



St. Stephen Lutheran Church & Our Saviour's Lutheran Church The Three Days

Simply defined, The Three Days ("Triduum" in Latin) are the three days of Holy Week which focus intensely on Christ's passage from death to life: Maundy Thursday evening through Easter evening. The keeping of The Three Days has its roots in springtime rituals and in the Jewish celebration of the Passover. The Jewish people observed the passage from winter to spring by slaughtering a lamb and sharing a meal. This meal recalled the saving power of God and their thankfulness not only to have survived winter, but to have been freed from slavery. Christians layered onto this practice the observation of the death and resurrection of another lamb, Christ, the Lamb of God. The date for this observation coincided with the Jewish Passover. In the second and third centuries, this festival continued to evolve. Pascha (from the Greek, meaning "passage," as in Christ's passage from death to new life) became not only linked to the Passover as described in Exodus, but also to the waters of Baptism. Individuals or families were baptized at this time of the year. Thus what began as a Jewish celebration of the Passover became an annual celebration of the Resurrection. This annual celebration had become a three-day observance by the fourth century. After a period of preparation, Christians were welcomed into the church through baptism at the Vigil of Easter. Although Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and The Vigil were observed on three days, the event was regarded as one ritual with a dismissal given only at the Easter Vigil.



Maundy Thursday ***March 28, 2024***

The first Passover, as described in Exodus 12:1-14, seals Israel's covenant with God. The Lord is their only God, and they are God's chosen people. Both parties participate in this promise—the Hebrews by placing blood on their doorways, and the Lord by sparing the people from the angel of death. A commemoration of this meal is celebrated on a regular basis at Passover, as a reminder of the relationship between God and the people. The exodus story in itself tells of a binding and lasting covenant. Without negating that original covenant, Christians have added to the meaning of the Passover observance, by celebrating another meal as our binding and lasting covenant with the Lord. Communion is the sacrament for Christians that seals our covenant with God. We participate in the celebration by bringing bread and wine to the table, and God responds with the promise of forgiveness and salvation. The sacrament of communion is historically tied to Passover, as it was the reason for Jesus and his disciples to be in Jerusalem sharing a meal together the night before he was arrested. It is theologically tied to Passover as the symbolic meal, celebrated regularly, that reminds us of our covenant with God.

Invitation

Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

All kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Worshippers may come forward for the laying on of hands and words of forgiveness.

Hymns

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

Healer of Boundless Compassion

ELW 219

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.**

Prayer of the Day

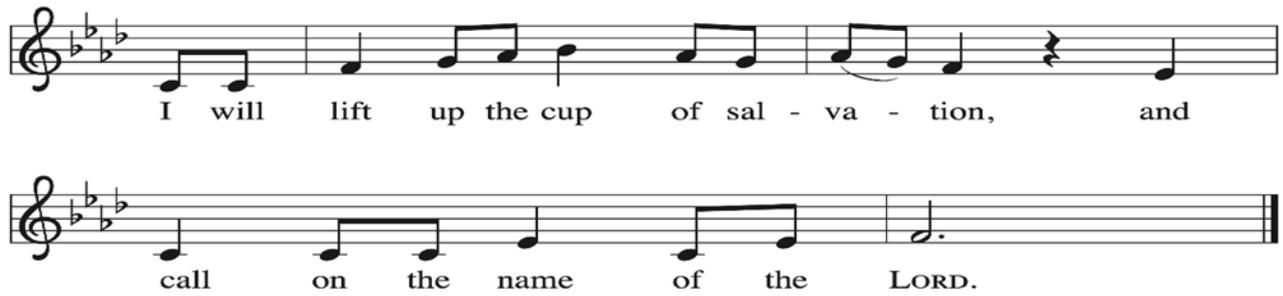
Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept.*

