

# The Holy Triduum 2016



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“In an age of information, we all need a larger story, a bigger canvas, a more honest mirror in which to make sense of our lives. So the Bible tells stories of giants, floods, scoundrels, exiles, prodigals, dreams, jailbreaks, and earthquakes. We find our stories in that wider story. They leave us breathless and spent, now dependent on the God who breathes new life into old bones and washes the church up on a Red Sea shore, alive.”

-Frank Honeycutt, *What Do You Seek: Welcoming the Adult Inquirer* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2000), 19.

Our celebration of these holy days is made possible by the gifts of time and talent: the ministry of liturgists, Elders and Deacons, the choir, children, tenders of the new fire, bearers of the paschal candle, cantors, instrumentalists, greeters and ushers, bell ringers, readers, staplers and folders of bulletins, bakers of communion bread, sound folk and many others taking up roles large and small. Thanks to all!

We welcome all who worship together over these three days, particularly those who are new to our assembly and we invite you to join fully in our worship and fellowship. Your unique gifts can enrich our effort to reach out in prayer and service to our congregation, our community and the world.

### COMMENTARY ON THE TRIDUUM

All of Holy Week points toward the passion—the death and resurrection of Christ. The week's three final days (from sunset Thursday through sunset on Easter) complete the commemoration of Christ's passion. These three days are called the *Triduum* (Latin for "three days").

The Triduum engages us from Thursday until Sunday in a unified act. What happens on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil forms a continuous dramatic story. These days are to be seen together rather than separately. The services of the three final days of Holy Week connect with one another and, together, comprise the oneness of the Triduum.

Because of this interrelationship of the three days, each service of the Triduum needs the others to tell the whole story. For example, the resurrection is incomprehensible without Christ's self-giving in the Lord's Supper and the Crucifixion. Therefore, Easter needs Good Friday and Maundy Thursday to be fully understood. The way to the triumph of Easter is through the Triduum.

All of Holy Week, and particularly its three concluding days (the Triduum), provides an opportunity to undertake a pilgrimage of renewed commitment and joy; to travel Christ's path of servanthood; through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross, as we move toward Easter.

Our joy during the great festival of resurrection will be enhanced by faithful participation in worship during the preceding week, especially during the whole of the Triduum.

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### MAUNDY THURSDAY

This day in Holy Week is traditionally referred to as "Holy Thursday" or "Maundy Thursday." The word "maundy" is derived from the Latin "mandatum" which means "command" and refers to the new commandment to love one another which Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, the night before his death (John 13:34). The congregation gathers this evening to remember that night so long ago when our Lord broke the bread and gave the cup and so instituted this holy supper which has been for more than 1900 years, the Church's holiest occasion of communion and celebration. The mood of the service is not triumphant but somber and

reflective as we recall the eve of Jesus' passion and death. At the same time, there is also unmistakably present the note of faith and hope, even as there was on that first Maundy Thursday. So do we as the Church once more gather with our Lord to prepare for his suffering and death but also to anticipate the glory of his resurrection which we will celebrate on Easter.

Once again this year, we will observe the Liturgy of Footwashing as a part of our worship on this night. Just as ashes are a central symbol of the meaning of Ash Wednesday, so the act of footwashing is a central symbol of the meaning of Maundy Thursday. Footwashing is a powerfully symbolic response to Jesus' own example and his command that his disciples love one another as he loves us.



Following the homily, worshipers will be invited to proceed to one of two stations to have their feet washed. Once a person's feet are washed, he or she will turn and wash the next person's feet. This is an intimate experience of servanthood that Jesus demonstrates for us. Many may choose not to participate because it asks us to be vulnerable. We don't like to expose our feet in public. We hide them, cover them and dress them. But to have one's feet washed, and to wash others, is to cross boundaries of intimacy. By doing so, however, we ritually embody the sort of servanthood Jesus asks us to show toward one another.

As in years past, this will be completely voluntary. No one will be compelled to participate. Like the whole of our liturgy, no one is ever forced to engage in particular acts of worship. Rather, the footwashing is a both a gift and a challenge that is meant to pull us out of our comfort zones. You may choose to participate or not. During the footwashing, the congregation will sing the song, *Live in Charity*, a prayerful, meditative song based on the ancient Latin hymn, *Ubi Caritas*. Other hymns to be included are *This Is the Night* and *Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine*, powerful, prayerful songs sung only on Maundy Thursday.

## GOOD FRIDAY

"On Thursday, we dispersed in silence—no sending song, no blessing or dismissal, only the rustle of jackets, the sound of feet, freshly washed and covered again, moving into the night. Now, as if awaiting our return, the silence receives us and invites us more deeply into the empty room, the unfolding story, the widening hour, the mystery of faith.

