ST PAUL
PINE GROVE MILLS
A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Resurrection of Our Lord:
Vigil of Easter

April 19, 2025

7PM

April 20: Resurrection of our Lord/Pascha (Easter)
Sunrise Service: Jo Hays Vista, 6:30AM
Regular Service: 10AM

Welcome to Saint Paul!

We are happy to have you here!

How to know when to stand, sit, or speak

Whenever you see an asterisk (*) at a heading, you are invited to stand as you are able. You are not required to stand, so if, for health or emotional reasons you cannot or do not wish to stand, that is okay.
You are invited to speak the words printed in **bold type**.

We are an Open Communion Congregation

This means that any Christians who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism are invited to receive Holy Communion.

How to financially support us

Offerings can be made online at **stpaulpgm.org/give,** mailed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, PO Box 200, Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868, placed in the mail slot (outside door to Pastor Paul's office), or in the offering plate located in the lobby/narthex near the entrance of the sanctuary.

A note on Communion Wafers

To topple barriers that prevent participation in worship, we want to make it possible for individuals with Celiac Disease or gluten intolerant to be able to eat the Body of our Lord. Our default wafers are made by Parish Crossroads and are known as "Low Gluten Wafers" because they contain trace amounts of gluten. However, the wafers are tested at least once a year for how much gluten is in them. Since 2020, the wafers have routinely tested to contain 15ppm gluten or less (The US FDA defines most food products with 20ppm or less as "gluten free"). Use the QR Code and look for the link that gives the most recent test results.
If you still have concerns, we have some truly gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Gathering

The Gathering for worship began when you started readying yourself for worship.

An Introduction to the Day

This is the night of salvation! At the Vigil of Easter, we gather around fire, word, water, bread, and wine, proclaiming through story and song that ours is a God who continuously brings life out of death. On this night we experience again the heart of God's baptismal promise and the center of our faith: we are claimed and cleansed, renewed in the death and resurrection of Christ. We gather with all the saints of every time and place to celebrate the good news: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Service of Light

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

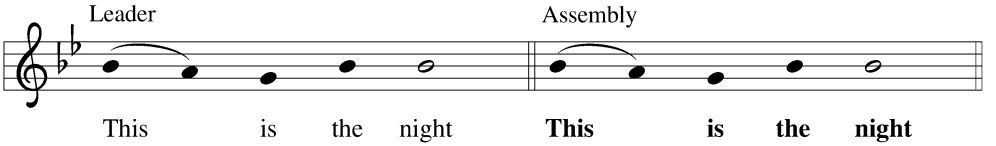
P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's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

P: Let us pray.
Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. **A: Amen.**

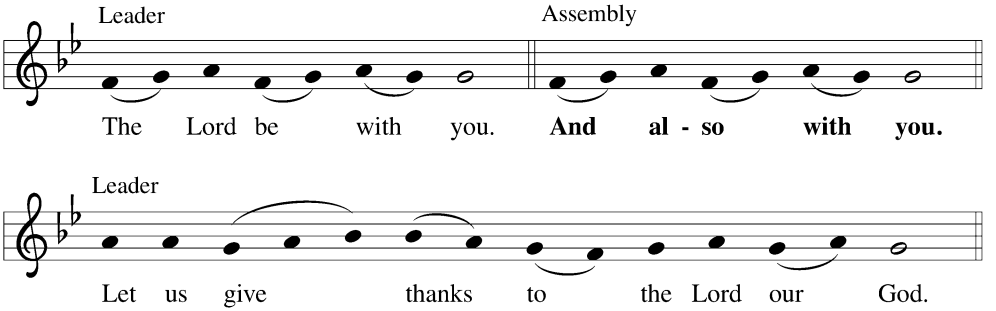
P: Christ, yesterday and today, ☩
the beginning and the ending. A Ω
To Christ belongs all time 2
and all the ages; 0
to Christ belongs glory and dominion 2
now and forever. 5
A: Amen.

