

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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***“This is the night in which all who believe in Christ
are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin,
are renewed in grace,
and are restored to holiness.”***

Assembly gathers by the fire in the Garden of the Resurrection

+The Service of Light+

+Greeting

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

And also with you.

+Prayer

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth

with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+Blessing and Lighting of Paschal Candle

The presiding minister traces the inscription on the paschal candle with Holy Chrism.

Christ, yesterday and today, ✚
the beginning and the ending. Α Ω
To Christ belongs all time 2
and all the ages; 0
to Christ belongs glory and dominion 2
now and forever. 6

Amen.

The presiding minister lights the paschal candle from the new fire.

P: The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

An assisting minister lifts the candle high and intones:

A: The light of Christ. **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

The procession into the darkened church begins, led by the paschal candle. At the door of the church, the assisting minister lifts the candle high and intones:

A: The light of Christ. **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

All light their candles from the paschal candle and the procession enters the church. After arriving at the paschal candle stand the assisting minister intones again:

A: The light of Christ. **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

*The **EASTER PROCLAMATION** is sung after the candle is placed in its stand.*

A: Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen! Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation. Rejoice, O earth, in splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever. Rejoice, O holy 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.

A: The Lord be with you.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

A: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that with full devotion of heart and mind and voice we should praise the invisible God, and the only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, by his precious blood, redeemed us from bondage to the ancient sin. For this indeed is the Paschal Feast in which the true Lamb is slain, by whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy.

A: This is the night **C: THIS IS THE NIGHT**

A: in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, and led them, dry-shod, through the sea.

A: This is the night **C: THIS IS THE NIGHT**

A: in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness.

A: This is the night **C: THIS IS THE NIGHT**

A: in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph. O night truly blessed, which alone was worthy to know the time and the hour in which Christ arose again from hell!

A: This is the night **C: THIS IS THE NIGHT**

A: of which it is written: "The night is as clear as the day," and, "then shall my night be turned into day." The holiness of this night puts to flight the deeds of wickedness; washes away sin; restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn; casts out hate; brings peace; and humbles earthly pride. Therefore, in this night of grace, receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, reflected in the burning of this candle. We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished even when its light is divided and borrowed. For it is fed by the melting wax which the bees, your servants, have made for the substance of this candle.

A: This is the night **C: THIS IS THE NIGHT**

A: in which heaven and earth are joined – things human and things divine. We, therefore, pray to you, O God, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the darkness of night and be mingled with the lights of heaven. May Christ the Morning Star find it burning, that Morning Star who never sets, that Morning Star who, rising from the grave, faithfully sheds light on the whole human race.

And we pray, O God, rule, govern, and preserve with your continual protection your whole church, giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: AMEN.**

+Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Candles are extinguished. A few lights in the church are lighted.

+The Service of Readings+

+First Lesson

Creation – Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Response: Psalm 136 **“Love Is Never Ending”**

*Cantor sings verses. **Assembly sings refrain in bold.***

We give thanks unto you, O God of might:

for your love is never ending,

We give thanks unto you, the God of gods:

for your love is never ending.

In your wisdom and love you shaped the skies:

for your love is never ending,

You spread out the earth upon the sea:
for your love is never ending.

You have filled all the skies with glory and light:
for your love is never ending,
The sun for the day and moon for the night:
for your love is never ending.

From of old you have led your people in faith:
for your love is never ending,
You have shown your compassion, strength and love:
for your love is never ending.

Silent reflection.

PRAYER

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

+Second Lesson

*Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea – Exodus 14:10-31;
15:20-21*

Response: **“Wade in the Water”**
Sung by all

Refrain
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader All

1 See that host all dressed in white,
 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

wa - ter; the lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite,
 looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led,
 the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream,

All *Refrain*

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

Silent reflection.