"With boldness, we approach the throne of grace, the cross upon which Christ is lifted, to pray not only for the church and those preparing for baptism, but also for those of other faiths, those who do not believe in God, and everyone, everywhere, in any kind of need. As he promised, Jesus draws them—all people, named and unnamed, all things, seen and unseen—to himself and to the heart of God. There we rest, like grains of wheat buried in the earth awaiting the joyful harvest." (*Worship Guidebook for Lent and the Three Days* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2009), 117.)



The Good Friday service is a penitential service that allows for much contemplation and for the power of silence to speak for itself. The pas-

sion narrative from John's Gospel will be read. This day's worship invites the congregation into intercessory prayer that is as wide as the embrace of the cross. There may be no other worship in the church's year in which the prayers extend so intentionally and fully to all of humanity and all of creation.

### THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Great Vigil of Easter is "the brightest jewel of Christian liturgy." It is one of the most ancient and revered celebrations of the church. In the ancient church, the Easter Vigil marked the time when the catechumens (pronounced *KAT-ě-coo-mens*)—those who had studied and prepared through all of Lent—were baptized just before dawn and then shared the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time with the gathered community.

Of all the services of worship throughout the year, the Easter Vigil is the one that tells the story of salvation history from creation through Christ's resurrection. In retelling the stories, we locate ourselves amongst God's people within the story.

The Easter Vigil is a service of worship unlike any other throughout the year. The service begins outside around a fire, which represents the light of the risen Christ shining amidst the darkness of death. From there the service moves inside for retelling the story of salvation. This service serves as one of the "threshold" ritual experiences for Travelers along *The Journey*. After telling the story of salvation, we will gather with our Travelers at the waters of the font to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and to renew the promises of our baptismal covenant. Then, we will gather at the Lord's Table to give thanks (eucharist) and share the meal of our faith. Easter officially begins at sundown on Easter Eve. Therefore, the Great Vigil of Easter, which begins soon after sundown, serves as the first service of the season of Easter!



### EASTER SUNDAY, March 27, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

On this holy day of days, we join together for the Festival of the Resurrection, Easter Day, at two services of worship, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Through word and sacrament, praise, prayer and joyful song, we will wonder anew at the new life made available to us in the resurrection of Christ. All are invited to bring fresh flowers to adorn the "living cross" as a sign of the glory of the risen Christ in our midst.

### TRIDUUM BULLETINS & CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS

Please return your bulletin to an usher as you depart at the end of the worship service as these same bulletins will be used at the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil services. You are also asked to return the Children's Worship Bags to the hooks in the hallway as the items contained in the bags are for the children to use throughout the Holy Week services.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

March 24, 2016

*Maundy Thursday*

7:00 p.m.

+ PRELUDE    *As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.  
Please silence electronic devices.*

### Prayer of Preparation

*Worshipers may prepare the heart and mind for worship by meditating on the following prayer.*

God of the covenant,  
as we celebrate the beginning of the paschal feast,  
we come to the table of the Lord  
in whom we have salvation, life, and resurrection.  
Renew the power of this mystery  
in our service to one another and to you,  
so that with Christ we may pass from this life  
to the glory of your kingdom. Amen.

☞ *All may stand as the pastor and liturgist enter.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ \*HYMN 836

*Abide with Me*

EVENTIDE

### \*THE CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER

**God of great mercy, we confess  
that we have sinned against you.  
You call us to love, as Christ loves,  
but in our hearts we betray him.  
You call us to serve, as Christ serves,  
but we flinch at the washing of feet.  
Forgive us, by your steadfast love.  
Create a clean heart within us,  
teach us your holy way,  
and restore the joy of salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*You may reflect on this prayer and offer personal confession in silence.*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

Kyrie Eleison



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS & THE NEW COMMANDMENT  
THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12: 1-14

PSALTER

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19

*I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry, cantor*

*Glory to God 799*

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

\*THE GOSPEL

HYMN 833

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

GOSPEL READING

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

HOMILY

FOOTWASHING

*✠ All who wish may proceed to one of the two stations located at the front and rear of the worship space. Once seated, you may remove your footwear to have your feet washed. Then, proceed to wash the feet of the person who comes after you. This completes the ritual action of Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us. During the Liturgy of Footwashing, the congregation will sing Live in Charity.*

HYMN 205

*Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)*

UBI CARITAS

*Led by the cantor, the congregation will sing the Latin first, then in English when directed.*

