

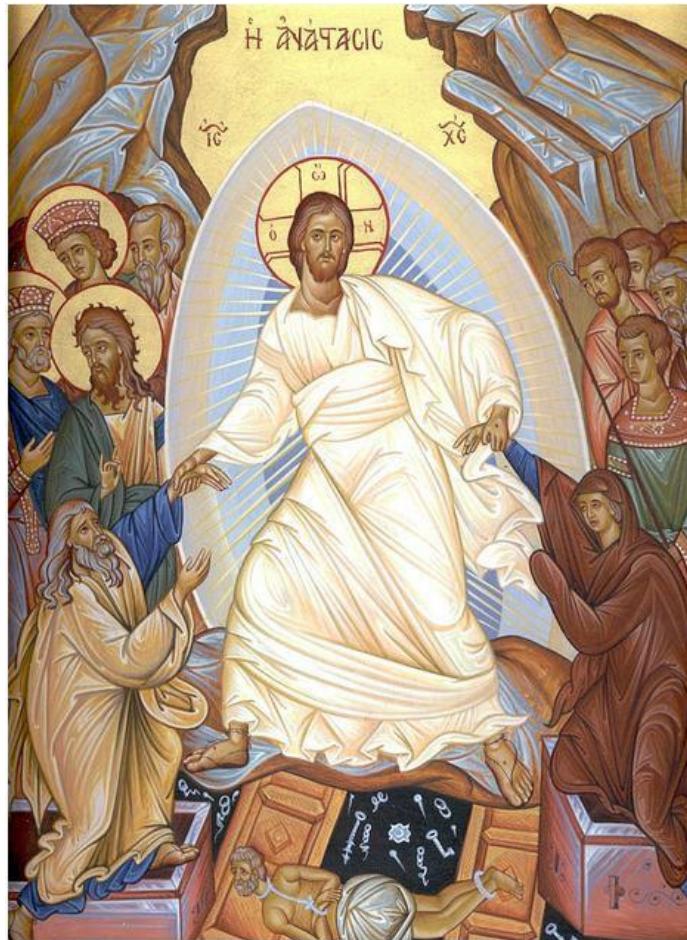
# † The Easter Vigil †

April 3, 2021, 8:00 p.m.

Divine Service, setting 2

Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

St. Louis, MO



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*The congregation gathers in a convenient place outside the nave of the church. Where permissible, candles are given to all, later to be lighted from the paschal candle.*

*In the semidarkness a fire may be kindled.*

## ✚ Service of Light ✚

**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 to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

**P** Let us pray.

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 rightly 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.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor traces the cross on the candle while saying:*

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

*and then traces the Greek letters Alpha and Omega on the candle while saying:*

**P** the Alpha and the Omega.

*He traces the year on the candle, saying:*

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

*He puts the five wax nails into the candle, saying:*

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

*Then, lighting the candle from the newly kindled fire, he says:*

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

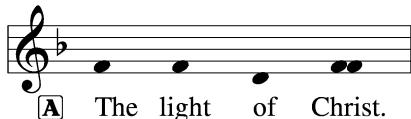
**P** Let us pray.

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.

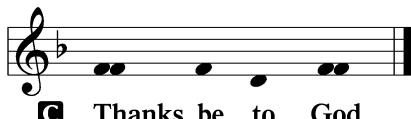
**C** Amen.

*All light their candles from the paschal candle and then follow the candle bearer in procession into the darkened church.*

*At the entrance of the nave, the bearer of the paschal candle stops and chants:*



**A** The light of Christ.



**C** Thanks be to God.

*The chant is repeated as the congregation enters the sanctuary. After the candle bearer places the paschal candle in its stand, the assistant chants the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet).*

**A** Rejoice now, all you heav'ly 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.

## Preface Dialogue

**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 Proclamation

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

*All may extinguish their candles at this time. The paschal candle remains lighted throughout the service. A few lights in the nave may be turned on.*

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 have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

### The Creation

**A** A reading from Genesis, chapters one and two.

*Following the reading...*

**A** 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.

**C** Amen.

## The Flood

- A** A reading from Genesis, chapters seven, eight, and nine.

*Following the reading...*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

- P** Let us pray.

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.

- C** Amen.

## Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

- A** A reading from Exodus, chapters 14 and 15.

*Following the reading...*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

- P** Let us pray.

O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** Amen.

