

The Holy Triduum 2017



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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 un-

mistakably 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. This asks us to be vulnerable, so many may choose not to participate. 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 passion narrative from John's Gospel will be read. This day's worship invites the congregation into intercessory pray-

er 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

Each year the people of Israel observed the night of Passover as a vigil to keep the past alive (Exod. 12:41-42). It kindled both memory of God's mighty act of deliverance and hope in God's future acts on their behalf. The Great Vigil of Easter became the Christian Passover.

Early Christians understood Jesus' dying and rising as a fulfillment of the Passover hope, and began keeping vigil through the night preceding the dawn of Easter Day. Early Christian history suggests the occasion of Christ's death and resurrection as the most fitting time for baptism to take place, for in baptism we die with Christ and are raised with him. In the fifth and sixth centuries, the Vigil evolved by adding the new fire, the singing of the Exsultet (Easter proclamation), and the series of readings (interspersed with songs and prayers) recounting the faith story into which we are baptized. The readings began with the story of creation and included the stories of the flood, the exodus, the call of the prophets, Paul's teaching on dying and rising with Christ (Rom. 6), and they climaxed in the resurrection story. Baptisms followed and the Eucharist was celebrated, as the first service of Easter, in the darkness of night. The Vigil had thus evolved into four parts: the Service of Light, the readings, Baptism, and the Eucharist.



In the centuries that followed, the Vigil was essentially lost in the West. The mid-twentieth century witnessed a recovery of the Great Vigil of Easter. Among Presbyterians, the first celebrations of this ancient liturgy seem to have been at Princeton Theological Seminary in the 1970s. It spawned wide and continuing (though gradual) interest among Presbyterians.

(Harold M. Daniels, *To God Alone Be Glory: The Story & Sources of the Book of Common Worship* (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2003), 159-60.)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16, 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

April 13, 2017

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m.

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

+ PRELUDE

Wondrous Love

Fred Bock

Prayer of Preparation

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

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal
your son established a new covenant for all people,
and in the washing of feet
he showed us the dignity of service.
Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these signs of our life in faith
may speak again to our hearts,
feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies. Amen.

☞ All may stand as the pastor and liturgist enter.

*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ *HYMN 209

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

*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

The psalter will begin with the cantor singing the refrain, followed by the congregation.

The choir will sing the verses, and the congregation will sing the refrain.

Refrain



¹ *I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,*

² *for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.*

Refrain

¹² *How shall I repay the LORD for all the good
things God has done for me?*

¹³ *I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.*

¹⁴ *I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.*

Refrain

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

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

Refrain

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

¹⁸ *I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,
in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

Refrain

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

*Cantor: I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another just as I have loved you.*

John 13:34

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 choir, the congregation will sing the Latin first, then in English, alternating verses.

A PASTORAL PRAYER FOR HOLY THURSDAY

*HYMN 206 *This Is the Night*

MY NEIGHBOR

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM *Thy Will Be Done*

Craig Courtney

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, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the congregation sings,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

25

in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The prayer continues. After the words, "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith," the congregation sings,

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

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Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

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.**

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

*HYMN 207

Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine

TENEBRAE

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

HYMN 204

Stay with Me

STAY WITH ME

℣ During the singing, the candles are extinguished and all linens and paraments are removed from the worship space. The symbolism of darkness and barrenness 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.

