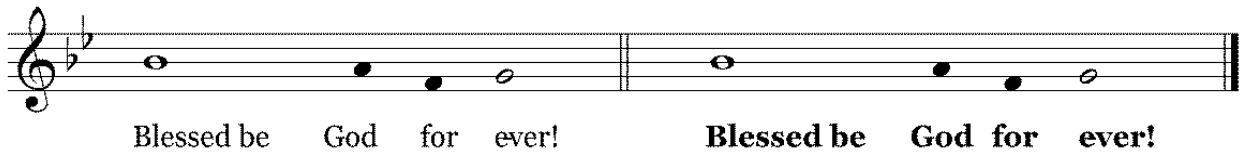
Blessed are you, O living God, sovereign of time and space.
 You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
 Your word leads us across the sea to freedom,
 and you have carried us together to these holy Three Days.

Blessed be God for ever! **Blessed be God for ever!**

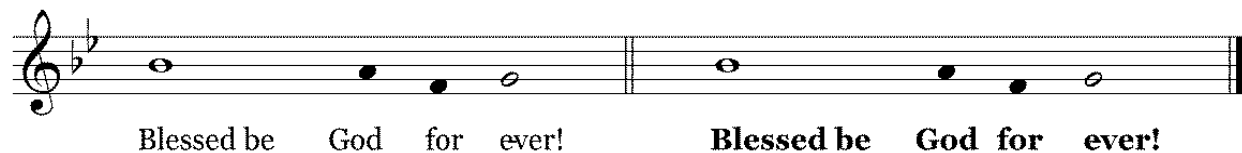
Blessed are you, O living God, for your glory revealed in Jesus Christ.
 He is our Servant, who washes our feet with love.
 He is our Lamb, whose blood takes away our sin.
 He is our Host at this meal, offering us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever! **Blessed be God for ever!**

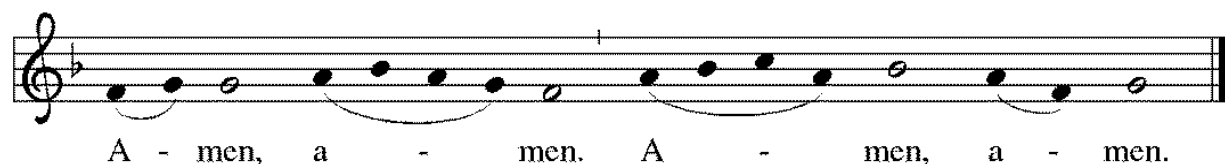
Our Lord Christ,
 In the night in which he was betrayed, took bread;
 and when he had given thanks,
 he broke it and gave it
 to his disciples, saying,
 Take, eat; this is my body,
 which is given for you,
 to do this for the remembrance of me.



Again after supper, he took the cup,
 and when he had given thanks,
 he gave it to his disciples, saying,
 Drink, all of you, this cup is
 the new covenant in my blood,
 which is shed for you, and for all people,
 for the forgiveness of sin;
 do this for the remembrance of me.



Blessed are you, O living God,
 for the gift of your loving Spirit.
 Fill this meal with the life of your Son.
 Make us servants of one another and of everyone in need.
 Bring us with all your people to the joy of the resurrection.



Lord's Prayer

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You are invited to take an individual communion cup from the table at the corner of the pews and approach the altar rail from its corner. You may receive the sacrament or a blessing, kneeling or standing. Please return to the seats through the short center aisles where there are trays for used glasses. Children of all ages are invited to commune or receive a blessing. Our Holy Communion elements do not contain gluten or alcohol.

If you do not wish to commune, please come to the altar rail with other worshipers for a blessing.

sit

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. A - men.

Hymn 659

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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

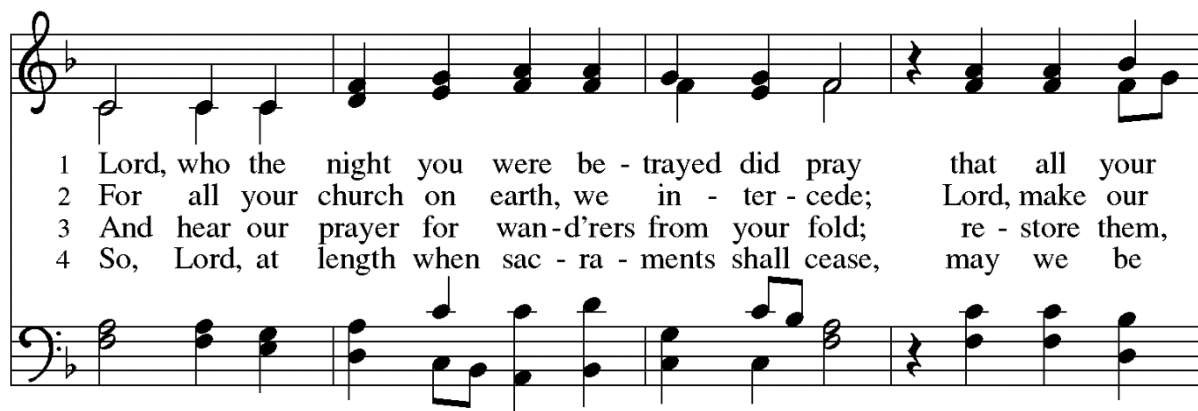
let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928

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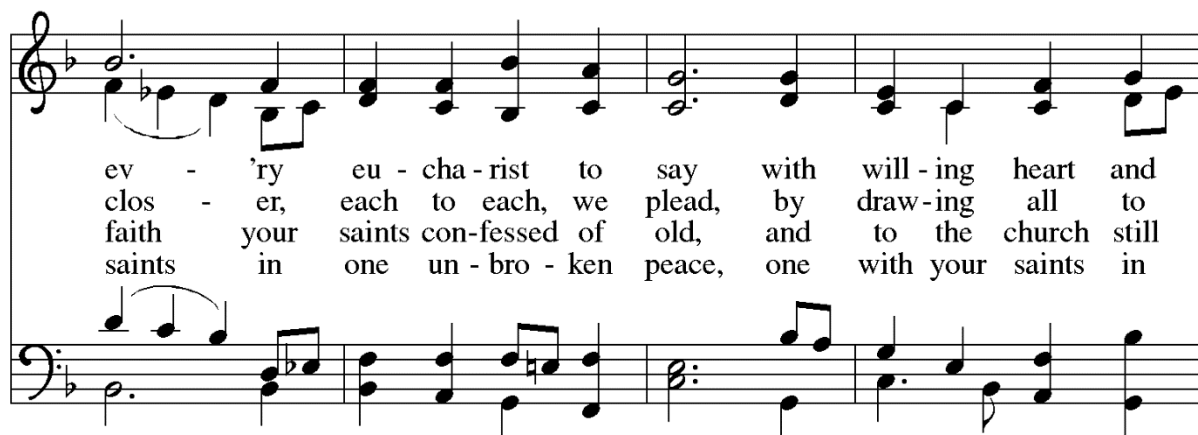
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1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your
 2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our
 3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'ers from your fold; re - store them,
 4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be



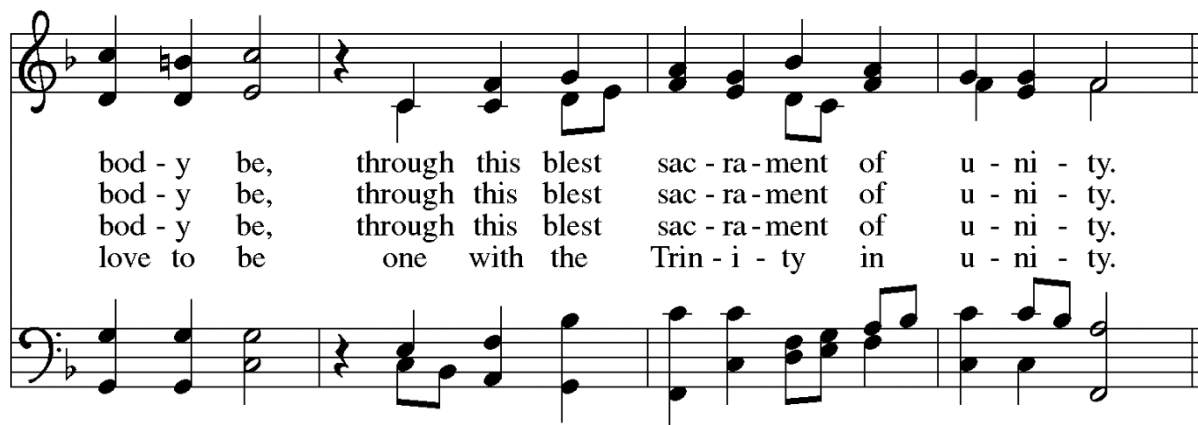
church might be for - ev - er one: help us at
 sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all
 too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the
 one with all your church a - bove— one with your



ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and
 clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to
 faith your saints con-fessed of old, and to the church still
 saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in



soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one
 you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one
 pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one
 one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and



Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.
 Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

stand

Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Since this is the first part of a three-day service of worship, there is no final blessing (benediction). The Stripping of the Altar follows, preparing the nave for Good Friday.

sit or kneel

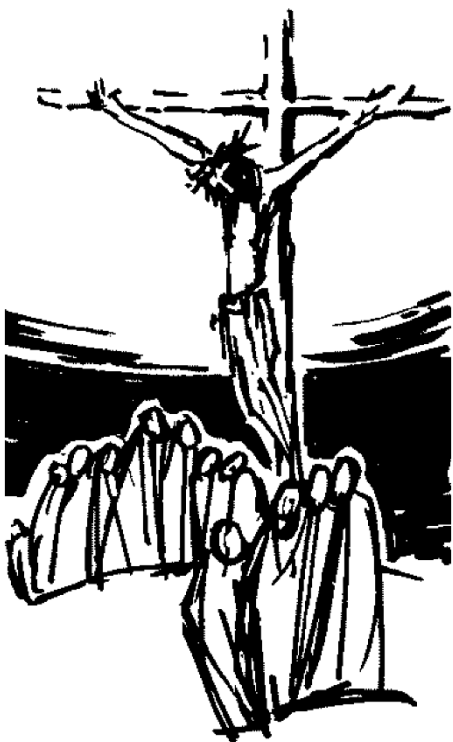
Stripping of the Table



In our nave, there are several symbols of Jesus Christ present in the Assembly.

First, the Table, dressed for the holy communion, stripped, just as Jesus was stripped of his garments by Pilate's soldiers. The sacramental vessels, books, linens, and paraments (the hanging on the table) are removed. Then all other related symbols – the pastors' and deacons' stoles, the hanging on the pulpit and other components of worship are removed. The final symbol of the presence of Christ is the Presence Light, which burns 24/7 in a stone pedestal at the back of the nave. This light shows that Christ is present in the elements of Bread and Wine which will not be present in this nave again until holy communion is celebrated at the conclusion of Saturday evening's Easter Vigil. This light is extinguished, the nave is left unadorned and dark and all leave in silence.

The Great Three Days service of worship continues with the Good Friday liturgy tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. This booklet may be taken home or left with the ushers.



Good Friday

April 18, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

This is the second and most solemn part of the Great Three Days (the Triduum) for here we remember and participate in the story of Christ's suffering, death, and burial; we pray for the world God so loved for which Christ died; and as we take our place at the cross, we give God thanks for all Christ accomplished for us and all people through the events of this day. The nave – our worship space - remains unadorned and the bells are silent.

All gather in silence.

This profoundly expressive organ work opens our Good Friday liturgy with a sound-world of grief and intensity. Though Bach left no account of why he composed it, scholars have noted that it likely dates from 1720, the year of his first wife's unexpected death. Though we cannot know for certain, many hear in this music an outpouring of private sorrow and grief. As the Three Days continues, this Fantasia draws us into the gravity of the Passion—where love is revealed through suffering, and God is found precisely where God seems most absent.

Prelude

*Fantasia in G Minor, BWV 542
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)*

The assembly stands when the ministers enter.

Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

sit

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The suffering servant

Respond with silent meditation.

Psalm 22

The psalm is sung responsively; the assembly sings the portions in boldface.



¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?

²**My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;**
by night, but I | find no rest.

³Yet you are the | Holy One,
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

⁴**Our ancestors put their | trust in you,**
they trusted, and you | rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and | were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

⁶**But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,**
scorned by all and despised | by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.

**⁸Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so desire lights in him."**

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

**¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.

**¹²Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.

**¹⁴I 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.

**¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.**

¹⁷I can count all my bones
while they stare at me and gloat.

**¹⁸They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.**

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

**²⁰Deliver 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.

**²²I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

**²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hidden 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.

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!"

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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

The Passion according to St. John

Whirl Story Bible, p. 406; Spark Story Bible, p. 476

Frolic Preschool Bible, p. 80; Frolic First Bible, p. 39

First Reading

John 18:1-11

Hymn 345

Jesus, I will Ponder Now, vs. 1 & 3

Je-sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,

let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.

Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;

for your suf - f'ring, pain and death, that I may not per - ish.
this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.

Candle is extinguished

Second Reading

John 18:12-27

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus, vs. 1 & 2

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed,
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on You?

That mor - tal judg - ment has on You de - scend - ed? By foes de -
It is my trea - son, Lord, that has un - done You. 'Twas I, Lord

rid - ed, by Your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
Je - sus, I it was de - nied You; I cru - ci - fied You.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1630; tr Robert Bridges, 1899, alt. *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1640

Candle is extinguished

Third Reading

John 18:28-40

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus, vs. 3 & 4

Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,

the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -
thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of

tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.

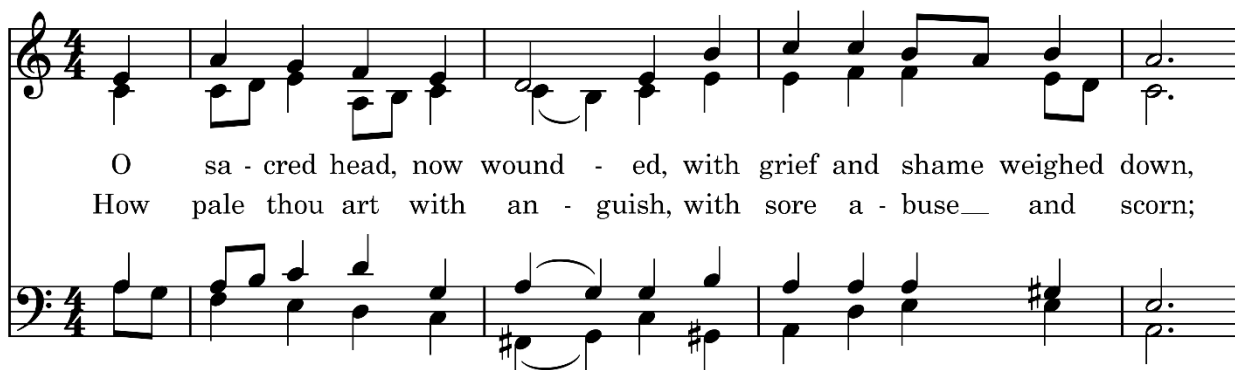
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Fourth Reading

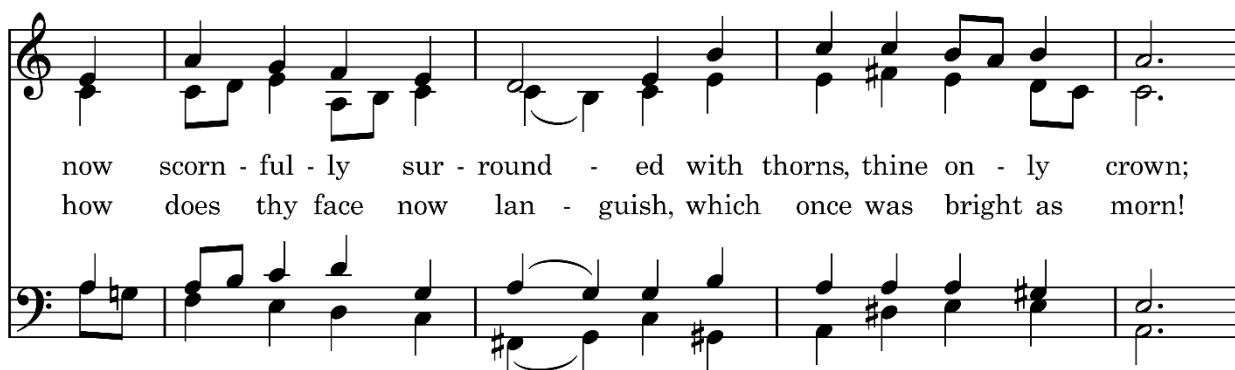
John 19:1-7

Hymn

O Sacred Head, vs. 1 & 2



O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;



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!