## Canticle

*Song of Moses and Israel*

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*The refrain is first sung by the soloist, then repeated by the congregation. Following refrains will be sung by the congregation. The verses are sung by the soloist, with the congregation joining at the “Glory be to the Father....”*

*Refrain*

I will sing to the LORD, for He has tri-umphed glo-rious -  
ly; the horse and his rid-er He has thrown in - to the sea.

*The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. Refrain*

*The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is His name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. Refrain*

*Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out Your right hand; the earth swallowed them. You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode. You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode, the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever.*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Refrain**

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## **Salvation Offered Freely to All**

- A** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 55.

*Following the reading...*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

- P** Let us pray.

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.

- C** **Amen.**

## **A New Heart and a New Spirit**

- A** A reading from Ezekiel, chapter 36.

*Following the reading...*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

- P** Let us pray.

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.

- C** **Amen.**

## **The Valley of Dry Bones**

- A** A reading from Ezekiel, chapter 37.

*Following the reading...*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

- P** Let us pray.

O God, Your Son came as the Son of Man to breathe His Word and Spirit upon the dry, dead bones of Adam's children. Grant that we may hear Your holy Word, receive Your Spirit, and rise each day from the death of sin to live in newness of life before You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** **Amen.**



Let me hear joy and | gladness;\*  
 let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.

Hide your face | from my sins,\*  
 and blot out all my in- | iquities.

Create in me a clean heart, | O God,\*  
 and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

Cast me not away from your | presence,\*  
 and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,\*  
 and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,\*  
 and sinners will re- | turn to you.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
 O God of my sal- | vation,\*  
 and my tongue will sing aloud of your | righteousness.

O Lord, open | my lips,\*  
 and my mouth will de- | clare your praise.

### Job Confesses the Redeemer

**A** A reading from Job, chapter 19.

*Following the reading...*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

## The Gathering of God's People

**A** A reading from Zephaniah, chapter three.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Fiery Furnace

**A** A reading from Daniel, chapter three.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, Your Son protected faithful Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace of the king. Grant us protection in our time of testing that we would boldly confess Your name, reject all false worship, and live and die in confidence, knowing that we are safe in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Canticle

*All You Works of the Lord*

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*The soloist will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrain where indicated.*

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

<sup>1</sup>All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord—  
praise Him and magnify Him forever.

You angels of the Lord, bless the Lord: **Refrain**

<sup>2</sup>You heavens, bless the Lord;  
all you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord;  
all you powers of the Lord, bless the Lord: **Refrain**

<sup>3</sup>You sun and moon, bless the Lord;  
you stars of heaven, bless the Lord;  
all you showers and dew, bless the Lord: **Refrain**

<sup>4</sup>All you winds of God, bless the Lord;  
you fire and heat, bless the Lord;  
you winter and summer, bless the Lord: **Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>You dews and frost, bless the Lord;  
you frost and cold, bless the Lord;  
you ice and snow, bless the Lord: **Refrain**

<sup>6</sup>You nights and days, bless the Lord;  
you light and darkness, bless the Lord;  
you lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord: **Refrain**

<sup>7</sup>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: **Refrain**

<sup>8</sup>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: **Refrain**

<sup>9</sup>All you birds of the air, bless the Lord;  
all you beasts and cattle, bless the Lord;  
all you children of men, bless the Lord: **Refrain**

<sup>10</sup>O Israel, bless the Lord;  
you priests of the Lord, bless the Lord;  
you servants of the Lord, bless the Lord: **Refrain**

<sup>11</sup>You spirits and souls of the righteous, bless the Lord;  
you pure and humble of heart, bless the Lord;  
let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit: **Refrain**

*During the canticle, the candle bearer carries the paschal candle to the font, followed by the pastor(s). If there are candidates for Baptism or confirmation, or if there are new members to be received, they also gather at the font, together with their sponsors and families.*

## ✚ Service of Holy Baptism ✚

- P** On this holiest of nights, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of His glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead. The apostle Paul says:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- 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.

- C** Amen.