PRAYER

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation offered to everyone by the water of baptism. 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.**

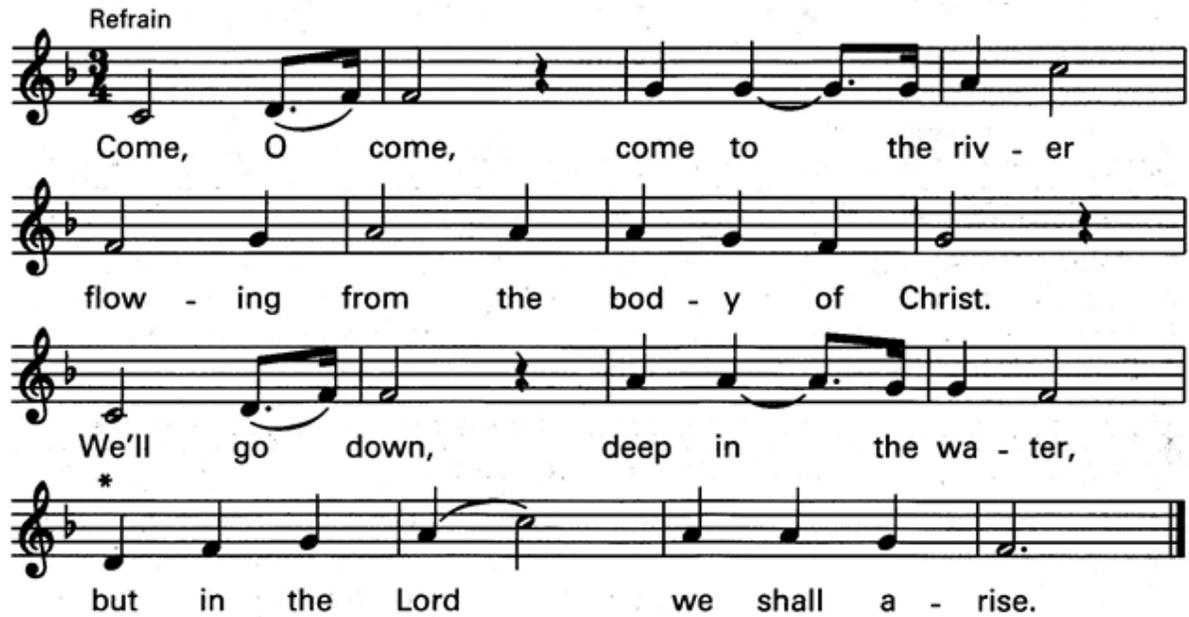
+Third Lesson

Salvation Freely Offered to All – Isaiah 55:1-11

Response: **“Come to the River”**

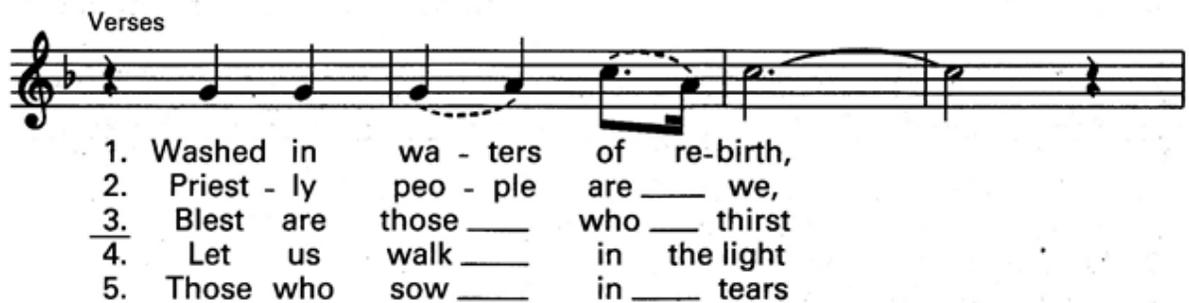
Sung by all

Refrain



Come, O come, come to the riv - er
flow - ing from the bod - y of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the wa - ter,
but in the Lord we shall a - rise.

Verses



1. Washed in wa - ters of re-birth,
2. Priest - ly peo - ple are we,
3. Blest are those who thirst
4. Let us walk in the light
5. Those who sow in tears



to Refrain

1. we have put on Christ Je - sus.
2. sealed and sent by the Spir - it.
3. for the reign of God's jus - tice.
4. of God's ho - ly prom - ise.
5. reap the har - vest re - joic - ing.

