

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

Saturday 19 April A✠D 2025



OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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✠ Hymns ✠

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SERVICE NOTES

There is no Invocation at the Vigil and the service begins quietly, without bells or Prelude. While the Easter texts and great event are very much in view, the real height of the service is the Holy Communion as announced with the ancient versicle, “Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!”

The Service is comprised of six parts: The Services of The (1) Light, (2) Readings, (3) Holy Baptism, (4) Prayer, (5) Word, and (6) Holy Communion.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

The congregation gathers in the Parish Hall. All are given unlit candles. Once the Paschal Candle is blessed and lit, you may light your candle from it or from someone else’s flame as the light is shared.

To genuflect is to kneel briefly on either one knee or two, rising again almost immediately. This orchestrated congregational ceremony is unique to Good Friday Chief Service and the Great Easter Vigil. In this context, genuflecting itself is understood as a form of prayer. At the direction of the Pastor, we genuflect and then rise for the Collects. If it is too difficult for you to genuflect and stand back up immediately, please remain standing and simply bow if you are able at the times noted GENUFLECT.

8:00PM

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE LIGHT ✠

The congregation gathers in the Parish Hall. All are given unlit candles. They will be lit from the Paschal Candle.

In the darkness, a fire is kindled.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

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 Sacrament, we share in His victory over death.

THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE AND THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Let us pray. O God, who by Thy Son hast bestowed upon Thy faithful the fire of Thy love: hallow ✠ to the benefit of our use this New Fire, and grant us by this Paschal feast to be so enkindled with heavenly desires that with cleansed hearts we may be enabled to attain to the perpetual feast of glory; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

*The pastor traces the cross and the Greek letters
Alpha and Omega, saying:*

Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and the Omega.

He traces the year saying:

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

He inserts the five nails into the cross, saying:

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

Lighting the candle from the newly kindled fire, he says:

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

Amen.

Let us pray. Lord God, Almighty Father, unfailing Light, and holy Maker of all things, who hast lightened all the world: through this light, hallowed and blessed by Thee, lighten Thou our hearts with the fire of Thy glory, even as Thou didst lighten the face of Moses, that we may be worthy to attain unto life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

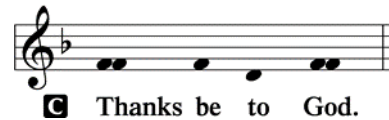
Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE HANDHELD CANDLES FROM THE PASCHAL CANDLE (OR FROM ONE ANOTHER)

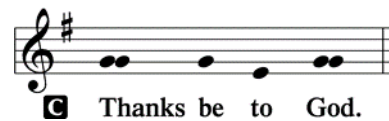
Light your candle from the Paschal Candle once the bearer kneels or light it from one another's flame as it is shared.

THE PROCESSION OF LIGHT

Once all have lit candles, we follow in procession the bearer of the Paschal Candle stopping first at the entrance of the sanctuary, where he chants:

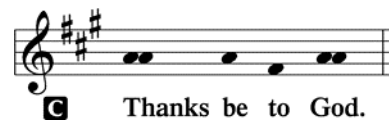


...in the middle of the sanctuary:



All the people should find a place in the pews by this point.

At the font and stand the candle bearer concludes:



The Paschal Candle, the Light of Christ, is seated.

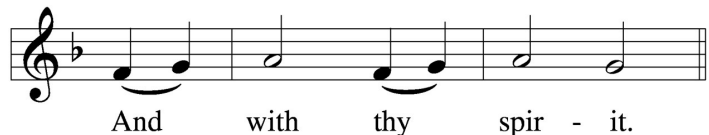
THE EXULTET

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

THE EASTER PREFACE

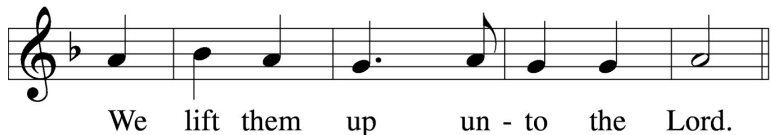
The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4: 22



Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3: 1]



Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]



It is truly meet, 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 this 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.