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;



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.

Candle is extinguished

Fifth Reading

John 19:8-16a

Hymn

O Sacred Head, vs. 3 & 4

What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear-est friend,
Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

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.

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;

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.



1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
2 They nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
3 They pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
4 The blood came stream - in' down, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
5 He hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;



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not a word, not a word, not a word.

mumbalin' = complaining

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SUFFERER, African American spiritual

Candle is extinguished

Seventh Reading

John 19:23-27

Hymn 348 (*sing 5 times*)

Stay with me

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

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Candle is extinguished

Eighth Reading

John 19:28-30

Hymn (*refrain-all, verses-solo*)

Calvary

Cal - va - ry, Cal - va - ry, Cal - va -
ry, Cal - va - ry, Cal - va - ry,

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 2/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Fine

Cal - va - ry, Sure - ly He died on Cal - va - ry

1 Ev - ery time I think a - bout Je - sus, Ev - ery
2 Don't you hear the ham - mer ring - ing? Don't you
3 Don't you hear Him say, "It is fin - ished"? Don't you

time I think a - bout Je - sus, Ev - ery time I
hear the ham - mer ring - ing? Don't you hear the
hear Him say, "It is fin - ished"? Don't you hear Him

D.C.

think a - bout Je - sus
ham - mer ring - ing? Sure - ly He died on Cal - va - ry.
say, "It is fin - ished"?

Text: African-American spiritual
Music: African-American spiritual

Candle is extinguished

Ninth Reading

John 19:31-42

Hymn 803 (vs. 3 & 4)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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.

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Homily



Bidding Prayer

kneel or sit

The assembly prays for:

*the church throughout the world;
leaders in the church;
those preparing for baptism;
Christians in other churches;
the Jewish people, first to hear
the word of God;
the Muslim people, children of
Abraham as we are.
those who have no faith in Christ;
those who do not believe in God;
God's creation;
those who serve in public office;
those in need.*

With roots in the Fourth Century C.E., the Bidding Prayer has had periodic updates. (Example: Islam was not a faith community until the 7th Century C.E. Like all such prayers, there are three parts: A bid – an invitation - offered by an assisting minister. A brief silence for individual/personal prayer. A collect – a summary prayer, led by the presiding minister.

Each collect concludes "...through Christ our Lord," to which the assembly responds: Amen.

The prayers conclude:

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

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.

Cross

God's self-giving love on the cross is extended to us and the whole world.

stand

Procession of the Cross



This parallels and anticipates the way tomorrow evening's Vigil of Easter begins and the cross is replaced by the paschal (Easter) Candle and the three responses are not those below but are instead: The Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!

The assembly faces the cross as it is brought forward.

The following dialogue is sung three times during the procession: at the font, the pulpit, and the table.

Cantor:

Be - hold the life - giv - ing cross, on which was hung the Sav - ior

Congregation:

of the whole world. Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

kneel or sit

Adoration of the Cross

During this time, worshipers are invited to reverence the cross. Acts of reverencing the cross may include approaching the cross and prayerfully touching the cross.



Adoration or veneration of an image or representation of Christ's cross does not mean that we actually adore the material image, but rather what it represents. Because the Cross is inseparable from Christ's great act of love for us, in adoring Christ's Cross we are, in effect, worshiping Christ. At the conclusion of this time, we affirm: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you: By your cross you have redeemed the world.

Choir Motet

Tenebrae Factae Sunt
Orlando di Lasso (1532–1594)

Tenebrae factae sunt,
Darkness fell over earth,

Emisit spiritum.
He delivered His Spirit.

Dum crucifixissent Jesum Judaei,
When the people crucified Jesus.

Exclamans Jesus voce magna ait:
Jesus cried with a loud voice and said:

Et circa horam nonam exclamavit Jesus
And around the ninth hour Jesus cried

Pater,
Father,

Voce magna:
With a loud voice:

In manus Tuas commendo spiritum
Meum.
Into Thy hands I commend My Spirit.

Deus Meus, ut quid Me dereliquisti?
My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?

Et inclinato capite,
And while bowing His head

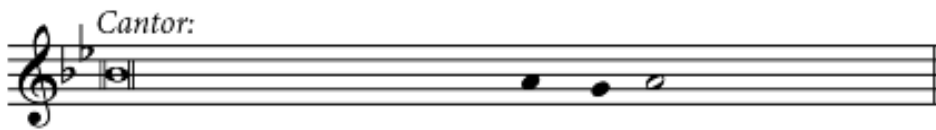
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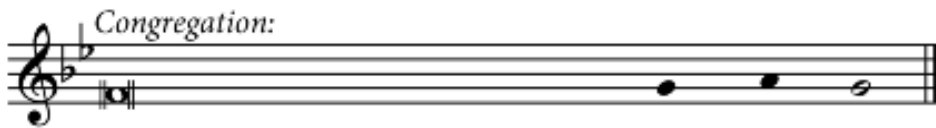
O God, you are the Tree of Life,
the blood of your Son its sanguine fruit,
his outstretched arms its might branches.
Give us and all the world to eat from this tree,
and by it fix the earth under the heavens
through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.
(from The Three-Day Feast by Gail Ramshaw)

Acclamation

stand

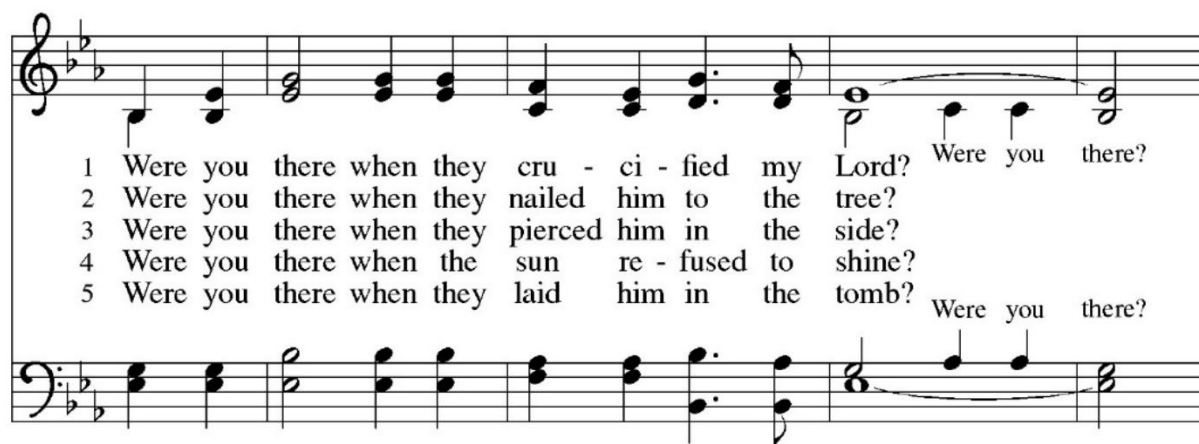


We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.



By your holy cross you have re - deemed the world.