A PASTORAL PRAYER FOR HOLY THURSDAY

\*HYMN 206

*This Is the Night*

MY NEIGHBOR

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,*  
**...Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues and ends with the Lord's Prayer...*

**...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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*✠ Ushers will invite worshipers to come forward in groups of about twenty to circle the Lord's Table. Once at the Table, please hold the bread and commune together once all have received. You may partake of the cup as it is served.*

#### PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

\*HYMN 207

*Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine*

TENEBRAE

#### STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

*✠ The candles are extinguished and all linens and paraments are removed from the worship space. The congregation will pray in silence. The symbolism of darkness and bareness honor the willingness of Jesus to be stripped and killed for us. From Thursday evening until Easter, hope seems to be lost and evil seems to have beaten God's Son. We gather in this silent emptiness to share in the communion of our Lord, to try to grasp the gift God gives us, and to follow Christ not just to Easter, but through the pain and darkness of Friday and Saturday.*

#### DEPART IN SILENCE

*✠ Since our worship does not end tonight, but continues on through Good Friday to Easter, there is no benediction. After the Stripping of the Church, you may stay for meditation and, when you are ready, please depart in silence.*

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\*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.





And he took bread.

Martha Kelly  
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## ORDER OF SERVICE

March 25, 2016

*Good Friday*

7:00 p.m.

*Worshippers gather in silence.  
Please silence electronic devices.*

### Prayer of Preparation

*Worshippers may prepare the heart and mind for worship by meditating on the following prayer.*

Grieving God,  
on the cross your Son embraced death  
even as he had embraced life:  
faithfully and with good courage.  
Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side  
may hold fast to our faith in him exalted  
and may find mercy in all times of need. Amen.

*✠ All may stand as the pastor and liturgist enter.*

### \*OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ \*HYMN 223                      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*                      HAMBURG

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING                      Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

PSALTER                      Psalm 22:1-18, 25-31  
   *Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me*                      *Glory to God 210*

EPISTLE READING                      Hebrews 10: 16-25

ANTHEM                      *A Shadow Fell on Sharon's Rose*                      Jos. Martin

GOSPEL READING                      John 18:1—19:16a

\*HYMN 228                      *Were You There*                      WERE YOU THERE

GOSPEL READING                      John 19: 16b-42

SILENT REFLECTION

\*HYMN 221                      *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*                      PASSION CHORALE

## THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

...We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

...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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

## DEPART IN SILENCE

*✠ Since our journey does not end tonight, but continues on to Easter, there is no benediction.  
The congregation may stay for silent prayer and meditation and when ready, worshipers may depart in silence.*

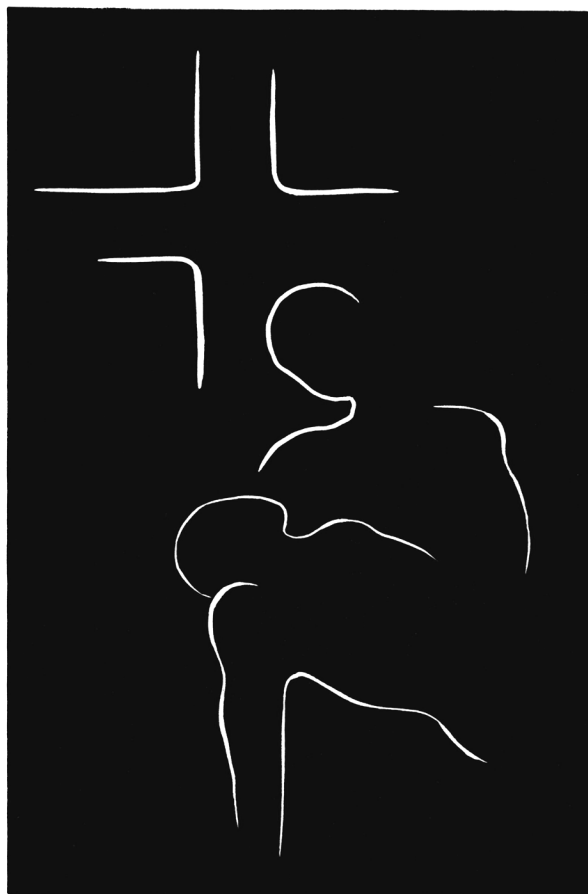
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+ Those arriving may be seated.







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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## *The Great Vigil of Easter*

March 26, 2016

7:30 p.m.