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

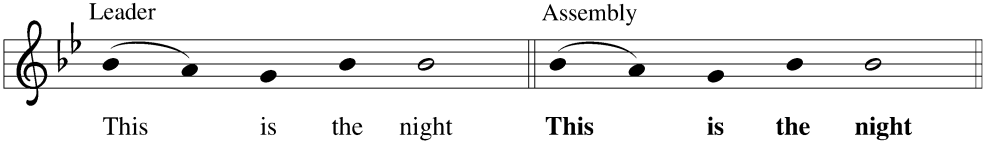
EASTER PROCLAMATION



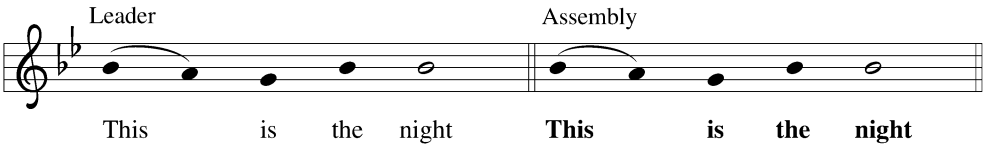
P: Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation. Exult, also, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and, made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient 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.



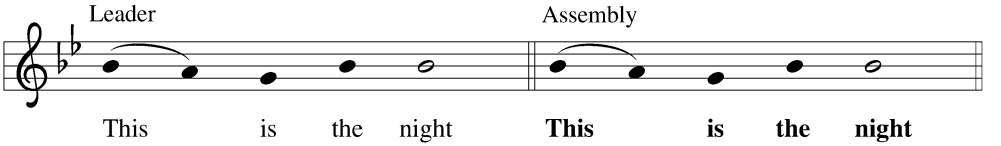
P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should with full devotion of heart and mind and voice praise the invisible God, the Father Almighty, and his only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ; who paid for us the debt of Adam to the eternal Father, and who by his precious blood redeemed us from the bondage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



in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, from the land of Egypt; and led them, dry-shod, through the Red Sea.



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.

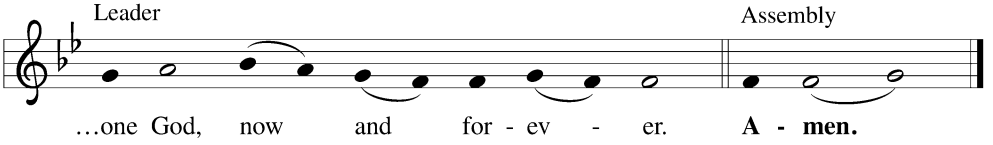


in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph.

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 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,



*Prayer of the Day

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

The Readings

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Creation

L: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God**.

First Response – Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

[1]Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, **for God's mercy endures forever.**
[2]Give thanks to the God of gods, **for God's mercy endures forever.**
[3]Give thanks to the Lord of lords, **for God's mercy endures forever;**
[4]who alone does great wonders, **for God's mercy endures forever;**
[5]who by wisdom made the heavens, **for God's mercy endures forever;**
[6]who spread out the earth upon the waters, **for God's mercy endures forever;**
[7]who made the great lights— **for God's mercy endures forever;**
[8]the sun to govern the day, **for God's mercy endures forever;**
[9]the moon and the stars to govern the night, **for God's mercy endures forever;**
[23]who remembered us in our low estate, **for God's mercy endures forever;**
[24]and rescued us from our enemies, **for God's mercy endures forever;**
[25]who gives food to all creatures, **for God's mercy endures forever.**
[26]Give thanks to the God of heaven, **for God's mercy endures forever.**

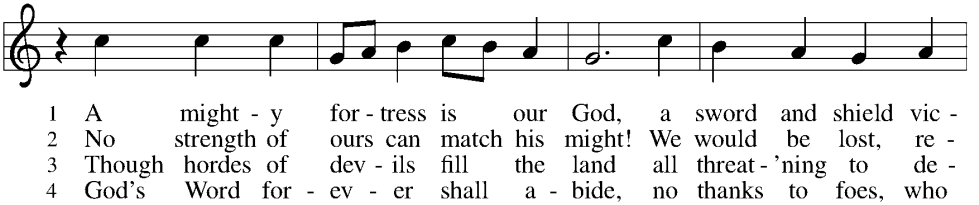
First Prayer

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

Second Reading: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Flood

Second Response:



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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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Silent reflection.