(verse 1 - choir, verse 2-4 congregation, verse 5-solo)

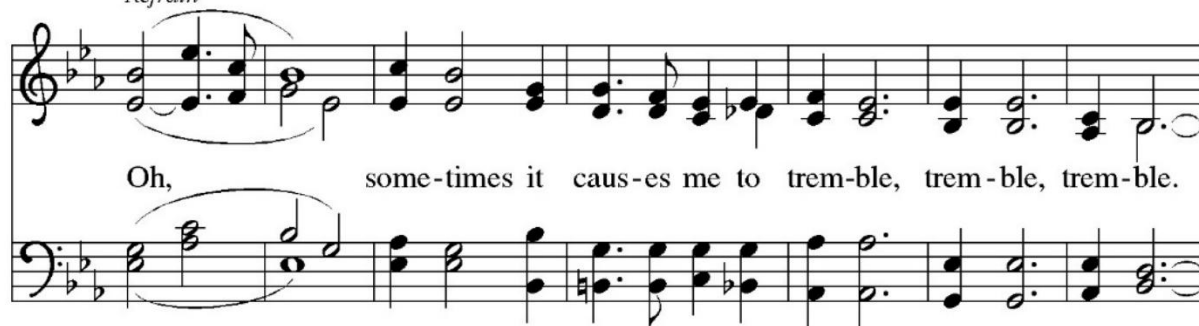


1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

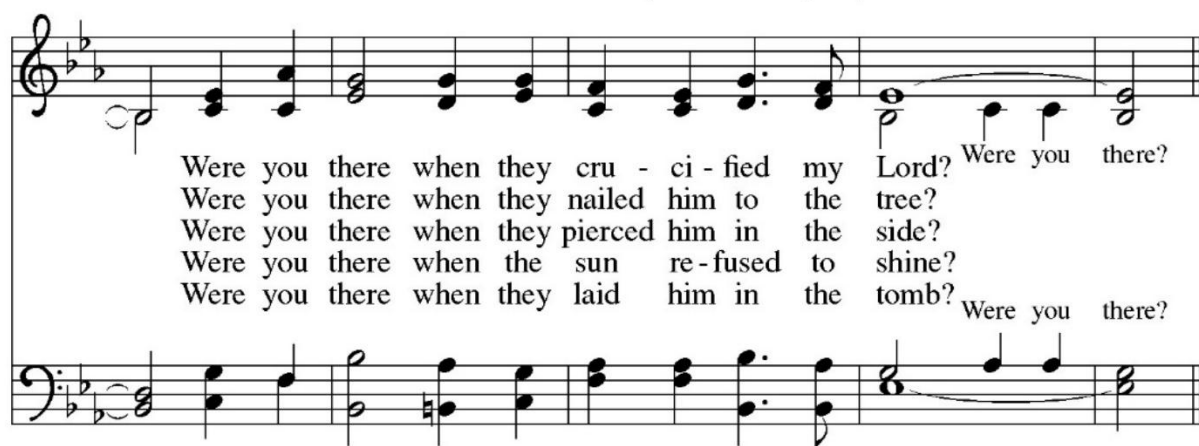


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Refrain



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?

The assembly may continue to reverence the cross and depart in silence. Respecting those who remain, please converse quietly in the Narthex or wait until you are outdoors.

The Canonical Hours begin at midnight. The Three Days continues tomorrow at 9:00 p.m. with the great Vigil of Easter. This booklet may be taken home or left with an usher.

Canonical hours

Mark the vigil from Good Friday midnight until the Saturday night Easter Vigil. Every three hours a 30-minute service will occur in the narthex, beginning at midnight. Everyone is invited to join the prayers at these times.

Canonical Hour

12:00 am	Matins: The Virgins (watchful waiting)
3:00 am	Lauds: The Tomb (ecstatic praise)
6:00 am	Prime: The Martyrs (consecrated service)
9:00 am	Terce: The Fire (unceasing dependence)
12:00 pm	Sext: The Cross (humble supplication)
3:00 pm	None: The Throne (steadfast perseverance)
6:00 pm	Vespers: The Supper (fervent thanksgiving)

The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday will begin in the courtyard at 8:00 p.m. A new Paschal candle is lit, the assembly processes into the nave, and a candlelight vigil of readings and prayers is held. The bells are rung at the return of the “Alleluia” and we gather at the font for Holy Baptism and around the table for the first Holy Communion of Easter.



VIGIL OF EASTER

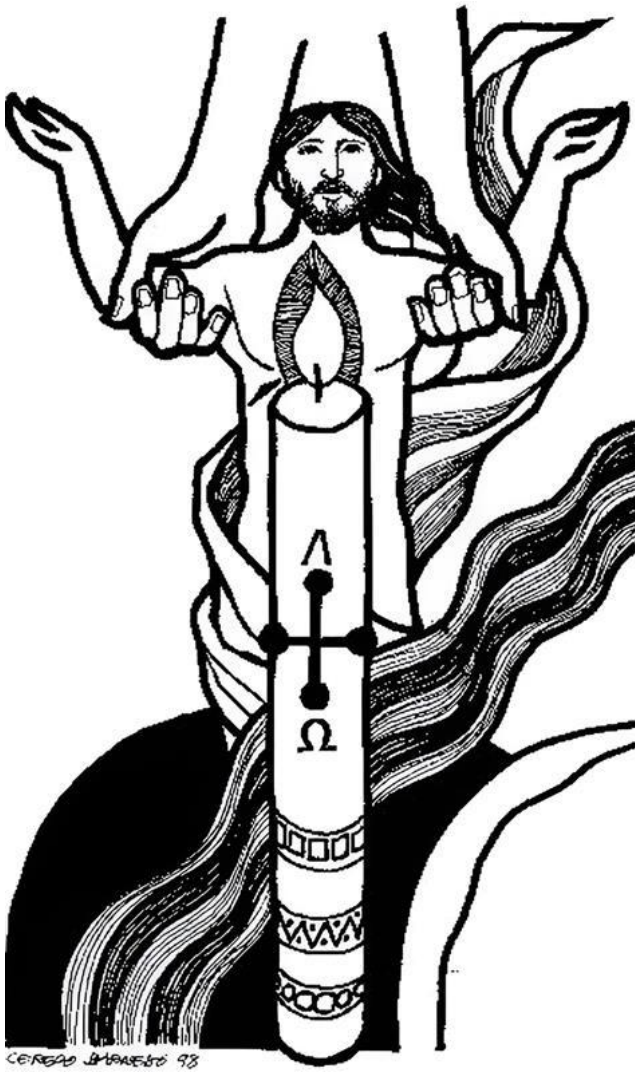
**April 19, 2025
8:00 p.m.**

**Kindling the New Fire
Lighting and Procession of
the Paschal Candle**

**Scripture Readings: God's
saving acts in history**

**Holy Baptism and
Affirmation of Baptism**

**First Eucharist of Christ's
Resurrection**



Service of Light

Jesus Christ, rising in glory, dispels all darkness.

The people gather in the courtyard. The paschal fire is kindled.

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.

The presiding minister welcomes all.

Beloved 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 word, water and oil, bread and cup, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory. We also commend our Lenten prayers to God, as they are offered to our paschal fire.

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 Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The paschal fire that is kindled before anything is said. As fire is a source of warmth and light, the new fire of the Easter Vigil represents the victory in Christ of light and life over darkness and death. The Paschal candle, lighted with the new fire, symbolizes the risen Christ. After the lighting of the Paschal candle, a minister carries it and leads the procession to the nave.



By following the Paschal candle, we are reminded of how God led the Hebrew people out of Egypt by a pillar of fire.

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

While the assisting minister holds the Paschal Candle, the presiding minister traces the inscription on it.

Christ, yesterday and today ✚, the beginning and the ending.

Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω);

To Christ belongs all time (2);

and all the ages (0);

to Christ belongs glory and dominion (2);

now and forever (5). **Amen.**

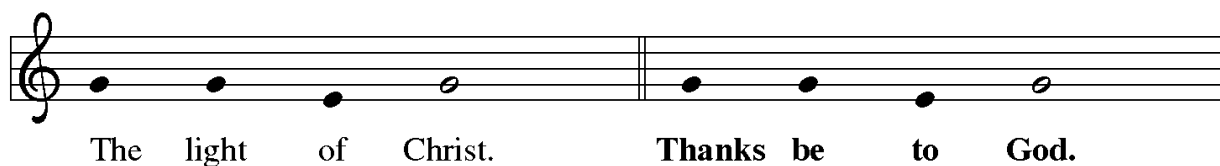
The presiding minister lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire and says:

The light of Christ, rising in glory,

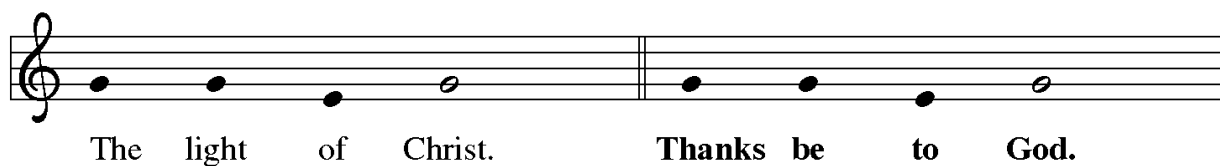
dispel the darkness of our hearts

and minds. **Amen.**

Processional



The Paschal Candle leads the procession around the courtyard into the darkened nave. Along the way, when the Paschal candle is raised, we pause to sing the acclamation.