THE PROCLAMATION

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.

*Please extinguish your candle.
The nave becomes partially lit.*

Please BE SEATED

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE READINGS ✠

*The prophecies are read in the manner of Good Friday,
in a simpler style, without ornamentation, introduction, or response,
each followed by standing, a genuflection, and standing again for a collect.*

THE FIRST PROPHECY

GENESIS 1:1–2:2

After the reader turns to the altar at the conclusion of each prophecy and says, “Let us pray,” please STAND at that time.

If it is too difficult for you to genuflect and stand back up immediately, please remain standing and bow instead.

Let us pray.—*STAND*

Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*

Let us rise.—*STAND*

THE COLLECT

O God, who didst wonderfully create man, and more wonderfully didst redeem him: give unto us, we beseech Thee, strength of mind to stand against the allurements of sin, that we may attain unto joys eternal; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Please BE SEATED

THE SECOND PROPHECY

GENESIS 5:32–6:3, 5–7, 11–22;

7:6–7, 11–14A, 18B–22, 23B–8:3A, 6–11, 15–21A

Let us pray.—*STAND*

Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*

Let us rise.—*STAND*

THE COLLECT

O God, of unchangeable power and eternal light: mercifully regard the wonderful mystery of Thy whole Church, and work in tranquility the work of human salvation by Thine unchanging power; and may the whole world know and see that the things which were cast down are raised up, and things which were grown old are made new, and all things return to perfection by Him through whom they took their beginning; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Please BE SEATED

THE THIRD PROPHECY

GENESIS 22:1–19

Let us pray.—*STAND*

Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*

Let us rise.—*STAND*

THE COLLECT

O God, who didst set forth unto mankind as an example of obedience the works of Thy servant Abraham: grant unto us also to break the crookedness of our will, and in all things to fulfill the straightness of Thy precepts; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Please BE SEATED

THE FOURTH PROPHECY

EXODUS 14:24–15:1A

Let us pray.—*STAND*

Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*

Let us rise.—*STAND*

THE COLLECT

O God, whose ancient miracles we perceive to cast their beams even on our age; and who, stretching out the right hand of Thy power to deliver one people from Egyptian persecution, didst turn it unto the working out of the salvation of the Gentiles through the water of regeneration: grant, we beseech Thee, that the fulness of the whole world may become children of Abraham, and succeed to the honorable estate of Israel; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Please BE SEATED

THE FIFTH PROPHECY

ISAIAH 54:17B—55:11

Let us pray.—*STAND*Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*Let us rise.—*STAND***THE COLLECT**

O God, who dost always multiply Thy Church by the calling of the Gentiles: mercifully be pleased to defend those whom Thou dost wash in the water of Baptism with Thy continual protection; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.*Please BE SEATED***THE SIXTH PROPHECY**

BARUCH 3:9–37

Let us pray.—*STAND*Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*Let us rise.—*STAND***THE COLLECT**

O God, of unchangeable power and eternal light: mercifully regard the wonderful sacrament of Thy whole Church, and grant Thy servants that what we perform with devotion, we may also keep with rightness of life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.*Please BE SEATED***THE SEVENTH PROPHECY**

EZEKIEL 37:1–14

Let us pray.—*STAND*Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*Let us rise.—*STAND***THE COLLECT**

Almighty and Everlasting God: multiply for the honor of Thy name what Thou didst pledge to the faith of the fathers, and increase the children of promise by holy adoption, that what the saints of old did not doubt would come to pass, Thy Church may now acknowledge as in part being fulfilled; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.*Please BE SEATED***THE EIGHTH PROPHECY**

ISAIAH 4:1–6

Let us pray.—*STAND*Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*Let us rise.—*STAND***THE COLLECT**

