

**The Sacred Paschal  
Triduum  
(Part III)  
The Vigil of Easter**



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

# April 19, 2025

## **Welcome to All Who Worship**

We are **broken** and **blessed** followers of Christ providing a **home** for all who wander the weary road.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Our Mission**

Gaining and nurturing disciples for Christ through the Word and Sacrament, and proclaiming to all people traditional Biblical truths as a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

## **Holy Communion**

**To Our Guests:** We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

**To Those Communing Today:** God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the meditation material in this bulletin to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by an usher with a tray of individual cups. The pastor will then follow with the Chalice.

Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

**Offering:** If you have a monetary offering, you are invited to place it in the offering plate on the table at the back of the center aisle. The offerings will be brought forward and presented as an act of worship during the service. If

you missed the opportunity to place your offering beforehand, another plate will remain in the back after the service.

## A Very Long Name



“Treebeard” by Alan Lee

To those who are not of the household of faith, what we are about to do must look very peculiar. We are about to stand in the dark, carry candles about, sing lengthy and sublime religious tests, read stories from the Bible. What does this all mean? What is going on here in this community?

I think that I first came to understand what this was all about and why I came to think that this was the most important thing in my life when I read *The Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien. In their wandering and meandering, two of the main characters, called hobbits, meet a talking tree, called an Ent, and they introduce themselves and the conversation proceeds:

"I'm a Brandybuck, Meriadoc Brandybuck, though most people call me just Merry."

"And I'm a Took, Peregín Took, but I'm generally called Pippin, or even Pip."

"Hm, but you are hasty folk, I see," said Treebeard. "I am honored by your confidence; but you should not be too free all at once. There are Ents and Ents, you know; or there are Ents and things that look like Ents but ain't, as you might say. I'll call you Merry and Pippin, if you please - nice names. For I am not going to tell you my name, not yet at any rate." A queer half-knowing, half-humorous look came with a green flicker into his eyes. "For

one thing it would take a very long while: my name is growing all the time, and I've lived a very long, long time; so my name is like a story. Real names tell you the story of the things they belong to in my language, in the Old Entish as you might say. It is a lovely language, but it takes a very long time to say anything in it, because we do not say anything in it, unless it is worth taking a long time to say, and to listen to."

To use Treebeard's mode of expression, we are not going to be hasty folk tonight, satisfied with glibly saying the name "Christian." Tonight, you might say, is "Old Entish" night in the church. Tonight we are going to tell our name - to ourselves, by way of reminder, to those who will become part of us this night through baptism and confirmation, and to those of the world who will listen, who will take the time to hear what our name is.

And our name is a very long one, one that has been growing since the creation of the world. Our name is a very long story - of how we are made, of how God chose us from among all peoples, of how God liberated us from bondage, of how God planted us in the promised land, of how, in these last times, God has given a new twist, given our name meaning in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Because we have been here for so long, it takes a long time to tell who we are, to recount the story of our life as a people, and none of us would be here if we did not think that that name was worth telling and listening to. Now the trick to this kind of name telling is to relax. You cannot be hasty in this time ahead of us. Haste will stop up your ears finally, and then you will not hear this lovely language and our beautiful name.

Relax and make yourself comfortable in the darkness and don't even try to "make sense" of the name. Just hear it, let it roll over you in waves of meanings. Tonight we are going to listen to a series of episodes, not write a theological treatise on the resurrection. A practical word about relaxing: if you need to get up and move about, do so. If you need a breath of fresh air, go out to get it. We'll still be telling the story when you rejoin us. Whatever you need to do to stay comfortable, do it. All of this will enable you to hear the lovely language in which we can really name ourselves as God himself has named us.

"Christian" is merely an inadequate abbreviation for what we are about to tell.

-Brian Helge, from [A Triduum Sourcebook](#), Gabe Huck

## I. Service Of Light

*“The first part of the Great Watch centers around light, the first work of the Creator, the visible token of Christ, who proclaimed himself the Light of the world and who at Easter arose, shining as the dawning sun, conquering forever the dark night of sin.” -Manual on the Liturgy*

*Stand as you are able*

### Greeting

### Blessing of the Blazing Fire

*“As at creation light came into the darkness, so at the beginning of the celebration of the new creation a fire is kindled in the darkness.” -Manual on the Liturgy*

### Preparation of the Paschal Candle

*The paschal (Easter) candle represents the risen Lord shining in the splendor of his resurrection.*

*The pastor traces the cross on the candle while saying:*

**P** Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending.

*and then traces the Greek letters Alpha and Omega on the candle while saying:*

**P** the Alpha and the Omega.

*He traces the year on the candle saying:*

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

*He puts the five wax nails into the candle saying:*

**P** By his wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

*Then, lighting the candle from the newly kindled fire he says:*

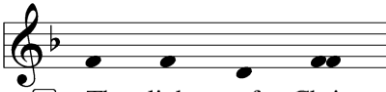
**P** May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds. Let us pray...even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