### ***SERVICE OF LIGHT***

*☞ The congregation gathers on the front lawn in darkness, after nightfall, around the new fire. Ushers distribute worship bulletins and candles.*

#### **\*GREETING & INTRODUCTION**

Grace and Peace from Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**And also with you.**

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

#### **\*LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**



#### **\*PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH**

*☞ The procession into the church begins. The baptismal waters are our welcome into Christ's Church. Worshipers will light their individual candles from the Paschal Candle, then proceed to find a seat, but remain standing for the Easter Proclamation. When passing the baptismal font, worshipers may touch the water and remember their baptism.*

#### **\*EASTER PROCLAMATION**

*☞ The ancient Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet, is proclaimed with the congregation singing the refrain where indicated. Following the Easter Proclamation, worshipers may extinguish their candles.*

#### ***Refrain***



Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ our King is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

***Refrain***

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,  
radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes forever!

***Refrain***

Rejoice, O mother 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!

***Refrain***

*Leader* *All*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Leader* *All*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Leader*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right that with full hearts and minds  
and voices we should praise you,  
the unseen God, the all-powerful creator,  
and your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood,  
and paid for us the debt of Adam's sin.

***Refrain***

This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb is slain,  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our forbears:  
you freed the people of Israel from their slavery  
and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere,  
washed clean from sin and freed from all defilement,  
are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death,  
and rose triumphant from the grave.

***Refrain***

Lord God, how wonderful your care for us!  
How boundless your merciful love!

To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

Most blessed of all nights,  
chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead!

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away,  
restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy;  
it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Night truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth,  
and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, gracious God, in the joy of this night,  
receive our evening sacrifice of praise,  
your church's solemn offering.

Accept this Easter candle.

May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets  
find this flame still burning:

***Refrain***

Christ, that Morning Star,  
who came back from the dead,  
and shed his peaceful light on all creation,  
your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

*✠ Following the Easter Proclamation, worshipers may extinguish their candles.*

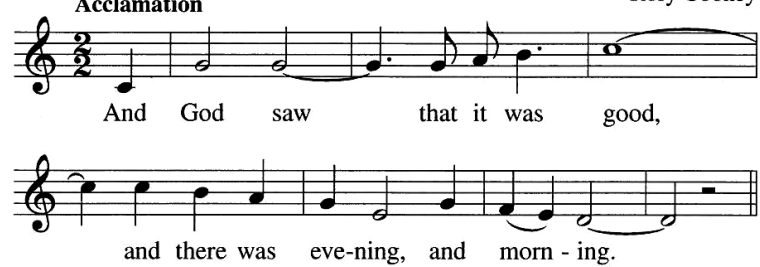
## SERVICE OF READINGS

### OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

#### First Reading – Genesis Reading

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

Acclamation Rory Cooney



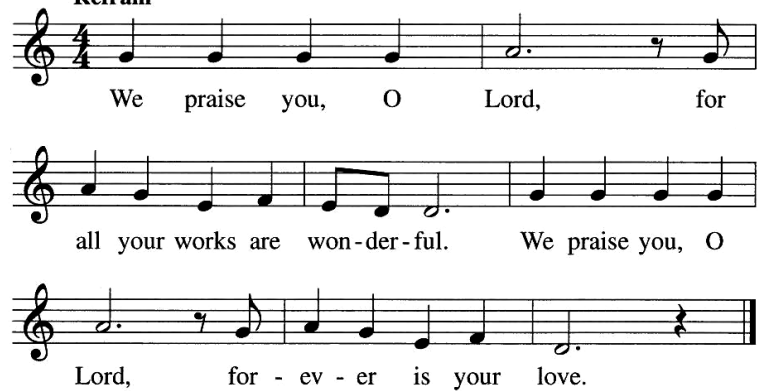
And God saw that it was good,  
and there was eve-ning, and morn - ing.

### We Praise You, O Lord

Psalm 135

Mike Balhoff, Gary Daigle  
and Darryl Ducote

Refrain



We praise you, O Lord, for  
all your works are won-der-ful. We praise you, O  
Lord, for - ev - er is your love.

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#### Second Reading – Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea<sup>†</sup>

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

#### Prayer

...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.**

\*Hymn 100

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*Third Reading – Salvation Offered Freely to All*

Isaiah 55: 1-11

Prayer

...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 – A New Heart and a New Spirit*

Ezekiel 36: 24-28

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 582

*Glory to God,  
Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Eternal Giver of life and light,  
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ.  
Renew your church with the Spirit given to us in Baptism,  
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,  
and shine as a light in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Epistle Reading – **Dying and Rising With Christ**

Romans 6: 3-11

Gospel Reading – **The Resurrection of Jesus**

Luke 24: 1-12

The Alleluia

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

FESTIVAL ALLELUIA

*Following the Alleluia, the service moves to the font where we reaffirm the covenant of baptism.*

***SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
and Affirmation of the Baptismal Covenant***

\*HYMN 479

*Ho, All Who Thirst*

JACOB'S WELL

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CANDIDATE

**Gregory Ryan Marshall**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

RENUNCIATIONS

Do you renounce all evil,  
and powers in the world  
which defy God's righteousness and love?