During the procession, the assembly repeats this chant. Upon entering the nave, the assembly goes to their seats. Standing at the Paschal Candle, the cantor sings the Easter Proclamation.

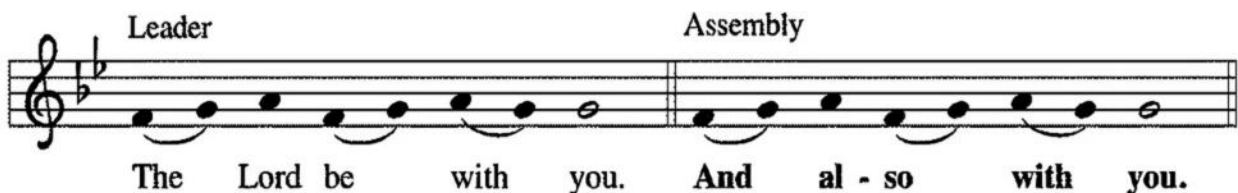
Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)

Rejoice, 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!

This ancient proclamation:

- *Invites all to join the cantor's praise;*
- *Includes a dialogue beginning "The Lord be with you," pointing to the Christ's presence in Holy Communion.*
- *Recites the history of God's act of compassion and mercy, linking the covenants in both testaments.*
- *Identifies the Paschal Candle with the Pillar of Fire in the exodus.*
- *Celebrates everything, even the "happy fault of Adam" in the light of Christ's rising,*
- *Includes the insertion of five nails, symboling the wounds from nails and spear wounds of the crucified and risen Christ.*
- *Concludes with prayer for the peace of Christ's Church and praise to God the Holy Trinity.*

During the proclamation, the ministers take light from the Paschal Candle to light the assembly's candles. Also in the midst of the proclamation, this dialogue is sung.



Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

Leader

This is the night

Assembly

This is the night

And we pray, O God, rule, govern, and preserve
with your continual protection your whole church,
giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing:
through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

Leader

...one God, now and for - ev - er.

Assembly

A - men.

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.**

Service of Readings



In the light of the Paschal Candle, these readings from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) also offers images of baptism, communion, and examples of faithful living.

A period for silent mediation follows each reading after which the minister prays a specific and ancient prayer related to the reading, to which we respond “Amen.”

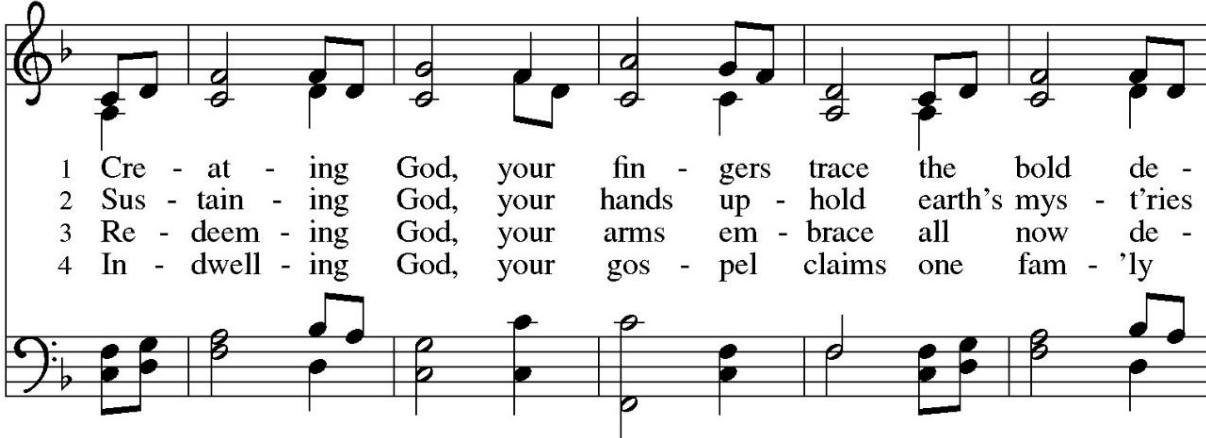
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First Reading


Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Creation

*Whirl Story Bible, p. 2; Spark Story Bible, p. 2;
Frolic Preschool Bible, p. 6; Frolic First Bible, p. 2*



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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Silence

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; 15:20-21

Deliverance at the Red Sea


Whirl Story Bible, p. 58; Spark Story Bible, p. 84;

Folic Preschool Bible, p. 20; Folic First Bible, p. 12


Hymn 459

Wade in Water

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.

Leader All



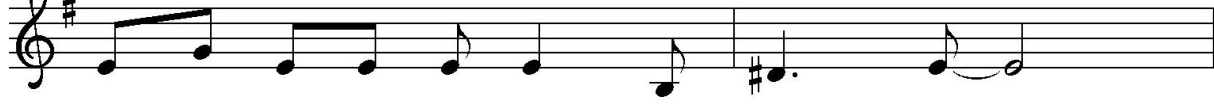
1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin' - a trou - ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

Silence

Prayer

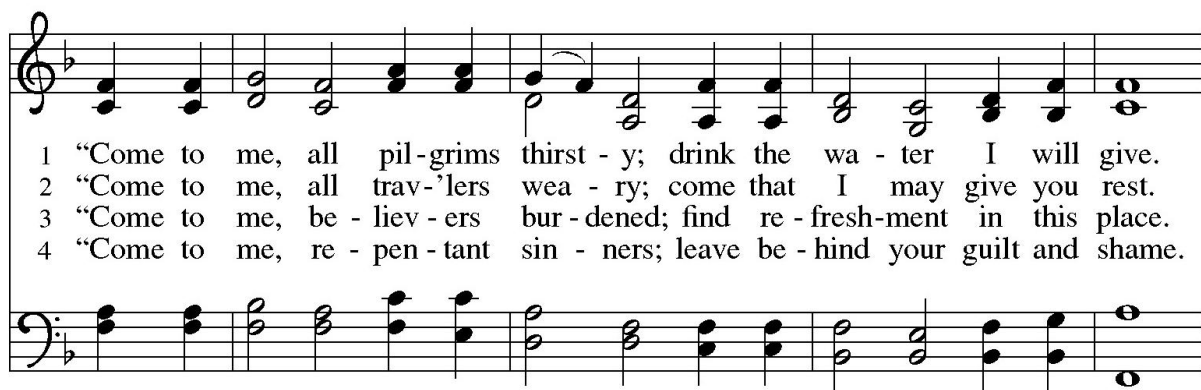
O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation offered to everyone by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may partake in the salvation 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