*Repeat phrase final time.

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Silent reflection.

PRAYER

Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit. 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 Lesson

Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace – Daniel 3:1-29

Response: **“All Creatures, Worship God Most High”**

Sung by all



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen - dor
rain: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur - dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
care, praise God in col - o - rs bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



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

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

Silent reflection.

PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ The Renewal of Baptism +

+PRESENTATION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P/ Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism as we present ourselves before God this night to affirm our baptism into Christ.

+PRAYER

The presiding minister prays:

P/ Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as we affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

+ PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P/ I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P/ Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P/ Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

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

C: I renounce them.

P/ Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P/ Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P/ Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

P/ You have made public profession of 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?

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

BLESSING

+PRAYER OF BLESSING

The presiding minister continues:

P/ Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in each of us the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

ACCLAMATION

+BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P/ When we were joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we were clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Together let us remember our baptism.

The presiding minister gives thanks:

P/ Blessed are you, O God of grace. From age to age you made water a sign of your presence among us. In the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you created the world by your word, calling forth life in which you took delight. You led Israel safely through the Red Sea into the land of promise, and in the waters of the Jordan, you proclaimed Jesus your beloved one. By water and the Spirit you adopted us as your daughters and sons, making us heirs of the promise and servants of God. Through this water remind us of our baptism. Shower us with your Spirit, that your forgiveness, grace, and love may be renewed in our lives. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN

“Baptized in Water”

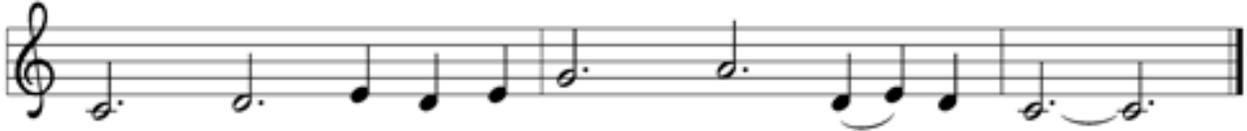
During the singing of the hymn, water from the font is sprinkled upon the assembly in remembrance of baptism.



- 1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
- 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
- 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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At the conclusion of this action, the presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P/ Almighty God,
 who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
 and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins,
 keep us in eternal life
 through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+The Holy Communion+

+Greeting

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

+Hymn of Praise “This is the Feast”

As the Hymn of Praise is sung, the lights are put on, sanctuary candles are lit, and the sanctuary is prepared for the first Mass of the Resurrection.

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

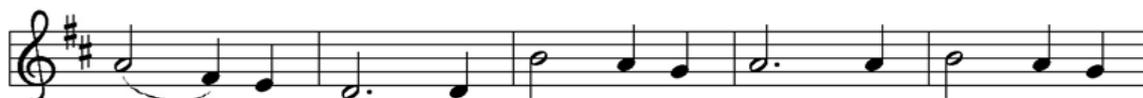


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+New Testament Reading *Romans 6:3-11*

+ Holy Gospel

St. John 20:1-18

+Hymn of the Day “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

+Prayers of Intercession (response: “hear our prayer”)

Prayers of Intercession

Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need, responding “hear our prayer.”

A brief silence.

You unite all the baptized in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Empower the church to proclaim your redeeming love for all the world, and bless all who are newly welcomed into the body of Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In the beginning, you breathed life into the world. Fill your creation with the spirit of life, that all the waters and dry lands, all the vegetation and creatures of air, sea, and land might flourish. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You call to the waters all who thirst. Hear the cries of your people, comfort those who weep, console all who grieve, and bring healing to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list, and those we name before you aloud or in our hearts *pause for names*. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