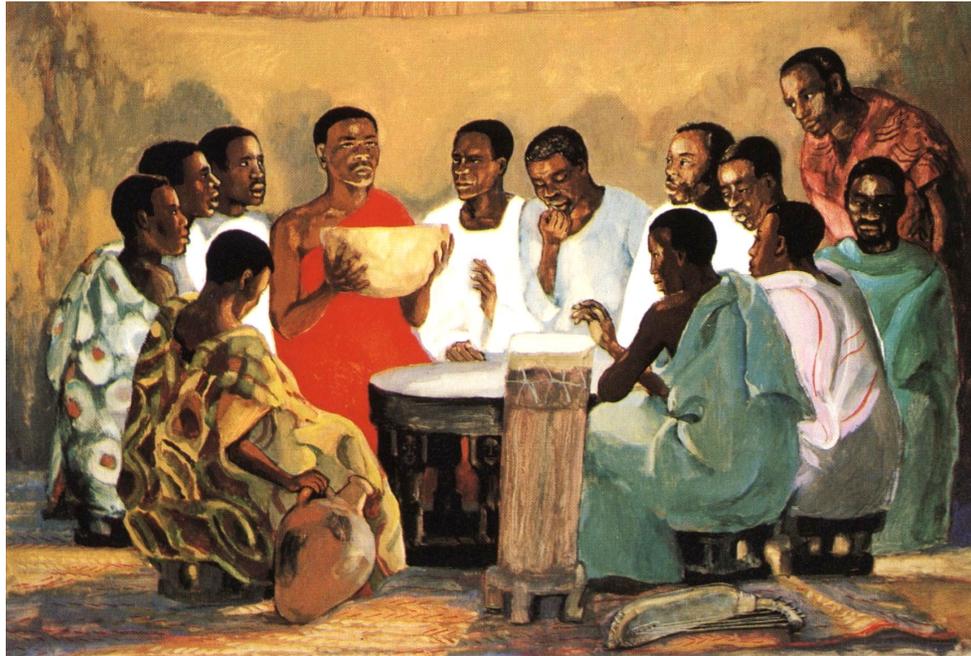
DEPART IN SILENCE

℣ 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.

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.





ORDER OF SERVICE

April 14, 2017

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

Psalms 22: 1-11, 22-29

(Voice 1)

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

(Voice 2)

- ³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
⁴ In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
⁵ To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

(All sing)

***What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?***

(Voice 1)

⁶ But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

⁸ "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

(All sing)

***When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down. . .***

Voice 2

⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰ On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

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

(All sing)

***To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.***

(Voice 1)

²² I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

(Voice 2)

²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!

(Voices 1 and 2 together)

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Behold the cross
on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Come, let us worship.

Behold the cross
on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Come, let us worship.

Behold the cross
on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Come, let us worship.

...you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One,
have mercy upon us.**

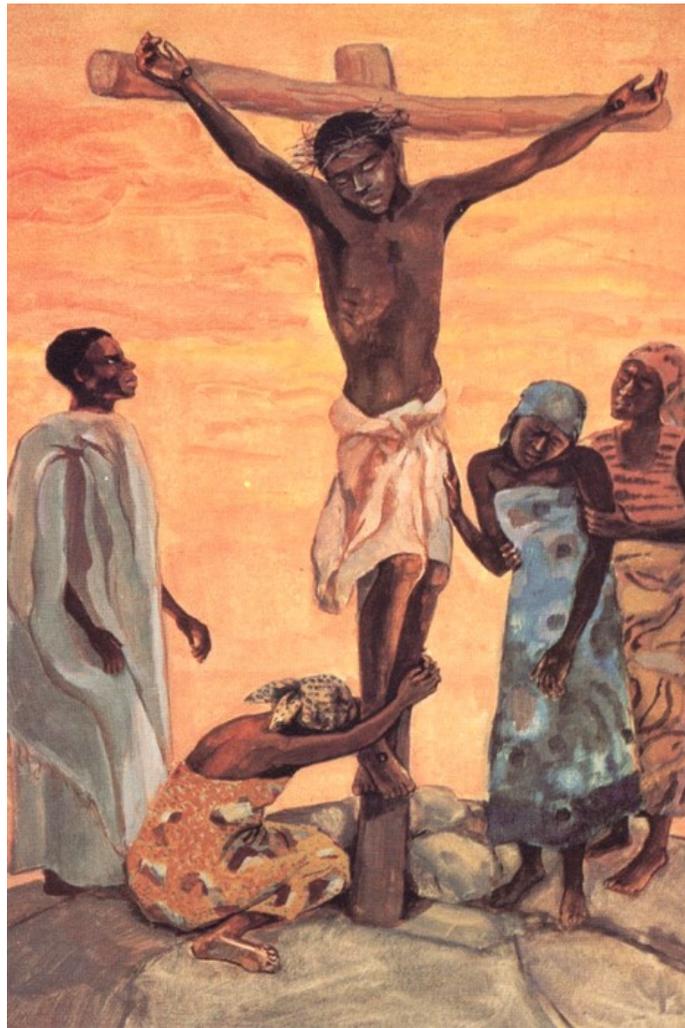
DEPART IN SILENCE

*✠ 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.*

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.