Salvation freely offered to all

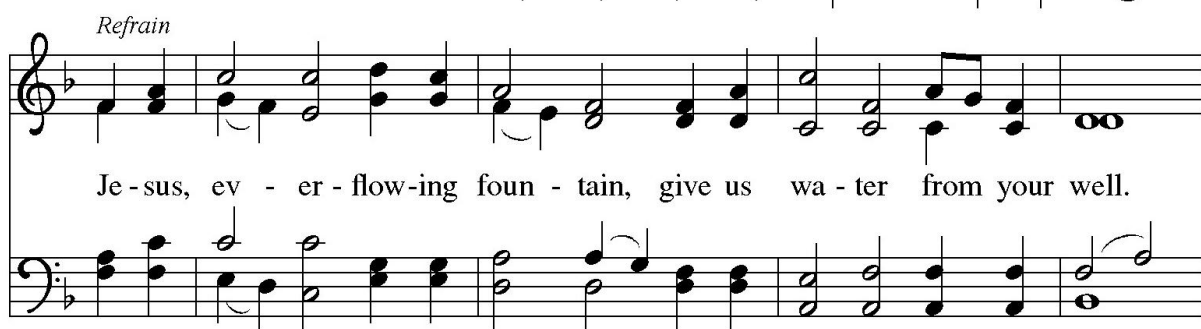


1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

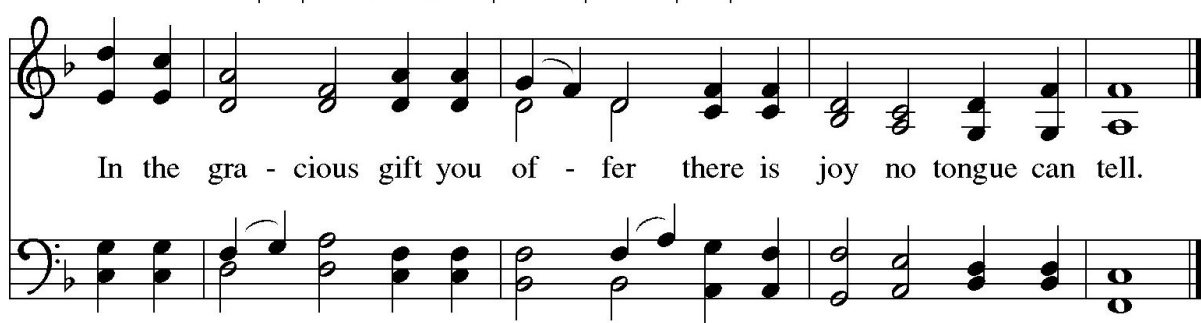


If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
 I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer,
 come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
 lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer,
 let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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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

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Valley of the dry bones

Hymn 407

O Living Breath of God



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



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

Refrain



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



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

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: VÄRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune
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Silence

Prayer

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.

Amen.

Fifth Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11

Clothed in the garments of salvation

Hymn

Spiritus Jesus

Spi - ri - tus Je - su Chri - sti, Spi - ri - tus ca - ri - ta - tis, con -

fir - met cor — tu - um; con - fir - met cor — tu - um.

Sung in Latin:

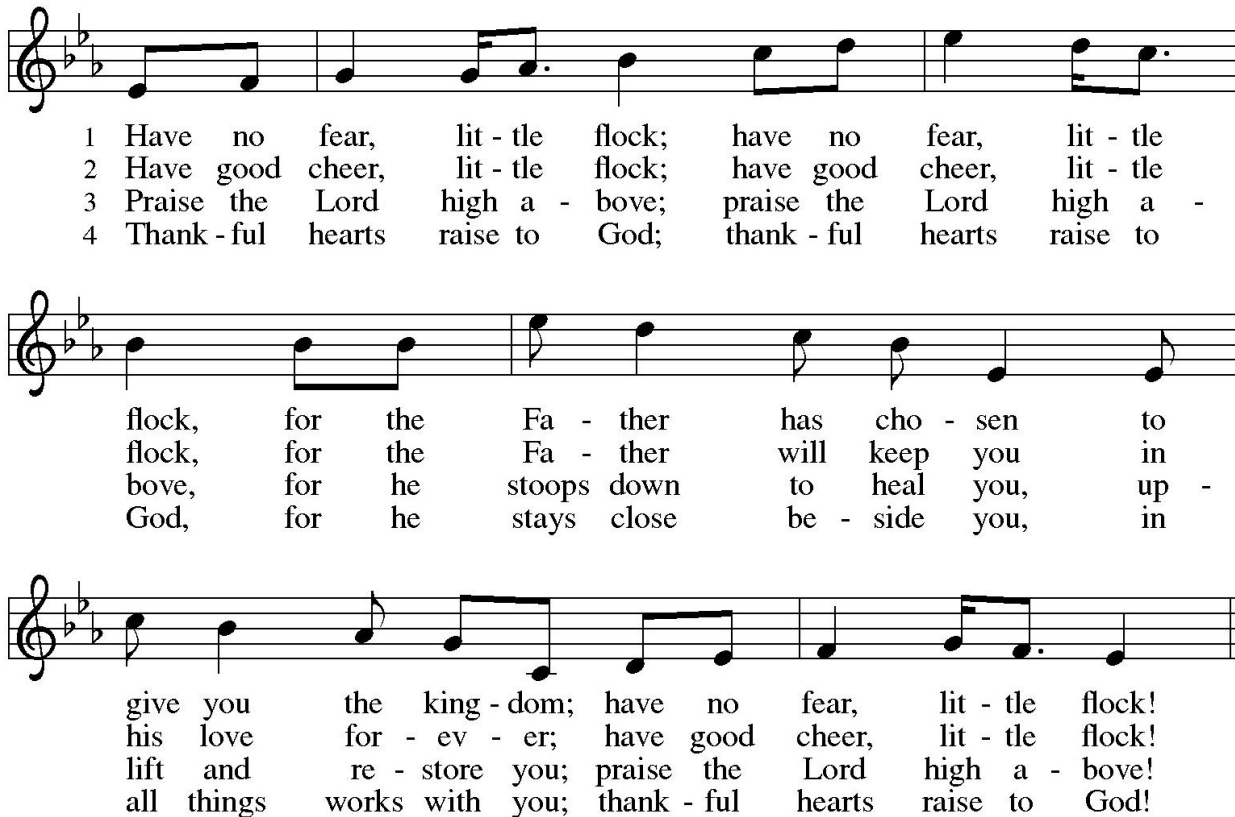
May the Spirit of Christ Jesus, the Spirit of love, strengthen your heart.

Prayer

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

*Deliverance from the fiery furnace**Spark Story Bible, p. 180; Frolic Preschool Bible, p. 40*

Hymn 764

Have No Fear, Little Flock


1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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Prayer

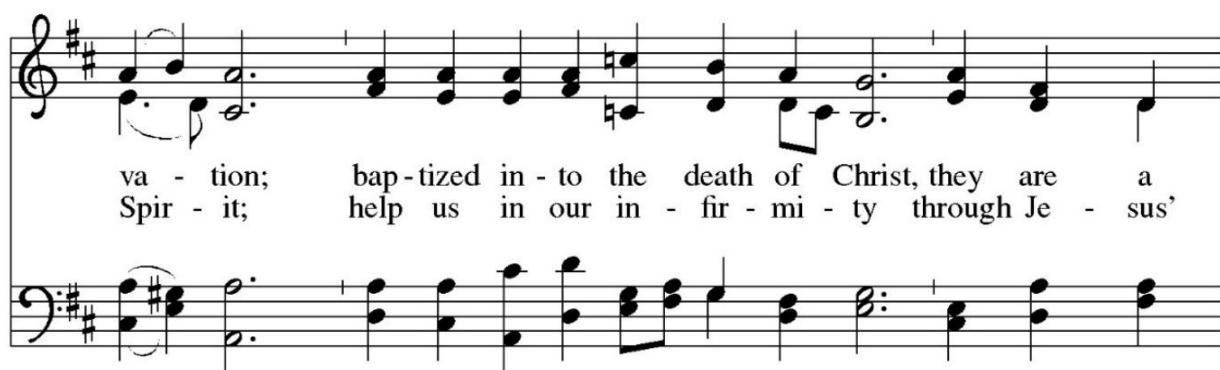
Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your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

Amen.

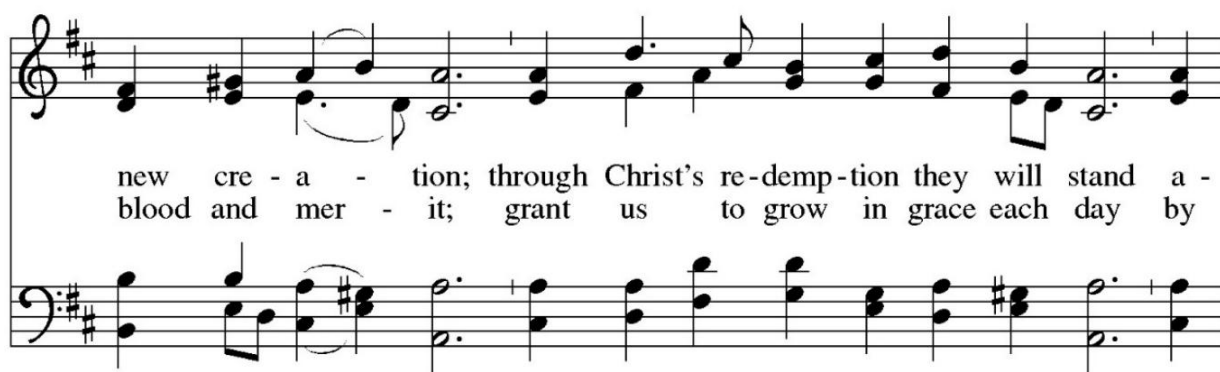
Those affirming their baptism gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly remains stands and sings.



