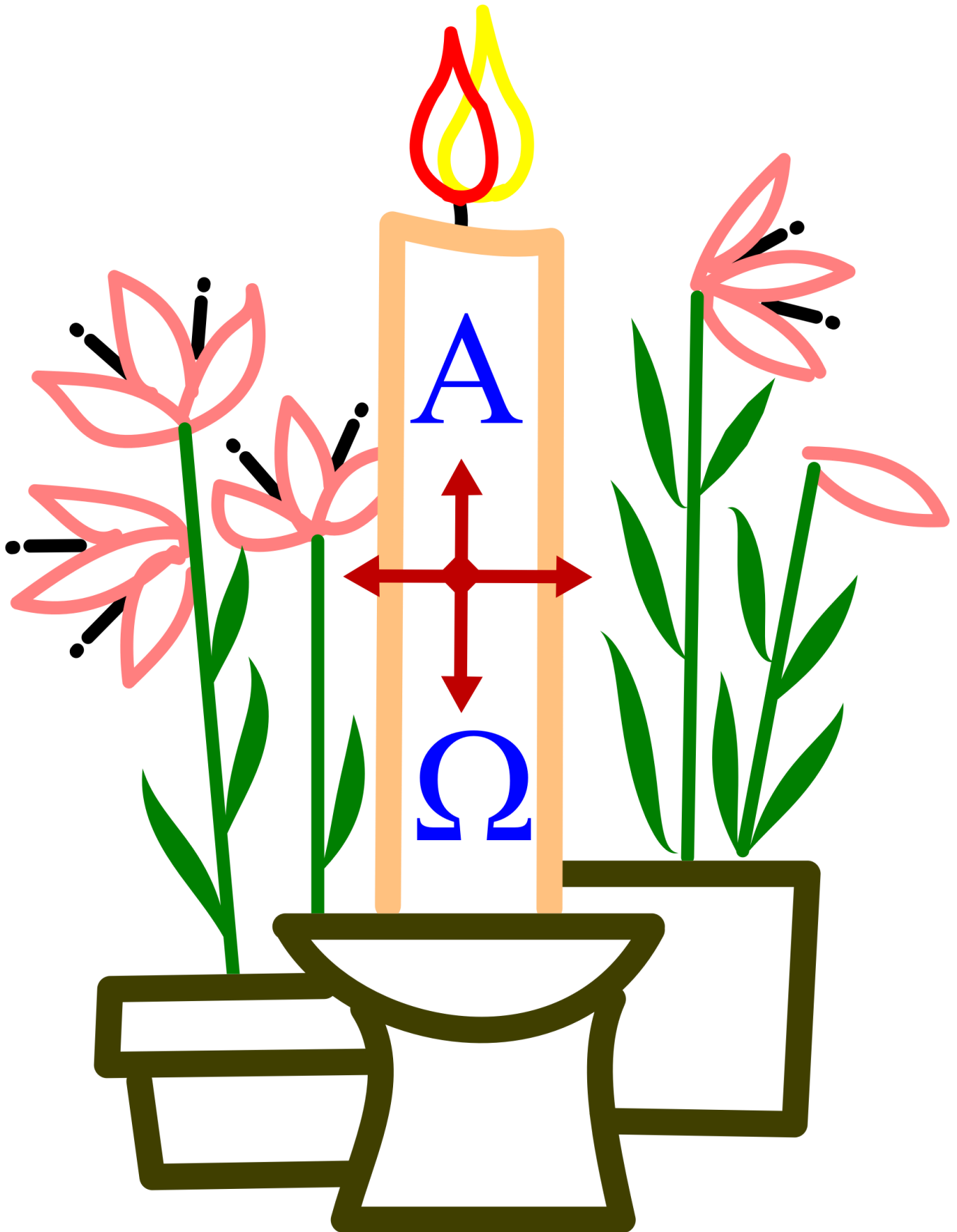


EASTER VIGIL
SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021





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AS WE GATHER

On this most holy night, we gather in vigil and in prayer. We can still hear the echoes of Jesus' words from the cross. We can still hear the echoes of the slamming of the tomb. But we know that that tomb will soon be empty and that Jesus will speak to us once again at break of day.

Liturgical Color:

White is the color of purity and is associated with festivals of Christ and his Church

The congregation gathers out front at the vigil fire. The slips of paper with worries, weights, and concerns (from the Lenten cross) will be burned prayerfully in the fire.