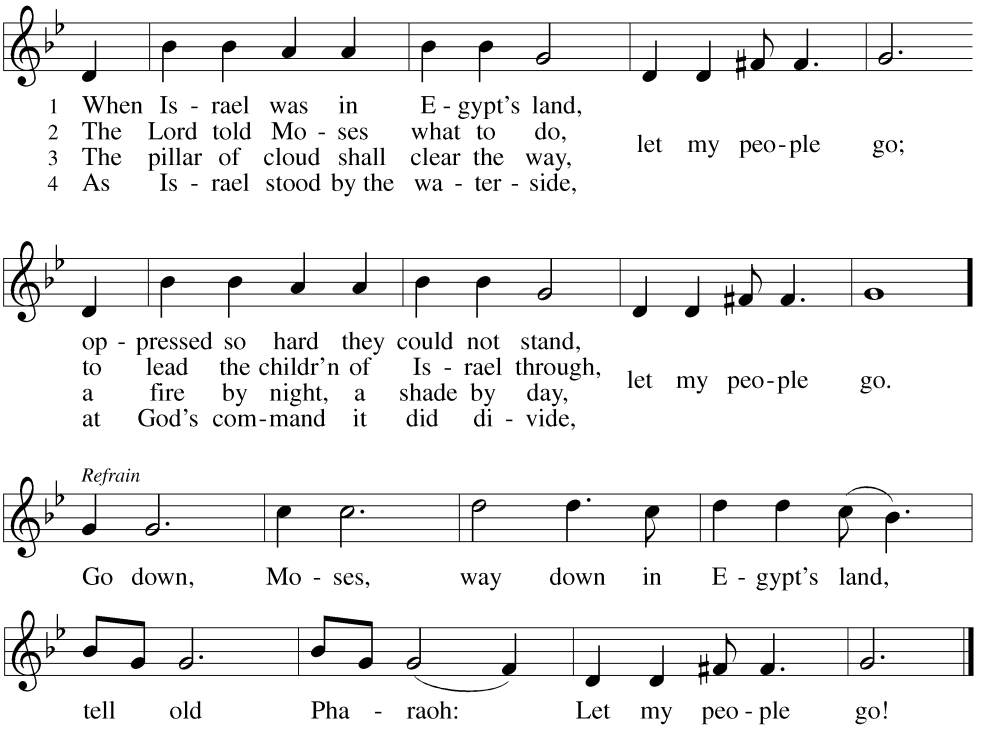
SECOND PRAYER

O God, strength of the powerless and light in all darkness: Look in mercy upon your church, a wonderful and sacred mystery, that it may be an ark of peace in the midst of chaos. Let the whole world come to see that what was fallen is being raised up, that what was old is being made new, and that all things are being restored to wholeness through the one from whom they first took being, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
A: Amen.

Fourth Reading – Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Deliverance at the Red Sea

*Fourth Response – *"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"* (WOV 670)



5 When they had reached the other shore,
let my people go;
they sang the song of triumph o'er,
let my people go. *Refrain*

6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual
Music: TUBMAN, African American spiritual

FOURTH PRAYER

P: O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation offered to everyone by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may partake in the salvation of the Israelites and together dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A: Amen.**

*Fifth Reading – Isaiah 55:1-11

Salvation freely offered to all

R: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

Fifth Response: *Surely God Is My Salvation* (ACS 926)

Text: Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979, based on Isaiah 12:2-6
Music: YISREAL V'ORAITA, Hasidic melody
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FIFTH PRAYER

P: Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A: Amen.**

*EIGHTH READING – EZEKIEL 37:1-14

Valley of the dry bones

R: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

EIGHTH RESPONSE – PSALM 143 (Sung to the tune *Restoration* [ELW 397])

EIGHTH PRAYER

P: Living God, by the death and resurrection of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Breathe into us your life-giving Spirit, that receiving the gifts of word and sacrament, we may live in the hope of all your blessings to come, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A: Amen.**

*Twelfth Reading – Daniel 3:1-29

Deliverance from the fiery furnace

R: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

Twelfth Response – Song of the Three

All you works of the Lord, bless the lord.
Praise and magnify the Lord forever.

You angels of the Lord, **bless the lord**;
you heavens, **bless the lord**;
all you powers of the Lord, **bless the lord**.
Praise and magnify the Lord forever.

You sun and moon, **bless the lord**;
you stars of heaven, **bless the lord**;
you rain and dew, **bless the lord**.
Praise and magnify the Lord forever.