O God, who in the pages of both Testaments hast instructed us in the celebration of the Paschal Sacrament: give unto us a sense of Thy mercies, that from our experience of the present, our hope of the blessings to come may be confirmed; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.*Please BE SEATED***THE NINTH PROPHECY**

EXODUS 12:1–11

Let us pray.—*STAND*Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*Let us rise.—*STAND***THE COLLECT**

Almighty, Everlasting God, who in all Thy works art wonderful in dispensation: may Thy redeemed know that there is nothing more excellent since the world began than that Christ was

offered up at the end of the world; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Please BE SEATED

THE TENTH PROPHECY

JONAH 3:1-10A

Let us pray.—*STAND*

Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*

Let us rise.—*STAND*

THE COLLECT

O God, who hast united the diversity of all nations in the confession of Thy name: grant to Thy servants both to will and to be able to do what Thou commandest; that Thy people, being called to an eternal inheritance, may have one faith in their hearts and one piety in their deeds; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

THE ELEVENTH PROPHECY

DEUTERONOMY 31:22-30

Let us pray.—*STAND*

Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*

Let us rise.—*STAND*

THE COLLECT

O God, who hast commanded us through the mouths of the prophets to forsake things temporal, and to hasten after things eternal: grant to Thy servants that those things which we acknowledge to be commanded by Thee we may be enabled by heavenly inspiration to fulfill; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Please BE SEATED

THE TWELFTH PROPHECY

DANIEL 3:1-23;

PRAYER OF AZARIAH 1:1

Let us pray.—*STAND*

Let us kneel.—*GENUFLECT*

Let us rise.—*STAND*

THE COLLECT

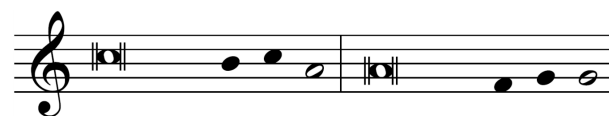
Almighty and Everlasting God, the hope of the world, who by the voice of Thy prophets hast manifested the Mysteries of this present time: graciously increase the desires of Thy people: since without Thy inspiration none of the faithful can advance in any virtue; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

THE CANTICLE

Benedicite, omnia opera

Benedicite, omnia opera, is the song ascribed by the earliest sources to the three young men as they confessed the Lord's deliverance in the midst of the furnace. It is sung as the conclusion to The Service of the Readings.



The three children at the king's command
were cast into the / fur-nace,
fearing not the flame of fire but saying: Bless-ed / be-God.

All you works of the LORD, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.

**You angels of the LORD, / bless the LORD;
you heavens, / bless the LORD.**

All you powers of the LORD, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev-er.

**You sun and moon, / bless the LORD;
you stars of heaven, / bless the LORD.**



You showers and dew, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev—er.

**You winds of God, / bless the LORD;
you fire and heat, / bless the LORD.**

You winter and summer, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev—er.

**You dews and frost, / bless the LORD;
you frost and cold, / bless the LORD.**

You ice and snow, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev—er.

**You nights and days, / bless the LORD;
you light and darkness, / bless the LORD.**



You lightnings and clouds, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev—er.

**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;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev—er.

**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;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev—er.

**All you birds of the air, / bless the LORD;
all you beasts and cattle, / bless the LORD.**



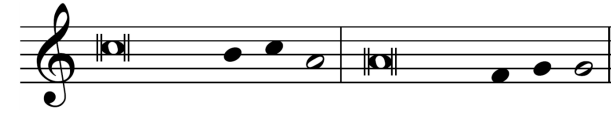
All you children of mortals, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev—er.

**You people of God, / bless the LORD;
you priests of the Lord, / bless the LORD.**

You servants of the LORD, / bless the LORD;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev—er.

**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 / Spir—it;
praise Him and magnify Him for- / ev—er.



The three children at the king's command
were cast into the / fur—nace,
fearing not the flame of fire but saying: Bless-ed / be—God.