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray, grant us your Ho - ly



va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a
Spir - it; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'



new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they will stand a -
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day by



mong the glo - rious heav'n - ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ho - ly bap - tism, that we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and welcome our members who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

As they come up, they remember baptism by touching their hand to the water.

Camila Fantony

Kim Williams

Brandi Ford

Catechist: Lisa Miller

Robert Hoover

Chuck Pyle

A minister addresses the assembly with these or similar words:

Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for these members, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism. According to the ancient rite of the catechumenate, they studied the Apostle's Creed and the meaning of baptism. Together, we studied the stories of deliverance which we have just heard this night and discovered the redemption of God's people in every age.

A minister may continue with prayer.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these members,
whom you have made your own
by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called us to yourself,
enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished us in the community of faith.

Uphold us and all your servants
in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

A minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

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

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

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

Response: **I renounce them.**

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

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Affirmation

A minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

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?

Each person responds: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

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.

The assembly sits.

The minister may lay both hands on the head of each person and say:

Stir up in (Name)

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. **Amen.**

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Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly sits in silence until the Alleluia returns.

*The assembly stands as the bells of Easter are pealed and the nave is illumined.
and we rejoice at the return of the “Alleluia.”*

Easter Acclamation

*The Easter Acclamation is said three
times.*

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The festive transformation of the
church from Lenten austerity to
Easter extravagance occurs very
quickly now.*

Return of Alleluia!



*The Alleluia banner, buried by our
children with great solemnity on
the Sunday before Ash Wednesday
is taken out from hiding as we
joyfully shout the Easter
Proclamation.*

*Members of the Altar Guild and
volunteers vest the Table and
pulpit and place flowers around
the Baptismal Font and in the
Sanctuary.*

The assembly rises to sing the first "Alleluia" hymn of Easter 2025.

Canticle of Praise

Hymn 392

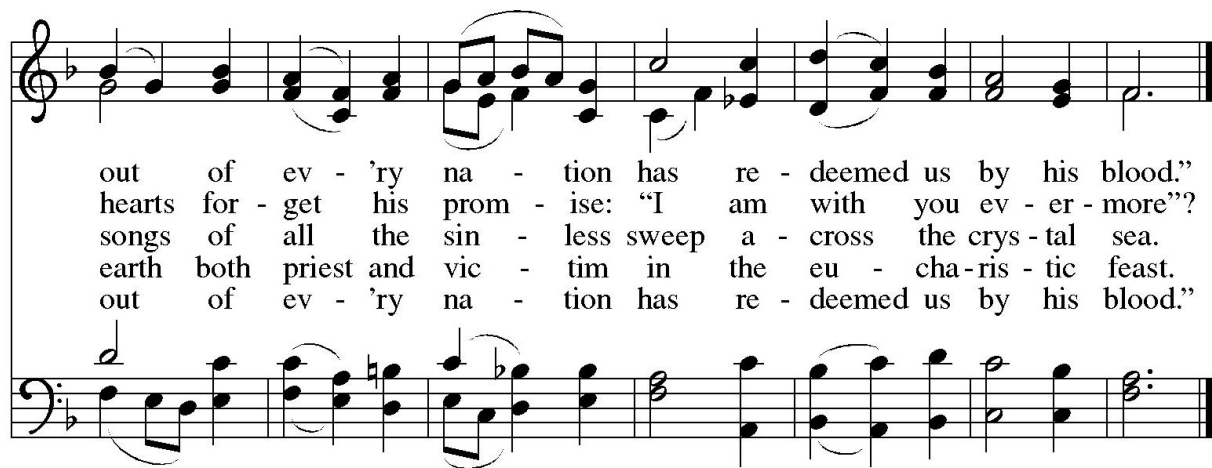
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:3-11

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection

after the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

Seeing the risen Christ

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

*The gospel is proclaimed,
concluding.*

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



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Homily

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

*If you give through your bank or online, please place a reusable “Our Offering”
card in the basket. These cards are located in front of you in the pew backs.*

Motet

All You Works of the Lord, Bless the Lord
Kenneth Jennings (1925-2015)

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord,
Praise God and magnify God forever.

You angels of the Lord, bless the Lord;
You heavens bless the Lord;

All you powers of the Lord, bless the Lord,
Praise God and magnify God forever.

You sun and moon, bless the Lord;
You stars of heaven, bless the Lord;
You showers and dew, bless the Lord,
Praise God and magnify God forever.

You winds of God, bless the lorded;
You fire and heat, bless the Lord;
You winter and summer, bless the Lord,
Praise God and magnify God forever.

You dews and frost, bless the Lord;
You frost and cold, bless the Lord;
You ice and snow, bless the Lord,
Praise God and magnify God forever.

You nights and days, bless the Lord;
You light and darkness, bless the Lord;
You lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord,
Praise God and magnify God forever.

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.

You wells and springs, bless the Lord.
You rivers and seas, bless the Lord;
You whales and all who move in the waters,
Bless the Lord.

You people of God, bless the Lord;
You priests of the Lord, bless the Lord;
You servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Praise God and magnify God forever.

All you birds of the air, bless the Lord;
All you beasts and cattle, bless the Lord;
Ask you children of mortals, bless the Lord,
Praise God and magnify God forever.

You spirits and souls of the righteous,
You pure and humble of heart, bless the
Lord.
Let us bless the Father and the Son, and the
Holy Spirit.
Praise God and magnify God forever. Amen!

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread

reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine

pour us out in service to the world;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

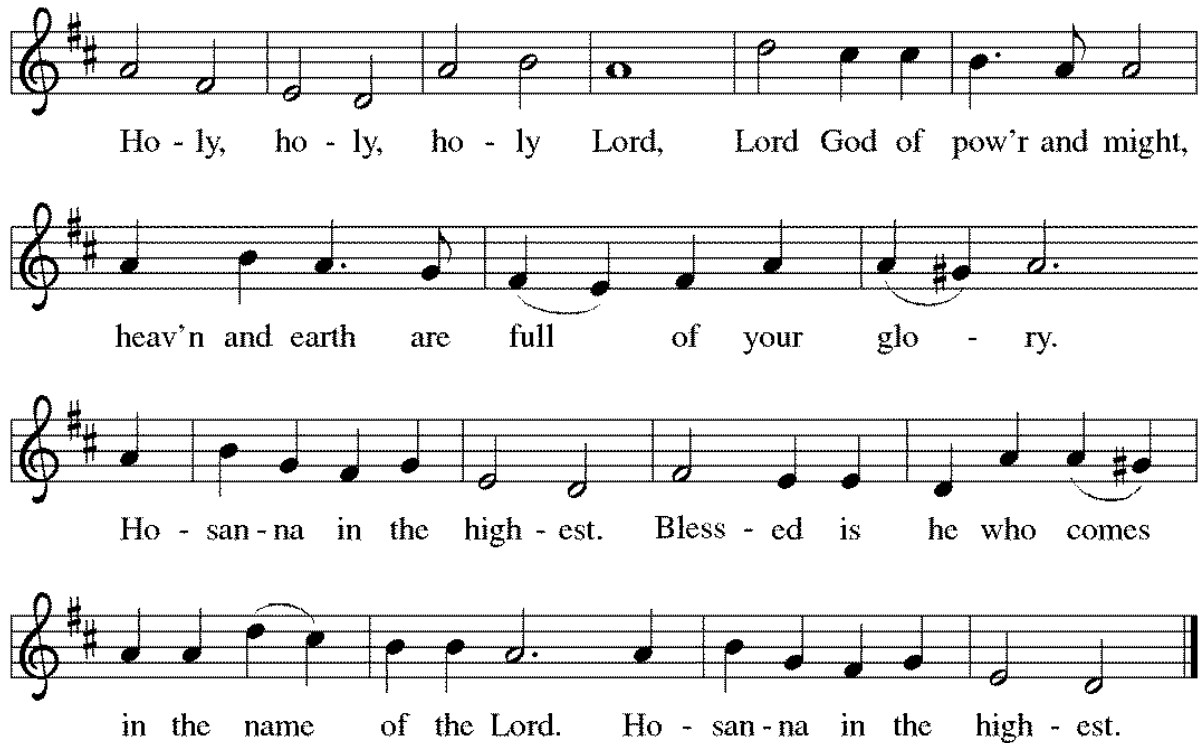
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
...and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The presiding minister continues in thanksgiving and intercession.