Service of Light

Invocation, Invitation, & Prayer

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which Our Lord Jesus passed over from death into life, we pause in vigil and in prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and giving thanks for His saving gift of Holy Baptism, we share in His victory over death. Let us pray.
- C** **O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found truly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Blessing of the Paschal (Passover) Candle

The cross is traced on the paschal candle.

Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending,

The Greek letters Alpha and Omega are traced on the paschal candle.
the Alpha and the Omega.

The year is traced on the paschal candle.

His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

Five wax nails are placed into the paschal candle.

By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

The paschal candle is lit.

P May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Let us pray

C **Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

At this time, the bearer of the paschal candle proceeds to the entrance of the nave and stops. (Make sure to take a candle from the basket before proceeding into the nave!) When he stops at the entrance to the nave, this follows:

P The light of Christ,

C **Thanks be to God.**

The bearer of the paschal candle stops in the middle of the nave (as people continue to follow), then this a second time:

P The light of Christ,

C **Thanks be to God.**

Once in the chancel, the bearer of the paschal candle lifts it high; then a final time:

P The light of Christ,

C **Thanks be to God.**

Lighting of the Tapers

Once the paschal candle has been placed in the holder, proceed forward, light your candle from the paschal candle and place it in a sandbox, then find a pew and be seated in quiet prayer.

Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)Cathy Welsh

Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

Stand

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Easter Vigil Prayer (*spoken in unison*)

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For He is the very Paschal Lamb who offered Himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of His precious blood. This is the night when You brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground. This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality. This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is the night when man is reconciled to God in Christ. Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever—Amen.

Sit

Service of Readings

P In this most holy night, our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who long have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Creation..... Genesis 1:1-2:3

A reading from Genesis the first chapter.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray.

© Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

A reading from Genesis the seventh, eighth, and ninth chapters.

Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. Then God said to Noah, "Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.


P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Let us pray.

C O Lord, You kill and You raise to life; You brought the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet You saved faithful Noah and his family in the ark. Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ's body, the Church, that Your mercy may come to its fullness and Your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* CWLP (1-4)



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift
2 O rush - ing wind and breez - es soft, O
3 O flow - ing wa - ters, pure and clear, Make
4 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un -



up your voice with us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
 clouds that ride the winds a - loft: Oh, praise Him!
 mu - sic for your Lord to hear. Oh, praise Him!
 folds rich bless - ings on our way, Oh, praise Him!



al - le - lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en
 Al - le - lu - ia! O ris - ing morn, in praise re -
 Al - le - lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and
 Al - le - lu - ia! The fruits and flow'rs that ver - dant



beam And sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam:
 joyce, O lights of eve - ning, find a voice.
 bright, Pro - vid - ing us with warmth and light,
 grow, Let them His praise a - bun - dant show.

Refrain



Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Al - le -



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

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Salvation Offered Freely to All Isaiah 55:1-11

A reading from Isaiah the fifty-fifth chapter.

“Come, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and he who has no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

“For all the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, by Your Word You created and sustain all things, and by Your Spirit You renew Your creation. Grant now the water of life to all who thirst for You that they may bring forth abundant fruit in Your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

A New Heart and a New Spirit.....Ezekiel 36:24-28

A reading from Ezekiel the thirty-sixth chapter.

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees

You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and everlasting God, by the death and resurrection of Your Son You cleansed our hearts and put a new Spirit within us. Grant that all who are brought to newness of life in the fellowship of the body of Christ may show forth in their lives what they confess with their lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Job Confesses the RedeemerJob 19:20-27

A reading from Job the nineteenth chapter.

My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh,

and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends,

for the hand of God has touched me!

Why do you, like God, pursue me?

Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?

“Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

Oh that with an iron pen and lead

they were engraved in the rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

yet in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, our great Redeemer, in the sacrifice of Your Son You put to death our wretched flesh and in His rising restored our life. Grant that we may always cling to Christ by faith in this life that at the last we may rejoice to stand in our own flesh and see You face to face; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Gathering of God's People Zephaniah 3:12-20

A reading from Zephaniah the third chapter.