Please BE SEATED



✠ THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠

*The Service of Holy Baptism is always celebrated
at the Vigil as a remembrance of Baptism.*

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 but alive to God in Jesus Christ.”

Please STAND

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Thy strict judgment Thou didst condemn the unbelieving world through the flood, yet by Thy great mercy, Thou didst preserve believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. Thou didst drown hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Thy people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Thy Holy Baptism. By the Baptism in the Jordan of Thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Thou didst sanctify and institute all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin. We beseech Thee to regard us all in accordance with Thy boundless mercy and bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that by this saving flood all sin in us, inherited from Adam and committed by us since, may be drowned and die. Grant that we may be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the throng of unbelievers and serving Thy name at all time with a fervent spirit and a joyous hope, that, with all believers in Thy promise, we might be deemed worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen

Do you renounce the devil?

Yes, I renounce him.

Do you renounce all his works?

Yes, I renounce them.

Do you renounce all his ways?

Yes, I renounce them.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

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 and ascended into heaven; He sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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. Amen.

☩ THE SERVICE OF PRAYER ☩

Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

O Lord,
have mercy.

O Christ,
have mercy.

O Lord,
have mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

hear us.

Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

have mercy upon us.

Who foretold Your passion saying, “The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,”

have mercy upon us.

Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,

have mercy upon us.

Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,

have mercy upon us.

Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

have mercy upon us.

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,

have mercy upon us.

Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,

have mercy upon us.

Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

have mercy upon us.

Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,

have mercy upon us.

Who appeared to Peter and the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,

have mercy upon us.

Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,

have mercy upon us.

By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,

good Lord, deliver us.

By Your victory over sin and death,

good Lord, deliver us.

By the majesty of Your risen body,

good Lord, deliver us.

We poor sinners implore you,

to hear us, Lord Jesus.

That we may daily die and rise with you in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,

grant us, good Lord.

That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,

grant us, good Lord.

That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

grant us, good Lord.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

grant us Your peace.

O Lord,

have mercy.

O Christ,

have mercy.

O Lord,

have mercy. Amen.

Please BE SEATED

THE HYMN

447:16-21 *Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*

*During the hymn the paraments are changed from violet to gold
and the pastor is now vested in gold.*

*The altar candles are lit from the paschal candle,
the bells are pealed, and all lights come on.*

Please STAND at the conclusion of the bells being pealed.

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

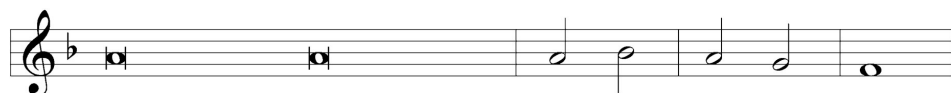
ST. LUKE 2:14; ST. JOHN 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



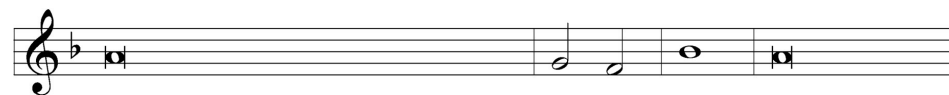
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



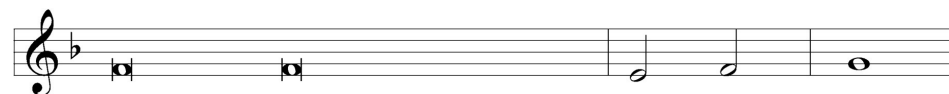
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O ✠ Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE COLLECT

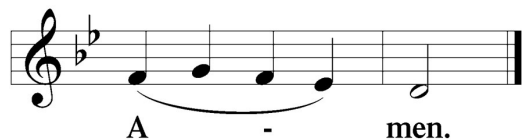
The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.