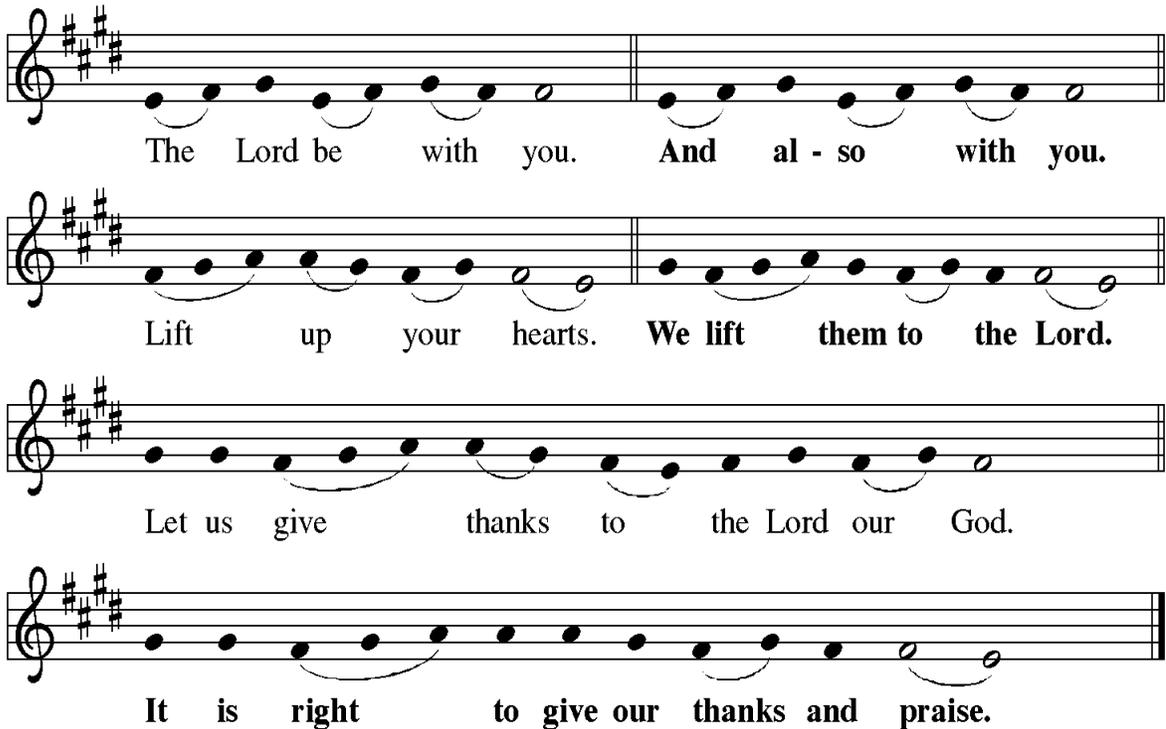
You delight in the generations. Bless children and elders alike as they discover the central stories of our faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You welcome your saints to eternal rest at your side. We sing in thanksgiving for all the faithful departed and entrust them to your care, until we join them in the life everlasting. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