You winds of God, **bless the lord**;
you fire and heat, **bless the lord**;
you winter and summer, **bless the lord**.
Praise and magnify the Lord forever.

You dews and falling snow, **bless the lord**;
you frost and cold, **bless the lord**;
you ice and snow, **bless the lord**.
Praise and magnify the Lord forever.

You nights and days, **bless the lord**;
you light and darkness, **bless the lord**;
you lightnings and clouds, **bless the lord**.
Praise and magnify the Lord forever.

Let the earth **bless the lord**;
you mountains and hills, **bless the lord**;
all you green things that
grow on the earth, **bless the lord**.
Praise and magnify the Lord forever.

You wells and springs, **bless the lord**;
you seas and rivers, **bless the lord**;
you whales and all that
swim in the waters, **bless the lord**.
Praise and magnify the Lord forever.

All you birds of the air, **bless the lord**;
all you wild animals
and cattle, **bless the lord**;
all you children of mortals, **bless the lord**.
Praise and magnify the Lord forever.

You people of God, **bless the lord**;
you priests of the Lord, **bless the lord**;
you servants of the Lord, **bless the lord**.
Praise and magnify the Lord forever.

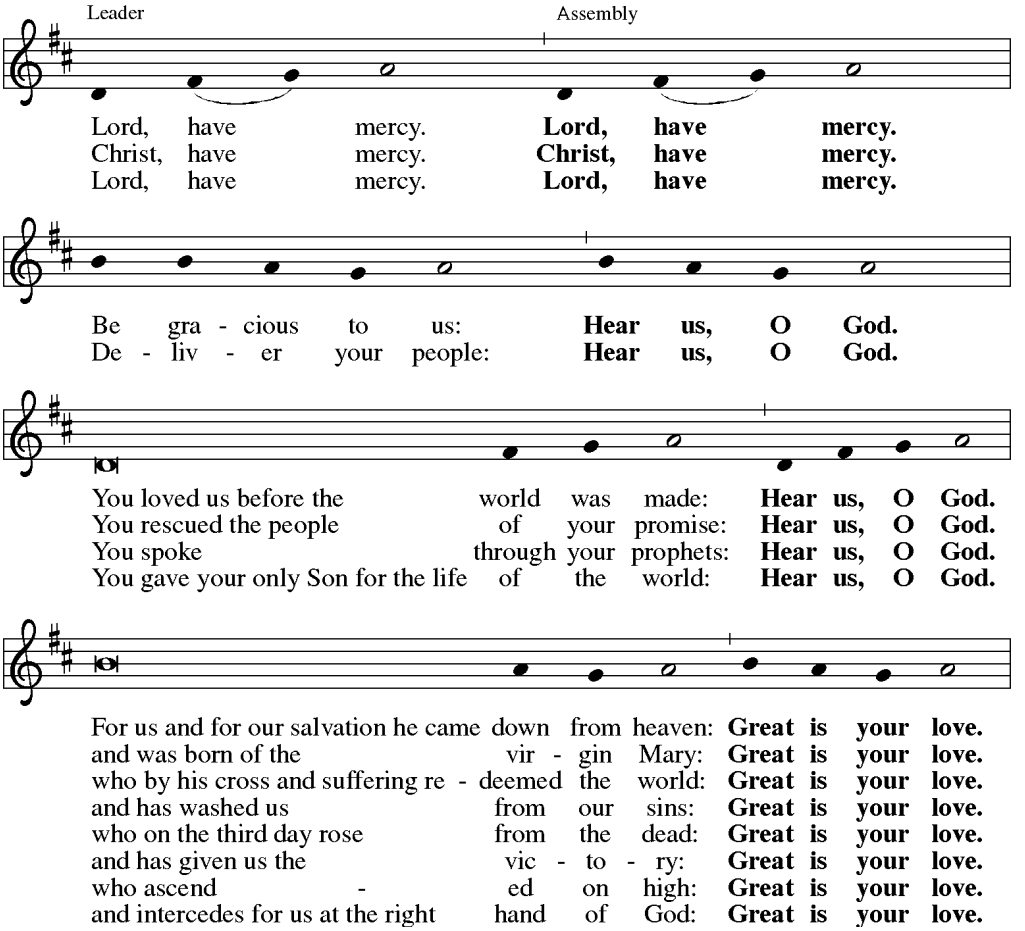
You spirits and souls of
the righteous, **bless the lord**;
you holy and humble

in heart, **bless the lord**;
let us bless the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit.
Praise and magnify the Lord forever.