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19



¹I love the LORD, who has ¹heard my voice,
 and listened to my ¹supplication,
²**for the LORD has given ¹ear to me
 whenever ¹er I called.**
¹²How shall I re- ¹pay the LORD
 for all the good things God has ¹done for me?
¹³**I will lift the cup ¹of salvation
 and call on the name ¹of the LORD. *Refrain***
¹⁴I will fulfill my vows ¹to the LORD
 in the presence of ¹all God's people.
¹⁵**Precious in your ¹sight, O LORD,
 is the death ¹of your servants.**
¹⁶O LORD, truly I ¹am your servant;
 I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me ¹from my bonds.
¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice ¹of thanksgiving
 and call upon the name ¹of the LORD.**
¹⁸I will fulfill my vows ¹to the LORD
 in the presence of ¹all God's people,
¹⁹**in the courts of ¹the LORD's house,
 in the midst of you, ¹O Jerusalem. *Refrain***

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel Acclamation

I Give You a New Commandment



John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sermon

Footwashing Litany

O Prince of Peace, O Friend of Sinners, we praise you and give you thanks, because you laid aside your power as a garment and took upon yourself the form of a slave.

You became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

You allowed yourself to be born to die in our place.

You allowed your own feet to be anointed for death.

You allowed a sinner to wash your feet with her tears.

For God chose what is low and despised in the world to bring to nothing things that are.

Therefore, with the woman who gave you birth, with the woman who anointed you for death, with the woman who worshiped you with her tears, and with all our fellow sinners who have loved and served you from that time till now, we praise you, Lord Jesus.

O Eternal Father, blessed is our brother Jesus, who on that night before Passover, rose from the Supper, laid aside his garments took a towel and poured water, and washed his disciples' feet, saying to them: "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

Come now, mighty Spirit of God, wash us and make us one body in Christ, that, as we are bound together in this act of love, we may no longer be in bondage to the principalities and powers that enslave creation, but may know your liberating peace such as the world cannot give. Amen.

Footwashing

The ministers and people may wash each other's feet. After your feet are washed you are invited to remain and wash the feet of the next person or return to your seat and the pastor will wash the feet of the next person

Anthem*God is Here Today*

Arr. Tom Trenney

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition concludes, "Merciful God." Response: "Receive our prayer."

Offering

During our shared worship services, offerings received in St. Stephen or Our Saviours envelopes will go to the designated congregation. Loose offerings will go to RIP Med Debt.

Offering of Music*Were You There*

Arr. Brenda Austin

*St. Stephen Ringers***Offertory Prayer****The Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn *Where Charity and Love Prevail* ELW 359

Communion Music *Lamb of God, Most Holy* Arr. Cathy Moglebust
St. Stephen Ringers

Table Blessing

Prayer After Communion

The Stripping of the Altar

The service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits or kneels. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. Lights will be dimmed as the worship space is stripped. Stay as long as you wish for prayer. Please depart in silence. Our Triduum service will continue tomorrow evening at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 7:00 PM.

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Good Friday ***March 29, 2024***

A common question, especially among children and non-Christians, is why we call today good when it is the day on which Jesus was tortured and put to death. There are various theories for the origins of the name Good Friday. The word good might have originally meant holy, sacred, or pious. Good may be a corruption of the name God. Regardless of the initial intention of the name for this observance, the good news for us on Good Friday is that our salvation comes through the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection that we will celebrate on Easter. Today is good because it is necessary for our salvation to come.

Gathering

All gather in silence.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept.*

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 52:13--53:12

Psalm 22



My God, my God, why have you for - sak - en me?

- ¹My God, my God, why have you for-¹saken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words¹ of my groaning?
- ²**My God, I cry out by day, but you¹ do not answer;
by night, but I¹ find no rest.**
- ³Yet you are the¹ Holy One,
enthroned on the prais-¹es of Israel.
- ⁴**Our ancestors put their¹ trust in you,
they trusted, and you¹ rescued them. Refrain**
- ⁵They cried out to you and¹ were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not¹ put to shame.
- ⁶**But as for me, I am a worm¹ and not human,
scorned by all and despised¹ by the people.**
- ⁷All who see me laugh¹ me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they¹ shake their heads.
- ⁸**Trust in the LORD; let the¹ LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de-¹lights in him.” Refrain**
- ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth¹ from the womb,
and kept me safe on my¹ mother’s breast.
- ¹⁰**I have been entrusted to you ever since¹ I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my¹ mother’s womb.**
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trou-¹ble is near,
and there is no¹ one to help.
- ¹²**Many young bulls en-¹circle me;
strong bulls of Ba-¹shan surround me. Refrain**
- ¹³They open wide their¹ jaws at me,

like a slashing and | roaring lion.

**¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.

**¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;
they pierce my hands | and my feet. *Refrain***

¹⁷I can count | all my bones
while they stare at | me and gloat.

**¹⁸They divide my gar- | ments among them;
for my clothing, | they cast lots.**

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.

**²⁰Deliver me | from the sword,
my life from the power | of the dog.**

²¹Save me from the | lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

**²²I will declare your name | to my people;
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you. *Refrain***

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

**²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is
the LORD's face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

**²⁶The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

**²⁸For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations. *Refrain***

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

**³⁰Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation

Look to Jesus

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody is written on the top staff, and the bass line is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The phrase "last time" is written above the first and second occurrences of "Je - sus,". The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Look to Je - sus, *last time* look to Je - sus.

The Passion According to John (a Narrative Reading)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349

Bidding Prayers

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for name/s our bishops, for name/s our pastor(s), for name/s and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our 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.

Procession of the Cross

The following dialogue is spoken as the procession begins, in the midpoint of the procession and at the end of the procession.

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

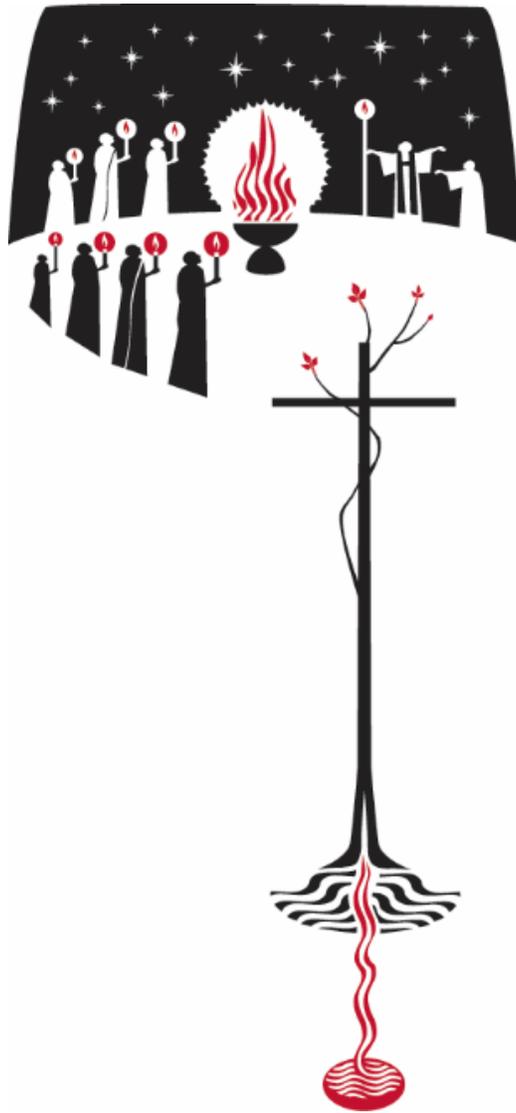
Oh, come, let us worship him.

Hymn of Triumph

There in God's Garden
Choir sings stanza 4

ELW 342

As you leave, please depart in silence. Worshipers may reverence the cross before they depart.



Easter Vigil

March 30, 2024

In its present structure the Vigil dates to the early 2nd century. The Vigil is filled with primordial symbols - light and darkness, fire and water, bread and wine - and with dramatic transitions - from darkness to light, from death to new life, from bondage to liberation, from fasting to great Eucharistic feasting. (“Eucharist” from the Greek for thanksgiving.) Throughout the Vigil, we celebrate Christ’s passage from death to resurrection as a new moment in salvation history, a moment in which Christians are active participants through Word and Baptism and Holy Communion (what Lutherans call “word and sacrament”). The Vigil consists of four parts: Light, Readings, Baptism and Holy Communion.

The service begins in darkness, after nightfall. The lighting of a new fire takes place outside the church building. All gather in silence.

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.**

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, 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. May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Candles are lit. We process bringing Christ's light into the Church.