+Sharing of the Peace

+Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus



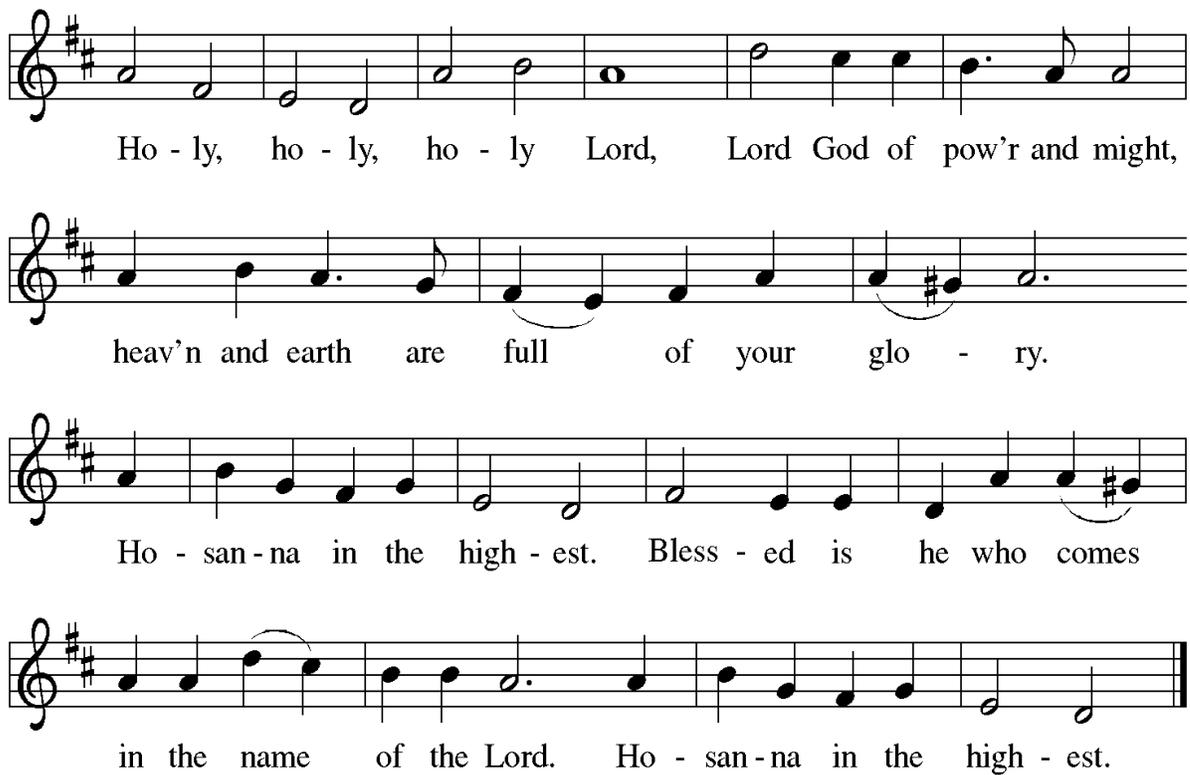
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+Thanksgiving at Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
 Your mercy is everlasting
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
 to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With Blessed Mary, Mother of our Lord, Peter the Apostle, Mary
Magdalene, the first to see the Risen Lord, and your holy ones of all
times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever. **Amen.+**

+Our Father



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

+Invitation to Communion

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to come to his Supper.

C: **O Lord, we are not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and we shall be healed.**

+Sending Hymn "We know that Christ is Raised"



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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+Postlude "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Peter Pindar Stearns

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

IN OUR PRAYERS FOR COMFORT AND HEALING ARE: Alie, Raket Anderson, Annette, Jean B., J. Bauer, Cael Begley, Margaret Belt, Rich Bender, Karin Bergesen, Betsey Berry, Anthony Bonello, Betty Bose, Brenda, Bobby Burns, Annabelle Carini, John Carini, Fran Casola, Claire, Anthony Ceriello, Christel Clausen, The Colozzi Family, Nancy Couture, Mitch Crowley, Jackie DeVille, Avery Doino, Mary Donnelly, Elaine, Wayne Ericksen, Felix, Melinda Geis, Ella Giana, Sal Giannotta, Frank Gonzalez, Kristen Bruce-Gonzalez, Gregory, Thomas H., Ed and June Heidelberger, Charlie Hoffman, Jennifer Hoffman, Josephine Hoffman, Herbert Holzmann, Jennifer Howard, Dylan Israelian, Joanne, Joe, Cliff Johnson, Brian Kennedy, Judy Korsh, Erik Krisch, Kristen, Melissa L., Terry Lago, Lauren, Douglas Lozel, Marissa Luethi, Loretta Lusteg, Laurie Mandel, Mark, Mason, Mel, Melissa, Stacy Mentnech, Herb Menzel, Doris Meyer, Katy Monte, Terry Moore, Jennifer Morrell, Debra Morsello, The Murphy Family, Steven N., Matthew Naeher, Kim Nallan, Jane O'Brien, Lucille Ochal, Pamela, Rose P., Patrick, Paul, Richard Pecchio, Dorothy Philcox, Keith Philcox, Jessica Pucci, Ron Pucci, Joseph, Lanie Raskin, Joan and Matt Reilly, Grace Revere, Lynn R., Margaret Rizzo, Doris Roche, Charlotte Roessle, Jim Rogin, Ruth, Jordan S., Sal, Susan Salerno, The Seale Family, Joan Sepp, Jeff Smith, Jeffrey Starke, Stephen, The Strumza Family, Suzanne Stoklosa, Annette Swanson, Gavin Tarsio, Todd, Peter T., Anna T., Julie Tiberie, Michael Wagner, Peter Weichner, Bill Witte, Kathy Zieran, Erwin Zimmermann.

