



# HOLY WEEK

## THE VIGIL OF EASTER



Saturday, April 20, 2019  
6:30 p.m.

*P = Preacher; L = Worship Leader; A = Assistant; C = Congregation*

### As We Gather

*In the early Christian Church, many worshippers spent the entire night before Easter waiting and watching for the sunrise, at which time they would celebrate the first communion of Eastertide. During the vigil, new members of the Christian community were baptized. The focus of our worship tonight is on these same gifts: Baptism and Holy Communion. Throughout this service, we look forward to Jesus' final return at the second coming. As we wait for that day, we wait in hope.*

## ✠ The Service of Light ✠

**Gathering** *(In the narthex at the center doors of the church)*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** People of God, on this holy night we gather in waiting, vigil, and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. This is the time of our salvation! By faith in His Word and in the saving power of God's promises in Baptism and Holy Communion, we share in Christ's victory over death. We wait in hope.

**C:** Gracious God, Your Spirit brings the fire of Your love into our hearts. As we light our candles, bless all Your people who remember Christ Jesus this night. May You find us always faithful; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Reading of God's Word**

*Genesis 1:1-5*

**P:** <sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

**Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

**A Reading of God's Word**

*John 1:1-5*

**A:** <sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was Life, and that Life was the Light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

## Response

*(based on Hebrews 13, Revelation 22)*

- A: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, the Alpha and the Omega! With Him is the fountain of life!  
In His light, we see light!
- C: **May the light of the risen Christ scatter the darkness of our lives and enlighten all the world with God's salvation.**

## Procession into the Sanctuary

*(Those closest to the Paschal Candle light their candles, then share with those behind them. Please tip only unlit candles. We follow the Cross and the Paschal Candle into the sanctuary, singing the hymn.)*

## Processional Hymn

### “Creator of the Stars of Night”

*tune of LSB 522*

- 1 Creator of the stars of night,  
Thy people's everlasting Light:  
O Christ, Redeemer, save us all  
And hear Thy servants when they call.
- 2 Thou, grieving that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death a universe,  
Hast found the healing, full of grace,  
To cure and save our ruined race.
- 4 At whose dread name, majestic now,  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
All things celestial Thee shall own,  
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.
- 5 O Thou, whose coming is with dread  
To judge the living and the dead,  
Preserve us from the ancient foe  
While still we dwell on earth below.
- 6 To God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be  
From age to age eternally. Amen.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. – **Colossians 3:16**

# ✠ The Service of Baptism ✠

## A Reading of God's Word *(Please remain standing)*

*Genesis 7-9, selected verses*

- L: <sup>1</sup>The Lord then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation... <sup>4</sup>Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made." <sup>5</sup>And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him... <sup>11</sup>In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened... <sup>13</sup>By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry... <sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup>"I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you:... <sup>11</sup>Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

## Baptismal Remembrance

*(based on Romans 6)*

- L: The word of God says: "Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- C: We were buried with Him through Baptism into death so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**
- L: If we have been united with Him a death like His,
- C: We will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**
- L: For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the sin of our body might be done away with,
- C: We need no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died in Christ has been freed from the power of sin.**
- L: Therefore do not let sin reign in your body so that you obey its evil desires. Rather offer yourselves to God, as people who have been brought from death to life.
- C: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ!**

*(Please extinguish your candles. Continue holding them upright until the wax has time to cool. Church lights are partially raised.)*

## A Reading of God's Word *(please be seated)*

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

- A: <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup>After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup>to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup>and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

## Response

(based on Revelation 5)

A: Worthy are you, Lord Almighty, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! For though we were unworthy of You, You have washed us with pure water, taking our sins, and laying them on Jesus.

C: **Because we are baptized into His death, we are also baptized into His life. Jesus' victory over death is our victory!**

A: On this holy night our Savior, Jesus Christ, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. As our Lord saved Noah's family through the ark, Christ now saves us in this cleansing flood!

## Hymn of Response

### "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

LSB 601



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav' n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.



# ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

## Reading of God's Word

*Revelation 21:1-6*

L: <sup>1</sup> Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” <sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

## Confession and Absolution (*Please stand*)

*(based on Rev. 4, Psalm 51, 2 Cor. 5)*

- L: You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they have their being. At the last, you will recreate all things, yet we have often lived our lives on earth in a manner unworthy of you.
- C: Create in us a clean heart, O God. Make us new, that we may live our lives for You.**
- L: Anyone in Christ is a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come! As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen**

## Hymn of Response

### “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

*LSB 508*

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| 1 The day is surely drawing near<br>When Jesus, God’s anointed,<br>In all His power shall appear<br>As judge whom God appointed.<br>Then fright shall banish idle mirth,<br>And flames on flames shall ravage earth<br>As Scripture long has warned us. | 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,<br>But hasten our salvation;<br>We often tremble on our way<br>In fear and tribulation.<br>O hear and grant our fervent plea:<br>Come, mighty judge, and set us free<br>From death and ev’ry evil. |
| 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe<br>and for my sin was smitten;<br>Within the Book of Life I know<br>My name has now been written.<br>I will not doubt, for I am free,<br>And Satan cannot threaten me;<br>There is no condemnation!                     |  |

## Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

P: <sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

## Hymn of the Day & Ringing of the Bells "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

LSB 467



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;  
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;  
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.  
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry  
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.

## Gospel Proclamation

- P: Christ is risen!  
C: **He is risen indeed!**  
P: Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not in the grave, He is risen!  
C: **He is risen for us and for all people! Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**Homily** (*Please be seated.*)

## Pastoral Greeting & Rite of Fellowship

(*Welcome! Please add your name to the fellowship pad.*)

## Gathering of Offerings

(*As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our lives, time, talents and financial gifts. We trust Him to supply all our needs. If you would like to give your offering electronically, you can use [www.clcs.org/donate](http://www.clcs.org/donate).)*)



## Prayers of God's People

 (*Please stand*)

- L: God of all life, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to destroy the power of sin on His cross, and then on the third day He defeated death, rising to new life. In the same way, make us alive in Him. Lord, in Your mercy;
- C: **Hear our prayer.**
- A: Lord of Light, dwell in us through Your Holy Spirit that we may turn from sin, trust in Christ, and live lives of faithfulness as we serve others in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy;
- C: **Hear our prayer.**
- A: Lord of the nations, bless the world with Your justice and peace. Curb evil and corruption. Raise up leaders of integrity who govern wisely. Bring hope and reconciliation to all. Help us to set our minds on Your word, that we may live rightly and bear witness to the truth. Lord, in Your mercy;
- C: **Hear our prayer.**
- L: Lord of Life, in Christ You bring hope and healing into the world. We pray for those who are ill and recovering, especially (*special petitions...*). Comfort those who mourn the death of loved ones. Help us all to live by faith no matter the circumstances, trusting in Your goodness and grace. Lord, in Your mercy;
- C: **Hear our prayer.**
- L: Rejoicing with believers of all times and places, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your power and promises;
- C: **Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever! Amen.**

# ✠ The Service of Communion ✠

**Holy Communion** - Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. He says: "Come, for those who eat this bread and drink this cup will never hunger or thirst, but be raised up on the Last Day" (John 6). Whoever receives the Lord's Supper must be a believer in Christ (Hebrews 11:6); be sorry for their sins (Proverbs 28:13); believe that Christ offers His body and blood with the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16); and be willing to forgive those who have sinned against you (Matthew 6:14-15). Come with faith in His promises to you and His presence in this holy meal.

**As you approach the Lord's table, please move to the cross on the center rail.**

*Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available on the two stands at the front of the church.*

*Worshippers with a gluten allergy may pick up a sealed packet on their way to the communion rail.*

## Reading of God's Word *(Please be seated)*

*Exodus 24:4-11*

P: <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain... <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD... <sup>7</sup>Then [Moses] took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

## Response

*(based on Psalm 23)*

P: You, Lord, are our shepherd. Just as You set a table before Israel, so You set a table before us; our cup overflows. Feed us, Good Shepherd, with the Bread of Life.  
C: **May the Bread of Life come to us and all who hunger for You. Bring forth the abundant fruit of faith and self-giving love, as we give thanks to You for placing us in Your glorious kingdom. Amen.**