Let us pray. O God, who dost enlighten this most holy night with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection: preserve in all Thy people the spirit of adoption, which Thou hast given, so that, renewed in body and soul, they may perform unto Thee pure service; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Please BE SEATED

THE EPISTLE

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Brethren: If ye be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

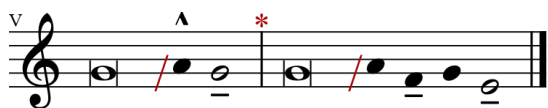
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND

THE ALLELUIA VERSE AND TRACT

PSALM 118:1; 117:1-2A



Alle- / luia.
- / Alleluia!

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD; for / He is good:

Because His mercy en- / dureth forever.

Oh, praise the LORD, all ye / nations:

Praise Him, / all ye people.

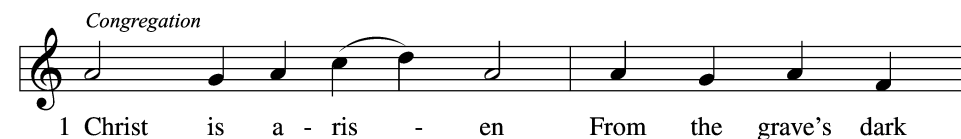
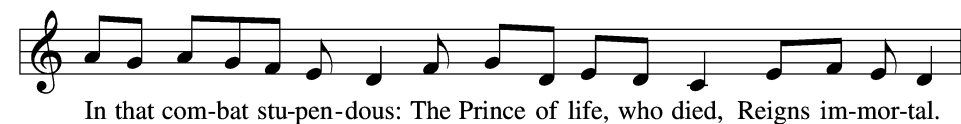
For His merciful kindness is great / toward us:

And the truth of the LORD endureth forever. / Alleluia!

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Victimae Paschali

*The cantor sings 'Cantor/Choir' portions solo,
then all the faithful join to sing the 'Congregation' portions:*



"The tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing, The glo-ry of Je-sus' res-ur-rec - tion;

Bright an - gels at - test - ing, The shroud and nap - kin rest - ing.

My Lord, my hope, is a - ris - en; To Gal - i - lee He goes be - fore you."

Congregation

2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still

our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,

We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor/Choir

Christ in - deed from death is ris - en, Our new life ob - tain - ing.

Have mer - cy, vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing!

Congregation

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;

Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 28:1-7

The Lord be with you.

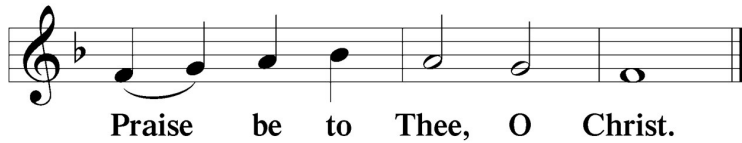
And with thy spir - it.

The continuation of the ✠ Holy Gospel ✠ according to ✠ Saint Matthew.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time:* In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please BE SEATED

THE PASCHAL HOMILY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

THE HYMN OF THE DAY 487 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

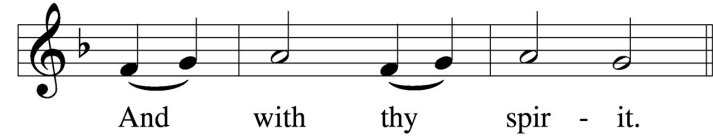
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THE SERVICE OF
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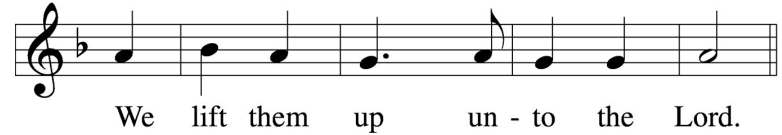
The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22



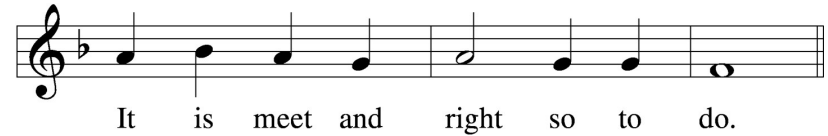
Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]



Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, and most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world; by His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

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.

THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

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.

THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please BE SEATED



THE COMMUNION HYMNS

488 *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word*

633 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

458 *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*

Please STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32




Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.



THE THANKSGIVING

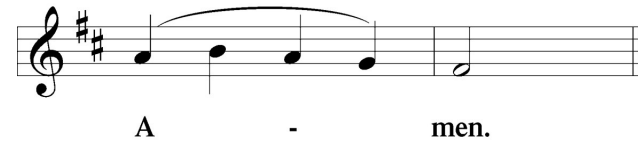
PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Let us pray. Pour into us, O Lord, the Spirit of Thy love, that they whom Thou hast satisfied with the Paschal Sacrament may by Thy goodness be made of one mind; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

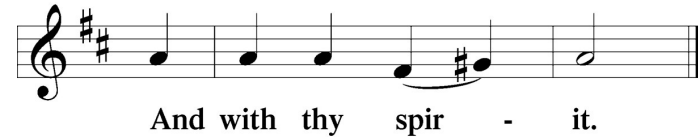


A - men.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

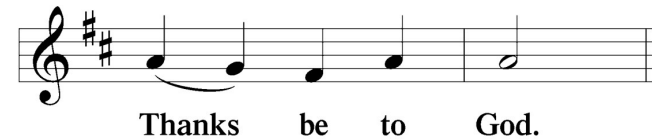


And with thy spir - it.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



Thanks be to God.

Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



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

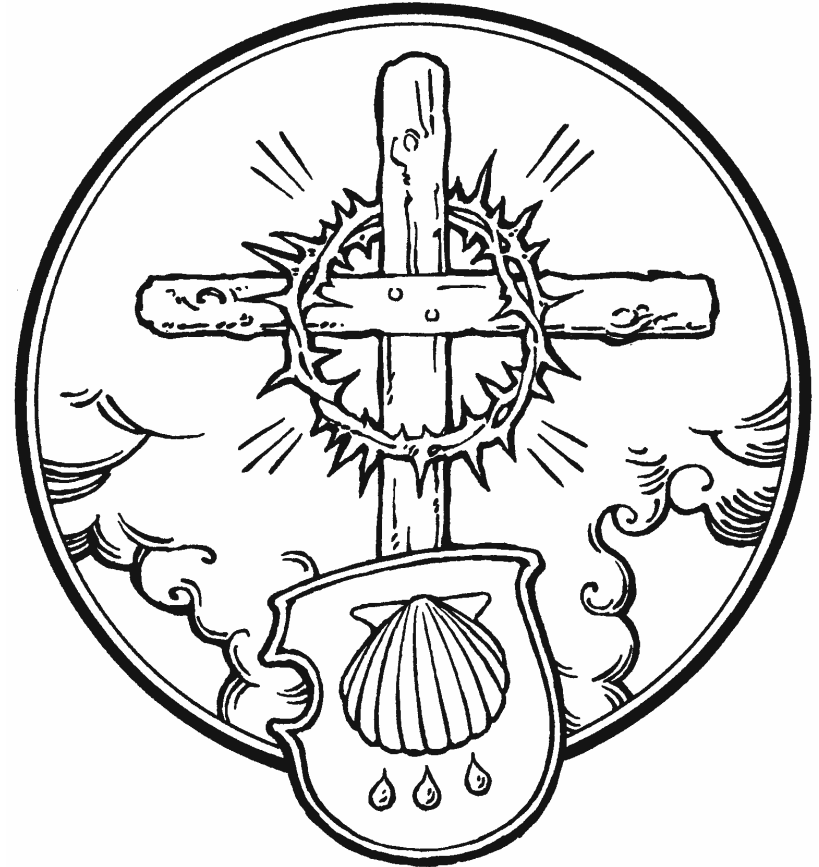
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THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Please FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.

Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ☩ peace.

Any offerings may be left at the door.



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