## **Exorcism**

- P** Do you renounce the devil?
- C** **Yes, I renounce him.**
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
- C** **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

## **Creed**

- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## + Confirmation of Catechumens +

*The pastor addresses the catechumens.*

- P** You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

*The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:*

- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ☩ everlasting.
- R** **Amen.**

*The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation.*

*Addressing the entire congregation, the pastor says:*

- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ☩ everlasting.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Peace ☩ be with you.
- C** **Amen.**

# + Service of Prayer +

*Stand*

## Litany of the Resurrection

- A** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**A** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.  
**A** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**A** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
**C** hear us.  
**A** Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,  
**C** have mercy on us.  
**A** Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,  
**C** have mercy on us.  
**A** Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"  
**C** have mercy on us.  
**A** Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,  
**C** have mercy on us.  
**A** Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,  
**C** have mercy on us.  
**A** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,  
**C** have mercy on us.  
**A** 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.  
**A** Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,  
**C** have mercy on us.  
**A** Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,  
**C** have mercy on us.  
**A** Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,  
**C** have mercy on us.  
**A** Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,  
**C** have mercy on us.  
**A** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,  
**C** have mercy on us.  
**A** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,  
**C** good Lord, deliver us.  
**A** By Your victory over sin and death,  
**C** good Lord, deliver us.  
**A** By the majesty of Your risen body,

- C** good Lord, deliver us.
- A** We poor sinners implore You
- C** to hear us, Lord Jesus.
- A** 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.
- A** 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.
- A** 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.
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** have mercy on us.
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** have mercy on us.
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** grant us Your peace.
- A** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.
- A** O Christ,
- C** have mercy.
- A** O Lord,
- C** have mercy. Amen.

# + Service of the Word +

## Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The altar candles may now be lighted from the paschal candle. Lights in the church are turned on, bells may be rung, the chancel may be decorated, and the altar may be prepared for the Sacrament while the congregation sings the Hymn of Praise.*

## This Is the Feast

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*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God.

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

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

## Alleluia



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## Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.

<sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary

Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Homily

# † Service of the Sacrament †

### Preface

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The musical notation consists of six staves of music in G major with two sharps. The first staff begins with a single note followed by a series of eighth notes. The second staff begins with a single note followed by a series of eighth notes. The third staff begins with a single note followed by a series of eighth notes. The fourth staff begins with a single note followed by a series of eighth notes. The fifth staff begins with a single note followed by a series of eighth notes. The sixth staff begins with a single note followed by a series of eighth notes.

**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.

### Proper Preface

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- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

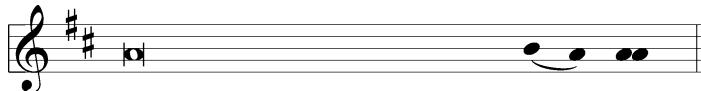
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord’s Prayer

**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.

## Pax Domini

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

C 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.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*Visitors from sister LCMS congregations are invited to commune tonight.*

- For the time being we are practicing continuous flow Communion.
- The pulpit side will be communed first, then the lectern side.
- Please usher yourselves up to Communion one pew at a time, maintaining six (6) feet of separation between family groups, couples, and individuals.
- The host (bread) will be placed into hands, not directly into the mouth.
- The chalice is available for those who desire it and will be cleansed with purifiers soaked in Everclear (90% alcohol) after each communicant.
- Individual cups are available for those who want them and are spaced apart in the trays.

## Hymn

## If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

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1 If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,  
2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb Then death would be the end,  
3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised His Church would live a lie;



Our preach - ing but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.  
And we should face our fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.  
His name should nev - er-more be praised, His words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed; He rules in earth and heav'n:  
But now the Sav - ior is raised up, So when a Chris-tian dies  
But now our great Re-deem - er lives; Through Him we are re - stored;



His Gos - pel meets a world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.  
We mourn, yet look to God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise!  
His Word en-dures, His Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

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## Hymn

## The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

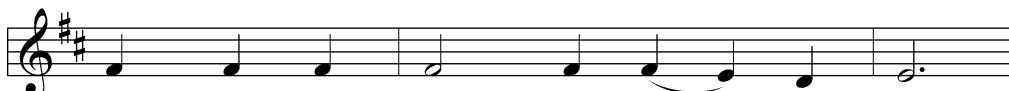
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Al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,  
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the victor's triumph won;  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
He rises - es glorious from the dead.  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise begun.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
All glory to our risen Head!  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Al-le-lu-ia!

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## Hymn

## *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

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1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day!" Saints on earth and angels say;  
2 Love's redeem-ing work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a-gain our glo-rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re-ply.  
Lo! Our Sun's e-clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o-pened par-a-dise.  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic-to-ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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## Stand

## The Dismissal

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- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

## Collect

**P** Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Blessing

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** May almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter and may He protect you against all sin.

**C** Amen.

**P** Through the resurrection of His Son, God granted us healing. May He fulfill His promises and bless you with eternal life.

**C** Amen.

**P** You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of His resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast, which lasts forever.

**C** Amen.

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

**C** **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

*This is the Feast*  
Charles Callahan



Easter Day Divine Services

April 4 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

*20-minute organ recital prior to each service*



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