## Preface *(Please stand)*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

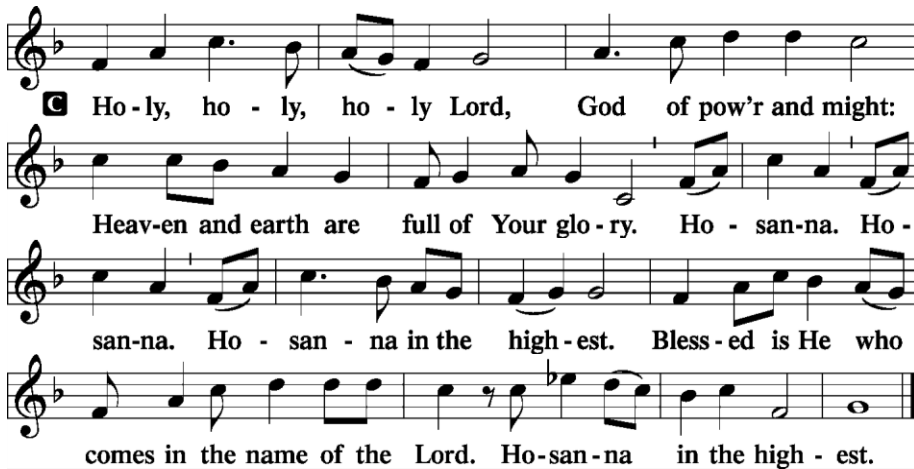
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

L: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Most especially are we to praise You on this night for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, whose blood invites us into covenant with you. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with the women and the disciples and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all of creation we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



## Sanctus

LSB 161



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.

## Lord's Prayer

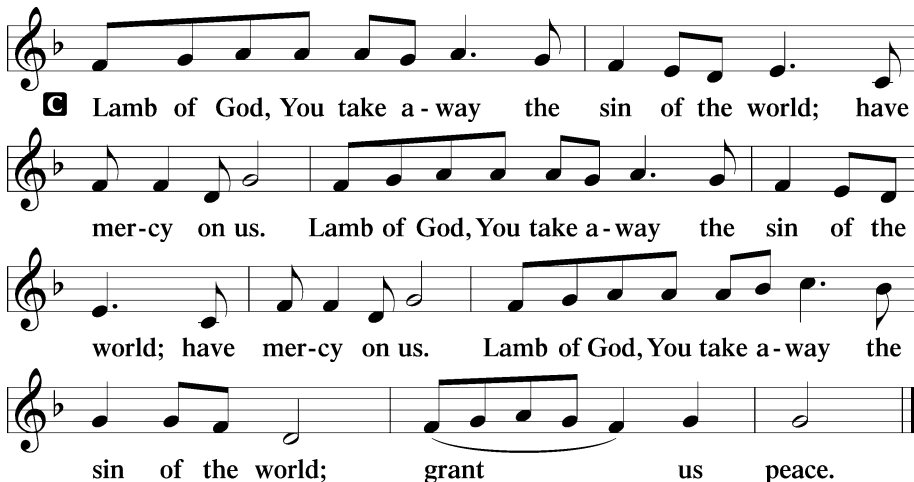
- L: Hear us, O Lord, as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:  
C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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.

## The Words of Institution & the Peace of the Lord

- L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: Amen.

## Agnus Dei

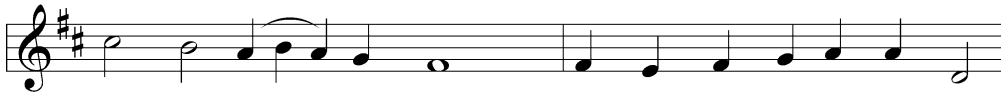
LSB 163



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.



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, 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 pier - 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!
- 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!
- 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!
- 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!

**Post-Communion Canticle** *(Please stand and sing)*      **“Thank the Lord”**

LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Communion Blessing**

**Benediction**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.  
C: Amen.

**Sending Hymn**      **“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**

LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

**Postlude**

*You are invited to stay after service to decorate the Chancel for Easter Sunday.*