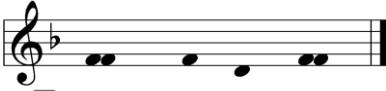
*“As the children of Israel were led by a pillar of fire from slavery to freedom in the promised land, so the church is led from the slavery of sin to the glorious liberty of the children of God in the heavenly land of promise. Again, a pillar of fire, the candle, leads the way.” -Manual on the Liturgy*

## Procession of Light

*As the Christ candle is carried in procession, the following is sung three times:*



**A** The light of Christ.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Easter Proclamation (*Exultet*)

**A** 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 Kings; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoiced, 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.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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

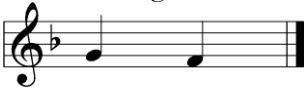


**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, 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 the 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.



**C** A - men.

*All may extinguish their candles at this time.*

*Sit*

## II. Service of Readings

### 1. The Creation



Genesis 1 & 2

Response: Psalm 104



**C** When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre-  ated,  
and you renew the face  of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure for-  ever;  
may the Lord rejoice  in his works,

**A** Bless the Lord,  O my soul!  
O Lord my God, you are  very great!

You are clothed with splendor and ♪ majesty,  
²covering yourself with light as with a garment,  
stretching out the heavens ♪ like a tent.

**C** He set the earth on its four- ♪ dations,  
so that it should nev- ♪ er be moved.  
You covered it with the deep as with a ♪ garment;  
the waters stood above the ♪ mountains.

**A** You make springs gush forth in the ♪ valleys;\*  
they flow be- ♪ tween the hills;  
Beside them the birds of the ♪ heavens dwell;  
they sing among the ♪ branches.

**C** From your lofty abode you water the ♪ mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit ♪ of your work.  
You cause the grass to grow for the livestock  
and plants for man to ♪ cultivate,  
that he may bring forth food ♪ from the earth

**A** O Lord, how manifold ♪ are your works!  
In wisdom have you ♪ made them all;  
the earth is full of your ♪ creatures.  
Bless the Lord, ♪ O my soul!

**C** When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- ♪ ated,  
and you renew the face ♪ of the ground.

**C** May the glory of the Lord endure for- ♪ ever;  
may the Lord rejoice ♪ in his works,

## Collect

*Silence for reflection*

## 2. The Flood

Genesis 7, 8, 9





Response: Psalm 29







**A** The Lord sits enthroned o- ♪ ver the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- ♪ ever.



**A** Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly ♪ beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glo- ♪ ry and strength.



**C** Ascribe to the Lord the glory ♪ due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of ♪ holiness.



- A** The voice of the Lord is over the  waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over many  waters.
- C** The voice of the Lord is  powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of  majesty.

- A** The voice of the Lord breaks the  cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of  Lebanon.



- C** He makes Lebanon to skip  like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young  wild ox.

- A** The voice  of the Lord  
flashes forth  flames of fire.

- C** The voice of the Lord shakes the  wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness  of Kadesh.

- A** The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth  
and strips the  forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry,  “Glory!”

- C** The Lord sits enthroned o-  ver the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for-  ever.

- A** May the Lord give strength to his  people!  
May the Lord bless his people  with peace!

- C** The Lord sits enthroned o-  ver the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for-  ever.

## Collect

*Silence for reflection*

### 3. Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14 & 15

Response

“Song of Moses and Israel”




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*Refrain*

I will sing to the LORD, for He has tri-umphed glo-rious -  
ly; the horse and his rid-er He has thrown in - to the sea.

*Chant Tone*

- A** The LORD is my strength  and my song,

and He has become my sal-vation;  
this is my God, and I will praise Him,  
my father's God, and I will ex-alt Him.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the be-ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## **C** Refrain

Text: Exodus 15:1–6, 11–13, 17–18 Tune: Jeffrey N. Blersch, 1967

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## Collect

*Silence for reflection*

### 4. The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37

Response: Psalm 51

Refrain:











**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -







new a right spir - it with - in me.







**A** Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have bro-ken rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my in-iquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit with-in me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C** Refrain

**A** Restore to me the joy of your sal-  vation,  
and uphold me with a willing  spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors  your ways,  
and sinners will re-  turn to you.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my sal-  vation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your  righteousness.

O Lord, open  my lips,  
and my mouth will de-  clare your praise.