This is the day that in joy and delight
we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth
to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you,
all holy and mighty and glorious God.
For Christ is risen:
Christ is risen indeed.

This is the day that you gave light to the earth.
This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea
and with your pillar of fire led them to freedom.
Now every night is as bright as day,
and that light is Christ:
Thanks be to God.

This is the day that you broke the chains of death.
This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth,
you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your peace.
The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign,
For Chris is risen:
Christ is risen indeed.

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

Again after supper, he took the cup,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
Drink, all of you, this cup is
the new covenant in my blood,
which is shed for you, and for all people,
for the forgiveness of sin;
do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit.
Revise us with the body and blood of our risen Savior.
Illumine our lives with your presence,
and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race,
For that light is Christ:
Thanks be to God.

All holy and mighty and glorious God,
radiant Father, victorious Son, and shining Spirit,
we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy,
and we praise your victory through all time and space,
For Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

Amen and amen:

Amen and amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The Presence Light which is on the stone pedestal at the back of the nave has not burned since the stripping of the table on Maundy Thursday. Lighted now, it will burn 24/7 again to show Christ present in the Holy Communion Bread, blessed, broken, and distributed and the Wine, poured and consumed.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Throughout the liturgical season of Easter, we encourage you to stand as you receive the sacrament or a blessing. You are invited to take an individual communion cup from the table at the corner of the pews and approach the altar rail from its corner. Please return to the seats through the short center aisles where there are trays for used glasses. Children of all ages are invited to commune or receive a blessing. Our Holy Communion elements do not contain gluten or alcohol.

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

Lamb of God

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

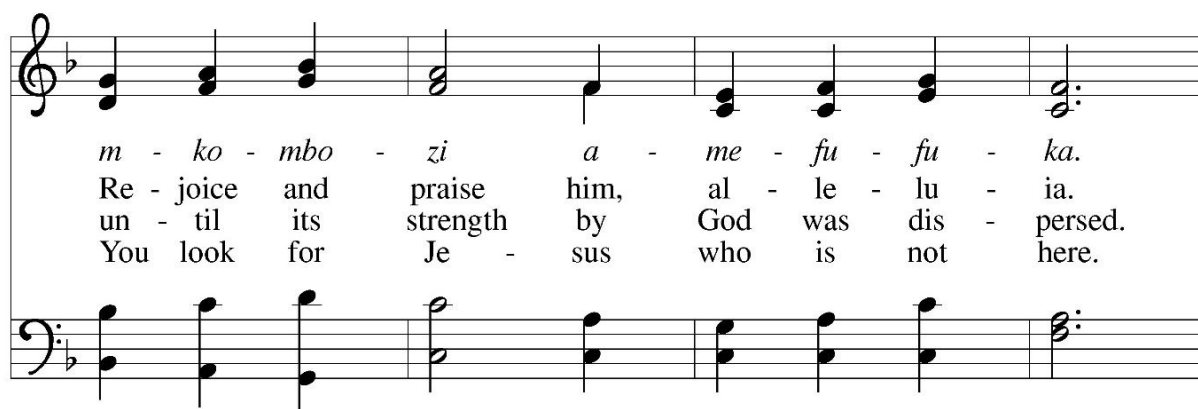
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

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

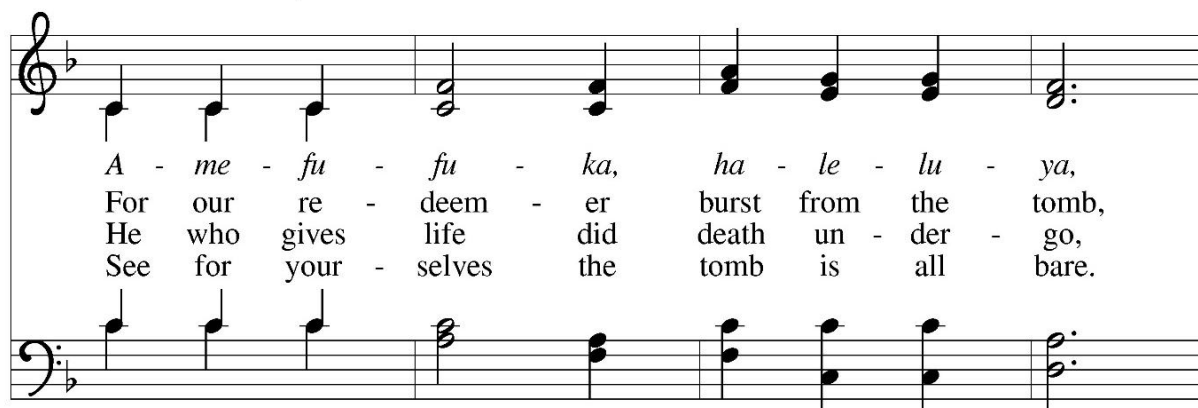
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



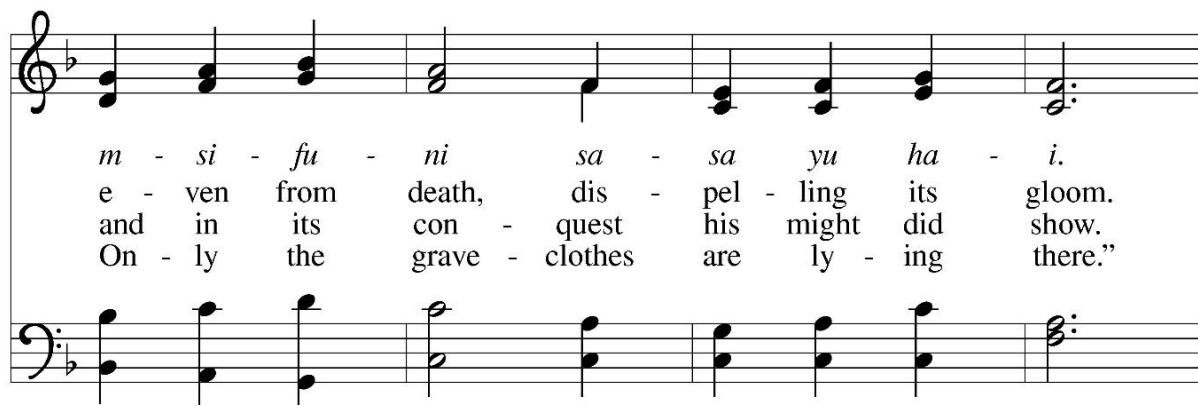
M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
 Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: Tanzanian traditional

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Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Canticle (*vs. 4*)

Now all the vault of heaven resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Easter Acclamation and Dismissal

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Allegro assai vivace from Sonata 1 in F
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

*You are invited to remain seated and enjoy the postlude
or depart quietly and greet our clergy in the courtyard.*

Pealing of the Bells

*The Three Days continue tomorrow with the Sunday celebrations of word
and sacrament.*

*The joy of the Three Days continues through the fifty days of Easter and
culminates on the Day of Pentecost, June 8, 2025.*



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Easter Sunday at Christ the King

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 AT
THE RICE VILLAGE CAMPUS

8:30 A.M. FESTIVE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

9:30 A.M. EASTER BRUNCH, FLOWERING OF THE
CROSS, EASTER EGG HUNTS

11:00 A.M. FESTIVE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

2:00 P.M. GERMAN LANGUAGE SERVICE

6:00 P.M. EASTER DINNER CHURCH AT
MEMORIAL CAMPUS

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