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Courtney Burke, Paul Cassuti, John Delano, Jonathan Dixon, Walton Delano Gouldin, Eric Hank, Jr., Michael Hewson, Alycia A. Howard, Claire James, Justin MacDonald, Katie Mayer, Daniel Murray, Richard Mutari, Jay Rosenwald, Jake Sass, Kaitlin Stark, Bryce Michael Wheeler, Rachel Williams.



THE PASCAL CANDLE is given in loving memory of Corlyn Nedwick by the Wednesday morning Bible study group.

THE ALTAR HYDRANGEAS are given in honor of Jody and Rob love, Mom.

2026 EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS AND MEMORIALS

Karen Alicata	In loving memory of Everett P. Tompson, Jr.
Karen Alicata	In loving memory of Salvatore J. Alicata
Betty Bose	In memory of Nicole Lori Bose
Betty Bose	In memory of Keith W. Bose, Sr.
The Dragani Family	In loving memory or our beautiful Jenn
The Dragani Family	For our loved ones in Albania
The Forberg Family	In memory of loved ones
The Galea Family	In loving memory of Torkil and Gerd Johansen, and Frank and Dorothy Galea
The Isaksons	In loving memory of our loved ones
The Krisch Family	In memory of loved ones
The Krush Family	In memory of our loved ones
Meredith Mayer	In honor of loved ones
The Melton Family	In memory of our loved ones

Debra Nicholas	In loving memory of Corlyn Nedwick
Cyndi Nichols	In celebration of my family
The Pitfick Family	In memory of our loved ones
The Pitfick Family	In celebration of our family
Sandra Richards	In loving memory of David
Sandra Richards	In loving memory of Ralph Gallo
Melanie Rodenburgh	In memory of Bud and Jane Weber
Melanie Rodenburgh	In memory of departed loved ones
Charlotte Roessle	In loving memory of Frank Roessle love, Charlotte
Charlotte Roessle	In memory of loved ones.
Janet and Pastor Schoepflin	In loving memory of loved ones
The Seher Family	For our loved ones
Kathy Smith	In loving memory of Jack love, Kathy, Jody and Rob
Kathy Smith	In loving memory of Wendy love, Mom, Jody, and Rob
The Stark Family	In memory of our loved ones

Daily Bible Readings for Year A (April 5– April 12)

From *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Sun 4/5	<i>Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Day</i> Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10 <i>Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Evening</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 Luke 24:13-49
Mon 4/6	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Colossians 3:5-11
Tues 4/7	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Exodus 15:1-18 Colossians 3:12-17
Wed 4/8	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Joshua 3:1-7 Matthew 28:1-10
Thurs 4/9	Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 2:8-15 Colossians 4:2-5
Fri 4/10	Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 5:9—6:3 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Sat 4/11	Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 8:6-7 John 20:11-20
Sun 4/12	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

THE PARISH COUNCIL

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- Lauri Christiansen-Wegener, Outreach and Marketing (Evangelism)

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**Sunday Schedule 9:30am In person The Holy Eucharist
and Live stream via YouTube**

Sunday school N3 – Grade 5 9:30am In person

Monday Schedule 7:30pm In person The Holy Eucharist

NO MONDAY EVENING WORSHIP APRIL 6

OUR MISSION

The mission of Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, a spiritual home centered in Christ and community, is to share Jesus' love in our words and in our works as we welcome all to the family of God.



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