**I renounce them.**

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

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ  
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,  
trusting in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,  
obeying his word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

\*PROFESSION – *the Apostles' Creed*

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 OF BAPTISM

You have publicly reaffirmed 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?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The pastor addresses the Companions:*

Companions, do you promise to nurture these people in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**I do.**

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

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

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER  
THE BAPTISM  
LAYING ON OF HANDS & GIVING OF THE LIGHT

\*HYMN 485

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

\*WELCOME

...Let us welcome them to this ministry.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you  
to share with us in the ministry of Christ,  
for we are all one in him.**

\*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you, "responding, "And also with you."*

### ***SERVICE OF THE EUCHARIST***

\*HYMN 515

*I Come With Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

*☞ The service moves to the Lord's Table for the spiritual nourishment found in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

*The prayer continues. After the words, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the congregation sings,*

***...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The prayer continues...*

...Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out, Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout, Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead, Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: **Send your Spirit on this meal.**

O God, you are Bread: **Feed us with yourself.**

O God, you are Wine: **Warm our hearts and make us one.**

O God, you are Fire: **Transform us with hope.**

*The prayer continues and ends with the Lord's Prayer...*

**...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 debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*✠ Please come to the Table at the center and return to your seat by the outside aisles. You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together, or you may partake of the bread and then proceed to partake of the juice from the tray of individual cups.*

Verses



1. This is the night of new be - gin - nings. This is the  
 2. This is the night Christ our re - deem - er rose from the  
 3. Now will the fire kin - dled in dark - ness burn to dis -  
 4. Sing of the hope deep - er than dy - ing. Sing of the  
 5. In - to this world morn - ing is break - ing. All of God's



1. night when heav - en meets earth. This is the night \_\_\_\_  
 2. grave tri - um - phant and free, leav - ing the tomb of  
 3. pel the shad - ows of night. Star of the morn - ing,  
 4. pow'r \_\_\_\_ strong - er than death. Sing of the love \_\_\_\_  
 5. peo - ple, lift up your voice. Cry out with joy, \_\_\_\_



1. filled with God's glo - ry, prom - ise of our new birth!  
 2. e - vil and dark - ness, emp - ty for all to see.  
 3. Je - sus our Sav - ior, you are the world's true light!  
 4. end - less as heav - en, dawn - ing through - out the earth.  
 5. tell out the sto - ry, all of the earth re - joice.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

\*PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

\*THE BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

\*THE SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
in the power of his resurrection.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

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\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



† *The painting of the Exodus story, depicting God as the pillar of fire by night leading the Israelites from slavery to freedom through the Red Sea, is an original piece by Bob Dencker for the Great Vigil of Easter, 2016.*

*Travelers along The Journey*

Affirmers (preparing for affirmation of baptism)

Stacey Bordes

Jane Cox

Bob Dencker

Daryl Denkmann

Joyce Denkmann

Shelley Geiger

Grace Harmon

Barb Lynn

Dave Lynn

Laurie Meinert

Susan Petrowsky

Mary Powers

Ann Schmid

Sue Starkey

Tim Starkey

Amie Tilk

Patrick Tilk

Catechumen (preparing for baptism)

Greg Marshall



The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*  
Jan Parker, *Interim Director of Music Ministries*  
Mike Greene, *Pianist*  
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*  
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*  
Regina Jones, *Child Care Provider*  
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*  
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

### *Session*

2016  
Sam Connor  
Linda Dencker  
Shelley Geiger  
Craig Graber  
Bill Pires  
Jim Salter

2017  
Jim Cox  
Jennifer Everly  
Clark Hurrell  
Lynne Snyder  
Margo Van Mill

2018  
Bryan Eikmann  
Kathy Gibbs, Clerk of Session  
Cindy Martin  
Del Phillips  
Rick Waldo

### *Diaconate*

2016  
Earl Bostic  
Ruth Connor  
Marion Hamilton  
Stan Whiteley  
Jan Parker

2017  
Laura Eikmann, Moderator  
Steve Gerke  
Donna Huffman  
Kay McCarthy  
Kurt Romkey

2018  
Mark Besselman  
Bill Irvine  
Kelley Hurrell  
Martha Lamey  
Chris Truett