TWELFTH PRAYER

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

LITANY OF THE SAINTS



For the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: **Thanks be to God.**
For the one holy catholic and apos - tol - ic church: **Thanks be to God.**
For the great cloud of witnesses
into which we are bap - tized: **Thanks be to God.**

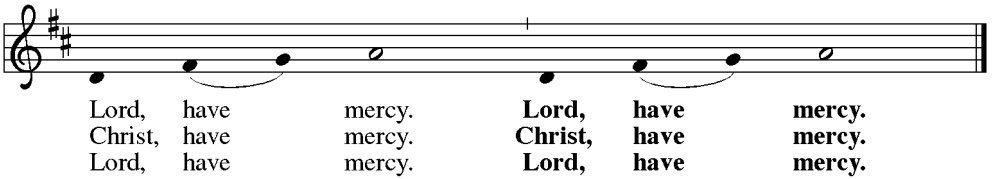
For Sarah and Abraham, Isaac and Re - bekah: **Thanks be to God.**
For Gideon and Deborah, Da - vid and Esther: **Thanks be to God.**
For Moses and Isaiah, Jeremi - ah and Daniel: **Thanks be to God.**
For Miriam and Rahab, Abi - gail and Ruth: **Thanks be to God.**

For Mary, mother of our Lord: **Thanks be to God.**
For John, who baptized in the Jordan: **Thanks be to God.**
For Mary Magdalene and Joanna, Ma - ry and Martha: **Thanks be to God.**
For James and John, Pe - ter and Andrew: **Thanks be to God.**
For Paul and Apollos, Ste - phen and Phoebe: **Thanks be to God.**

For all holy men and women,
our mothers and fa - thers in faith: **Thanks be to God.**
For the noble band of the prophets: **Thanks be to God.**
For the glorious company of the a - postles: **Thanks be to God.**
For the white–robed ar - my of martyrs: **Thanks be to God.**
For cherubim and seraphim,
Michael and the ho - ly angels: **Thanks be to God.**

Be gra - cious to us: **Hear us, O God.**
De - liv - er your people: **Hear us, O God.**

Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism: **Hear us, O God.**
Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross: **Hear us, O God.**
Clothe us in compas - sion and love: **Hear us, O God.**
Bring us with all your saints to the riv - er of life: **Hear us, O God.**



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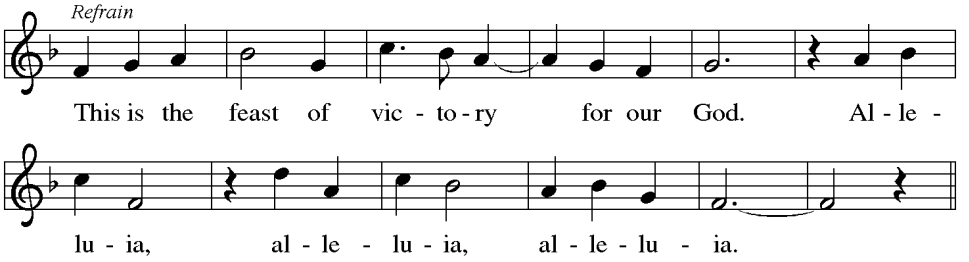
New Testament Reading – Romans 5:20-21; 6:3-11

20"For law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased,
grace abounded all the more, 21so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace
might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
6:1What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may
abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3Do you not know
that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his
death? 4Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as
Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in
newness of life.

5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united
with him in a resurrection like his. 6We know that our old self was crucified with him so
that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For
whoever has died is freed from sin. 8But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we
will also live with him. 9We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die
again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10The death he died, he died to sin, once
for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11So you also must consider yourselves dead
to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

R: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

This is the Feast



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

*Gospel Reading – John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to St John the twentieth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[1]Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. [2]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." [3]Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. [4]The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. [5]He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. [6]Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, [7]and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. [8]Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; [9]for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. [10]Then the disciples returned to their homes.