But I will leave in your midst
a people humble and lowly.
They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD,
those who are left in Israel;
they shall do no injustice
and speak no lies,
nor shall there be found in their mouth
a deceitful tongue.
For they shall graze and lie down,
And none shall make them afraid.”
Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
Shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;
 he will quiet you by his love;
 he will exult over you with loud singing.
 I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
 so that you will no longer suffer reproach.
 Behold, at that time I will deal
 with all your oppressors.
 And I will save the lame
 and gather the outcast,
 and I will change their shame into praise
 and renown in all the earth.
 At that time I will bring you in,
 at the time when I gather you together;
 for I will make you renowned and praised
 among all the peoples of the earth,
 when I restore your fortunes
 before your eyes," says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Let us pray.

C Look in mercy, O Lord, upon Your faithful people, and by Word and Spirit bring to completion that good work which You have begun in us. Gather in Your people that all the world may see and know that what has been cast down is raised up and what has grown old is made new, until the work You have begun in us is brought to its joyful fulfillment in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn *"All Creatures of Our God and King" CWLP (5-7)*
(all rise on verse 7)

5 O ev - 'ry - one of ten - der heart, For -
 6 And you, most kind and gen - tle death, Wait -
 Δ 7 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless And
 giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, Oh, praise Him!
 ing to hush our fi - nal breath, Oh, praise Him!
 wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness. Oh, praise Him!



Al - le - lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row
 Al - le - lu - ia! You lead to heav'n the child of
 Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



bear, Praise God and lay on Him your care.
 God, Where Christ our Lord the way has trod.
 Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One.

Refrain



Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Al - le -



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

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Sit

Homily.....“A Renewed Creation”

Stand

Service of Baptism Remembrance

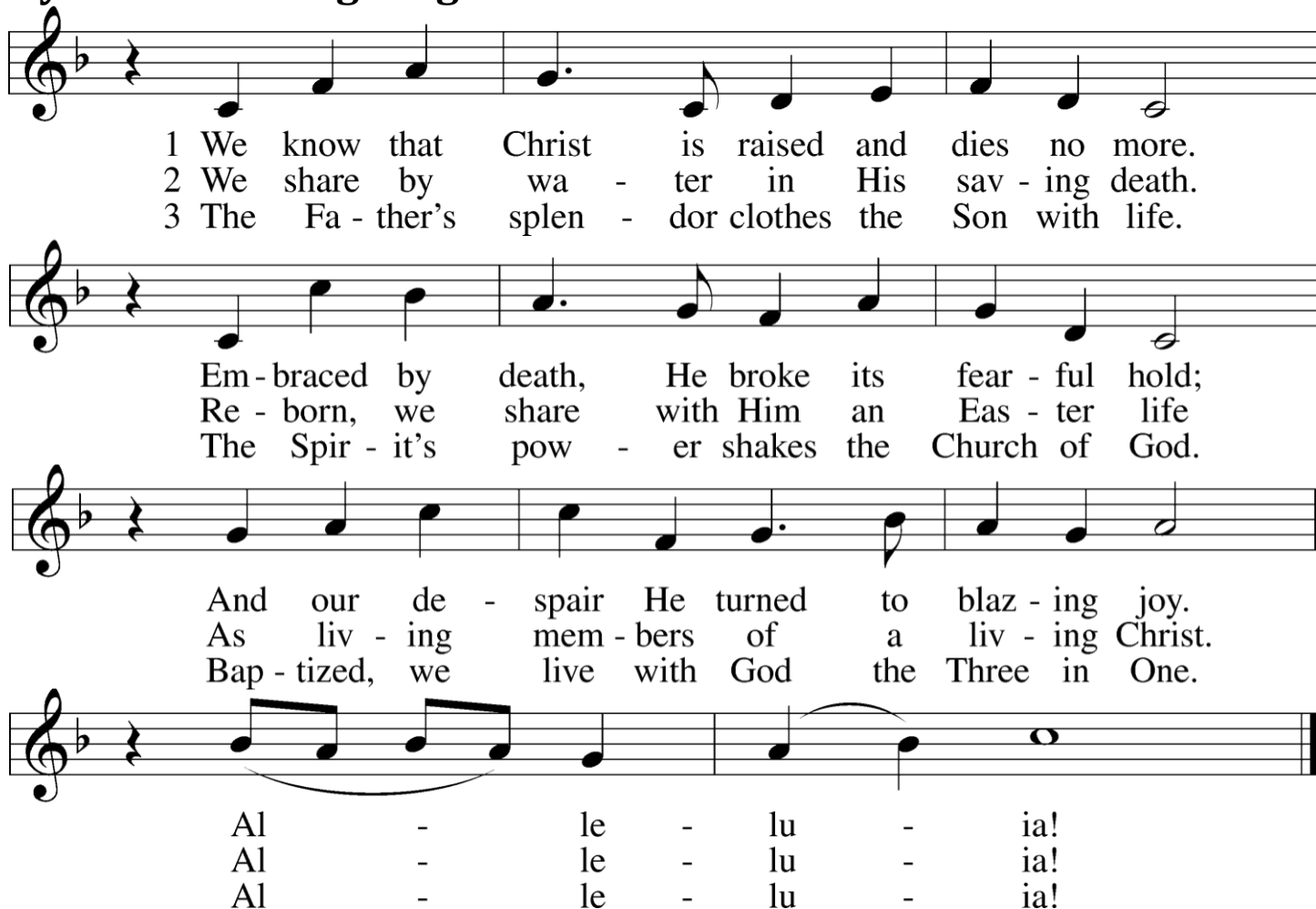
The Baptismal Address is given, then:

P Let us pray

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold us all according to Your boundless mercy and bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam and which we ourselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Thanksgiving..... "We Know That Christ is Raised" #603



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.

Em - braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;
 Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.

And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.
 As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.

Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

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Service of Prayer

Litany of the Resurrection

- P** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.
- P** O Christ,
- C** have mercy.

P O Lord,
C **have mercy.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
C **hear us.**

P Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy on us.**

P Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,
C **have mercy on us.**

P Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"
C **have mercy on us.**

P Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,
C **have mercy on us.**

P Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,
C **have mercy on us.**

P Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
C **have mercy on us.**

P Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,
C **have mercy on us.**

P Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,
C **have mercy on us.**

P Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he, too, might believe,
C **have mercy on us.**

P Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,
C **have mercy on us.**

P Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over five hundred disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,
C **have mercy on us.**

P Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,
C **have mercy on us.**

P By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,
C **good Lord, deliver us.**

- P** By Your victory over sin and death,
C **good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** By the majesty of Your risen body,
C **good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** We poor sinners implore You
C **to hear us, Lord Jesus.**
- P** That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,
C **grant us, good Lord.**
- P** That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,
C **grant us, good Lord.**
- P** That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,
C **grant us, good Lord.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy on us.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy on us.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **grant us Your peace.**
- P** O Lord,
C **have mercy.**
- P** O Christ,
C **have mercy.**
- P** O Lord,
C **have mercy. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **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.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Gospel Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who

was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Benediction

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

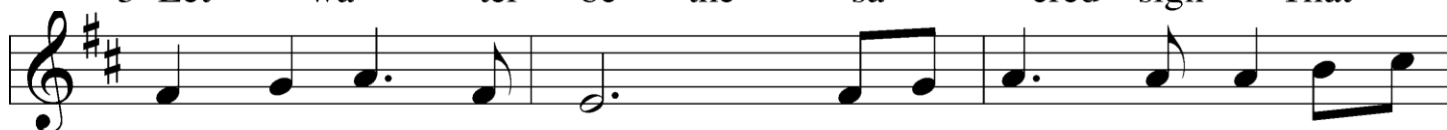
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sending Hymn..... "This is the Spirit's Entry Now" #591 (1-3)



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: The
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born Comes
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign That



wa - ter and the Word, The cross of Je - sus
from the Lord of breath; The per - fect Man from
we must die each day To rise a - gain by



on your brow, The seal both felt and heard.
life was torn; Our life comes through Christ's death.
His de - sign As fol - l'wers of His way.

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Postlude Paula Easterwood, Lorraine Miller

At this time, you may come forward and receive the sign of the cross (with water) on your forehead, then leave with quiet joy awaiting Easter Morning.

Serving us today:

Elder Jack Easterwood
Musicians Paula Easterwood, Lorraine Miller
Altar Committee..... Sheree Moody (Chair), SueAnn Carter,
Erika Freeman, Peggy Hoyer
Flower Committee Lana Vanderburgh (Chair), Karen Haase

This Week's Schedule

Sunday	6:30 a.m.	Greet the Rising "Sun/Son" Prayer Service (<i>Out front</i>)
	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Communion Service (<i>Service will be livestreamed</i>)
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Celebration Communion Service
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots (<i>Pastor's off 6th-8th</i>)
Tuesday		
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Card Group
	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study—"With God in the Garden"
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Elders' Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Worship—"Mission in Motion" Weekend
	6:30 p.m.	Virtual District Youth Gathering Here