ORDER OF SERVICE
The Great Vigil of Easter

April 15, 2017

7:50 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**

Cantor
The light of Christ.

All
Thanks be to God.

***PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH**

☞ The procession into the church begins. The baptismal waters are our welcome into Christ's Church. Worshipers will light their 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

John Weaver

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Re - jice, heav-en-ly powers! Sing, choirs of an - gels!

Je - sus Christ our King is ris - en!

*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

The musical score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 7/8. The first system is for the Leader and All, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second system is for the Leader and All, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third system is for the Leader, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord_ our God." The fourth system is for All, with lyrics: "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

The Creation, by James Weldon Johnson
based on Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

Linda Dencker

*Hymn 17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Second Reading – The Flood

Noah's Ark, by Jerry Pinkney
based on Genesis 7 - 9

Kayla Martinez

Hymn 329

God Is Our Refuge, Our Strength

WINCHESTER OLD

Third Reading – Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea[†]

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

Bob Dencker & Lynne Snyder

*Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

Fourth Reading – The Deliverance of Jonah

Jonah 1:1—2:1

Bill & Martha Lamey

Hymn 22

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

Fifth Reading – Clothed in the Garments of Salvation

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 9-11

Grace & Will James

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the God, whose good - ness par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.
As it was in the be-gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lindy Stacy

**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

The Gospel

Acclamation

*Cantor: Let us sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;
our strength and our might, who has become our salvation.*

Exodus 15:1-2

Gospel Reading – **The Resurrection of Jesus**

Matthew 28: 1-10

Alyssa Murray

Alleluia

6 Cantor or Choir All
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

Cantor or Choir All
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

Cantor or Choir All
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

Cantor or Choir All
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

☞ Following the Alleluia, the service moves to the font where we affirm the covenant of baptism.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Affirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Marion Hamilton

Greg Marshall

Alyssa Murray

Chris Truett

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 Sponsors:

Sponsors, 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.

ANOINTING & BLESSING

*WELCOME

...Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*HYMN 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

∞ During the singing, worshipers who wish may come to the font, reach into the water and receive a "water bead" to take with you as a reminder that the baptized life is a life of continually "living wet," of living more fully into a life that grows out of the paschal mystery of Christ's own life, death and resurrection. Those who wish may also pause at the font to receive anointing with oil and a blessing. If you have not received the Sacrament of Baptism and would like to learn more about it, Pastor James would welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

*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 511

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

∞ 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,



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and earth are



ful 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.

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.

*HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light (Easter Vigil Text)

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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

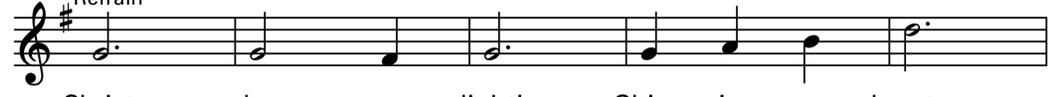


1. night when heav - en meets earth. This is the night ____
2. grave tri - um - phant and free, leav - ing the tomb of
3. pel the shad - ows of night. Star of the morn - ing,
4. pow'r ____ strong - er than death. Sing of the love ____
5. peo - ple, lift up your voice. Cry out with joy, ____



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

*BLESSING & CHARGE

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!

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

Alleluia! Amen.

*HYMN 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



† *The paintings of the Exodus story, depicting God as the pillar of fire by night and cloud by day leading the Israelites from slavery to freedom through the Red Sea, are original pieces by Bob Dencker for the Great Vigil of Easter, 2016 and 2017, respectively.*

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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