The light of Christ!
Thanks be to God!

The light of Christ!
Thanks be to God!

The light of Christ!
Thanks be to God!

Easter Proclamation

Rejoice now, all heavenly choirs of angels,
and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation;
and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation.

Exult, also O earth,
enlightened with such radiance;
and made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King
know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world.

Be glad also, O mother Church,
clothed with the brightness of such a light,
And let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should with full devotion of heart and mind and voice praise the invisible God, the Father Almighty, and his only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ; who paid for us the debt of Adam to the eternal Father, and who, by his precious blood, redeemed us

from the 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. This is the night in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forbearers, the children of Israel, from the land of Egypt; and led them, dry-shod, through the Red Sea. 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 holiness, by the rising brightness. This is the night 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 wherein Christ arose again from hell! O night truly blessed in which heaven and earth are joined – things human and things divine. We therefore pray to you, O Lord, that He, in whose honor this candle burns, will continue to vanquish the darkness of this night and faithfully shed light on all the human race; through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and rules with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given 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.**

Please extinguish your candle when the pastor's is extinguished.

Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a God Creates the World

Response: *Many and Great* ELW 837

(Silence for Prayer)

Prayer

Reading: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 God Delivers Us from Bondage

Response: *I Will Sing to the Lord* Julie Lindorff

Women's Choir

(Silence for Prayer)

Prayer

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 God Offers Salvation Freely to All

Response: *As the Deer Runs to the River* ELW 331

(Silence for Prayer)

Prayer

Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 A Vision of New Life Coming into Us As a People

Response: *Dem Bones* arrangement Audrey Snyder

Women's Choir

(Silence for Prayer)

Prayer

Reading: Jonah 1:1—2:1 A Story of Deliverance

Response: *Jonah Prayed* Carolyn Jennings

Women's Choir

(Silence for Prayer)

Prayer

Reading: Daniel 3:1-29

A Story of Deliverance

Response: *All You Works of God, Bless the Lord*

Jamaican Folk Song



1 All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you an - gels, now
2 Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove, stars of heav - en, now
3 Frost of win - ter with song so cold, dew's of sum - mer, your
4 Hills and moun - tains, now sing his worth, all you green things that



bless the Lord; come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,
sing his love; dew and show - ers, you winds that blow,
song un - fold; light and dark - ness, you day and night,
grow on earth; seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,

Refrain



praise the Lord and his maj - es - ty:
heat and fire, you ice and snow: Raise your voic - es high,
clouds of thun - der, you light-nings bright:
beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:



praise and mag - ni - fy, all you works of God, bless the Lord!

5 Come, humanity, sing along,
sing, you people of God, a song;
priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
join, you spirits and souls at rest: *Refrain*

6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
all you humble, his praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
bless the Spirit forevermore! *Refrain*

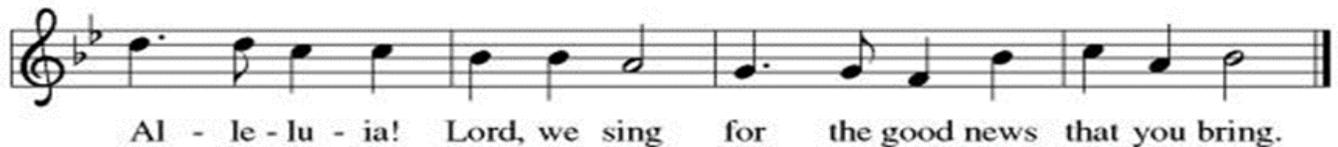
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(Silence for Prayer)

Prayer

New Testament Reading: Romans 6:3-11

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Affirmation of Baptism & Profession of Faith

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

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

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.

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?

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

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

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

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people 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.

Amen.

Offering & Offering of Music Angels, Roll the Sone Away Setting, Healey Willan
Women's Choir

Offertory Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn God, the Sculptor of the Mountains

ELW 737

Table Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Blessing

**The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Signs and Wonders

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude



Tonight we begin in the darkness of the tomb and conclude with the Alleluias of Easter! Stay after worship to celebrate Easter with champagne and sparkling cider, strawberries, chocolate and s'mores!