**C Refrain**

**Collect**

*Silence for reflection*

**5. The Fiery Furnance**

**Daniel 3**

**Collect**

**Hymn**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,  
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear.  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O brother fire, so warm and bright,  
chase off the shadows of the night.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfolds such blessings on our way,

sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
so, even in the midst of tears,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! 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!  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Francis of Assisi (1225), trans. Composite, 2013. Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623, Köln

*Silence for reflection*

### III. Service of Holy Baptism

*Stand as you are able*

**Baptismal Address**

**Baptismal Collect**

**Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

**A** Do you renounce the devil?

**C** **Yes, I renounce him.**

**A** Do you renounce all his works?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**A** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

## Aspersions

*During the creed, using an evergreen bough (showing eternal life) the pastor sprinkles water from the font in the direction of the congregation as a remembrance of baptism. The sign of the cross may also be made by each as they are sprinkled with water.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**C** 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. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** 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.

*Sit*

## For Candidates for Baptism

*Gabe Johnson*

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:*

**P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✝ forehead and upon your ✝ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

*The pastor addresses each candidate:*

**P** How are you named?

**R** [Name]

**P** [Name,] do you desire to be baptized?

**R** Yes, I do.

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

**P** [Name,] I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor anoints the newly baptized with oil while saying:*

**P** [Name], child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked **✠** with the cross of Christ forever. The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** You have received white garments to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

**P** Peace **✠** be with you.

**C** Amen.

## For Candidates for First Holy Communion

*Jack Thibadeau*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism this young person was born again as God's child and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." This candidate has received instruction and has been examined by the pastor regarding his sin and his understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.

**P** You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

**R** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P** I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** Amen.

*Addressing the entire congregation, the pastor says:*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life **✠** everlasting.

**C** Amen.

*The new members return to their places.*

## IV. Service of Prayer

*Stand as you are able*

### Litany of The Resurrection

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** hear us.

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

**C** have mercy on us.

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

**C** have mercy on us.

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

**C** have mercy on us.

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

**C** have mercy on us.

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

**C** have mercy on us.

**P** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

**C** have mercy on us.

**P** Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them I the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,

**C** have mercy on us.

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

**C** have mercy on us.

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

**C** have mercy on us.

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

**C** have mercy on us.

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

**C** have mercy on us.

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

**C** have mercy on us.

**P** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,

**C** good Lord, deliver us.

**P** By Your victory over sin and death,

**C** good Lord, deliver us.

**P** By the majesty of Your risen body,

**C** good Lord, deliver us.

**P** We poor sinners implore You

**C** to hear us, Lord Jesus.

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

**C** grant us, good Lord.

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

**C** grant us, good Lord.

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

**C** grant us, good Lord.

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

**C** have mercy on us.

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

**C** have mercy on us.

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

**C** grant us Your peace.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

- C** have mercy.  
**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy. Amen.

## V. Service of The Word

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Crosses and images are traditionally veiled during Lent as a form of “visual fasting” to focus our attention on the Word. At this point in the service, the veils are removed in celebration. In some churches in Germany and Sicily, a great Lenten veil conceals the entire chancel and altar from ceiling to floor until the “Calata Ra Tila” (Italian, “Descending of the Curtains”) at this point in the Easter Vigil.*

### Hymn of Praise

*This Is the Feast*

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**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
 whose blood set us free to be people of God. *refrain*
- 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
 and honor, blessing and glory are His. *refrain*
- 3 Sing with all the people of God,  
 and join in the hymn of all creation:
- 4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
 be to God and the Lamb forever. *Refrain*
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain  
 has begun His reign. *Refrain*

### Salutation and Collect of The Day



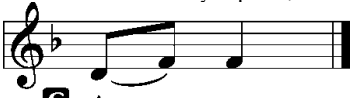
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twentieth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take

him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

*After the reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Hymn of the Day

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

LSB 474



1 Al - le - lu - ia!	Je - sus is ris - en!	Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way,	Christ in the cen - ter	Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine,	We are the branch - es;	Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone;	Sor - row, be si - lent:	Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God,	Eas - ter for - ev - er,	Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!	Splen - dor, the Lamb,	Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;	Break - ing our bread,	Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree;	Heav - en to earth,	Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.	Cher - u - bim sing:	“O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,	Riv - er of life,	Saints and arch -



ev - er!	Oh, what a mir - a - cle	God has in sight!
glo - ry:	Je - sus our bless - ing,	our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple,	Gift of the fu - ture now	flow - ing to me.
o - pen!”	Clothe us in won - der,	a - dorn us in light.
an - gels,	Sing with cre - a - tion to	God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, 1926–2009

Tune: David N. Johnson, 1922–87

*Sit*

**Sermon**                      The Easter Homily of St. John Chrysostom

*Stand as you are able*

**Choral Offertory – The Lamb’s High Banquet**                      arr. Gary James

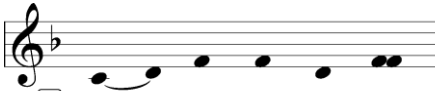
**Offertory Prayer**

**P** Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--  
our selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of  
your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered  
himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## VI. Service of The Sacrament

**Preface**



**P** The Lord be with you.



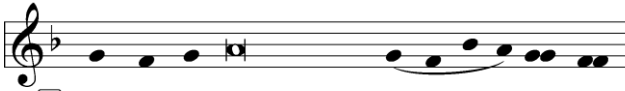
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



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

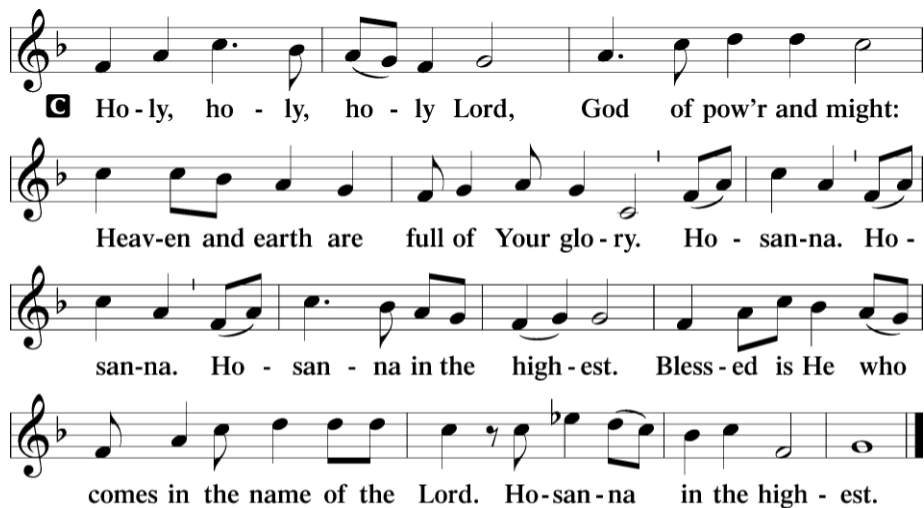


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*




**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.


### Prayer Of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### The Words Of Institution

**P** 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."

### Proclamation Of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

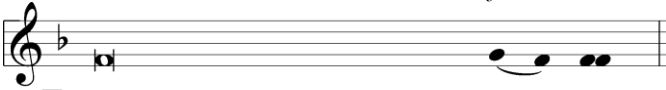
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## Pax Domini

*The Peace of the Lord*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** 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 His Supper. *John 1:29; Revelation 19:9*

**C** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. *Matthew 8:8*

## Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

### For Meditation During The Distribution

What is happening? Today there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence, and stillness, a great silence because the King sleeps; Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep; he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. He goes to free the prisoner Adam and his fellow-prisoner Eve from their pains, he who is God, and Adam's son. And grasping his hand he raises him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light. I am your God, who for your sake became your son, who for you and your descendants now speak and command with authority those in prison: Come forth, and those in darkness: Have light, and those who sleep: Rise. I command you: Awake, sleeper, I have not made you to be held a prisoner in the underworld. Arise from the dead; I am the life of the dead. Arise, O man, work of my hands, arise, you who were fashioned in my image. Rise, let us go hence; for you in me and I in you, together we are one undivided person." *-An ancient homily for Holy Saturday, anonymous*

### Distribution Hymn "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" LSB 641

*Refrain*

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.  
 Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

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*Stand as you are able*

### Post Communion Hymn "O Love, How Deep" LSB 544

6 For us He rose from death a - gain;  
 Δ 7 All glo - ry to our Lord and God

For us love He went on high to reign;  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;

For us He sent His Spir - it here  
The Trin - i - ty whom we a - dore

To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Text: attr. Thomas à Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–85, alt.

Tune: English, 15th cent.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

## Benedicamus

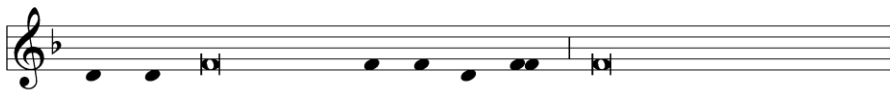


**A** Let us bless the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction



**P** The al - mighty and mer - ci - ful Lord, the Father, the † Son,

and the Holy Spir - it, bless and pre - serve you.

**A** - men.

*Sit*

**Recessional Hymn** "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" **LSB 680**

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more

lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree

Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly

sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the

vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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## Postlude

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# Easter Schedule

**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

Easter Sunrise Service at the Arboretum – 6:30am

Easter Festival Service – 10:00am

Join us as we draw near the cross of  
Christ and his empty tomb.

Share our services with a friend



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