[11]But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; [12]and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. [13]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." [14]When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. [15]Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." [16]Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). [17]Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because 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.'" [18]Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

R: The gospel of the Lord. **A: Praise to you, O Christ.**
R: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **A: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* (ELW 363)

The Service of Baptismal Renewal

Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *those* who *are* here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of *all those* who *are* cleansed by this water and bring *them* forth as *inheritors* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the congregation.

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

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Response:
I renounce them.
Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Response:
I renounce them.
Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response:
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?

The assembly makes affirmation:

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

The minister addresses the assembly.

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.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

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.

*Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
A: And also with you.

The service of Holy communion

Offering

Musical Offering

Offertory – "*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*" (ELW 184)

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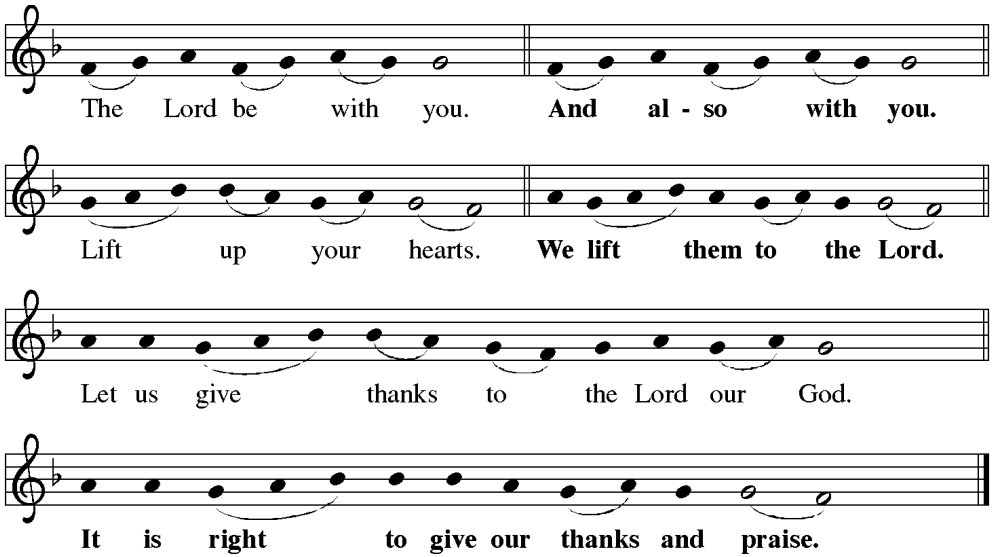
*Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **A: Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

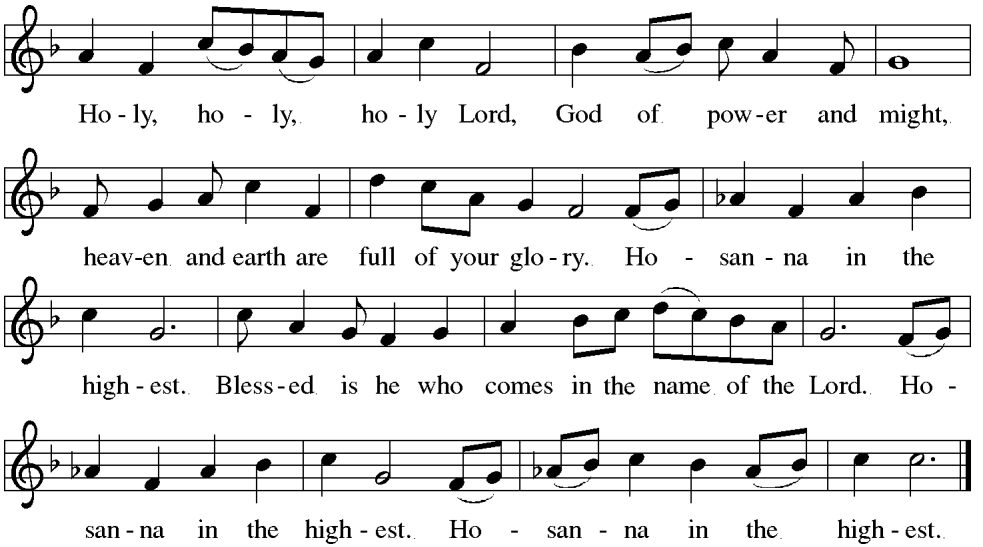
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

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

*Sanctus



*Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the

face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honors in yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen. Alleluia!

*Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us

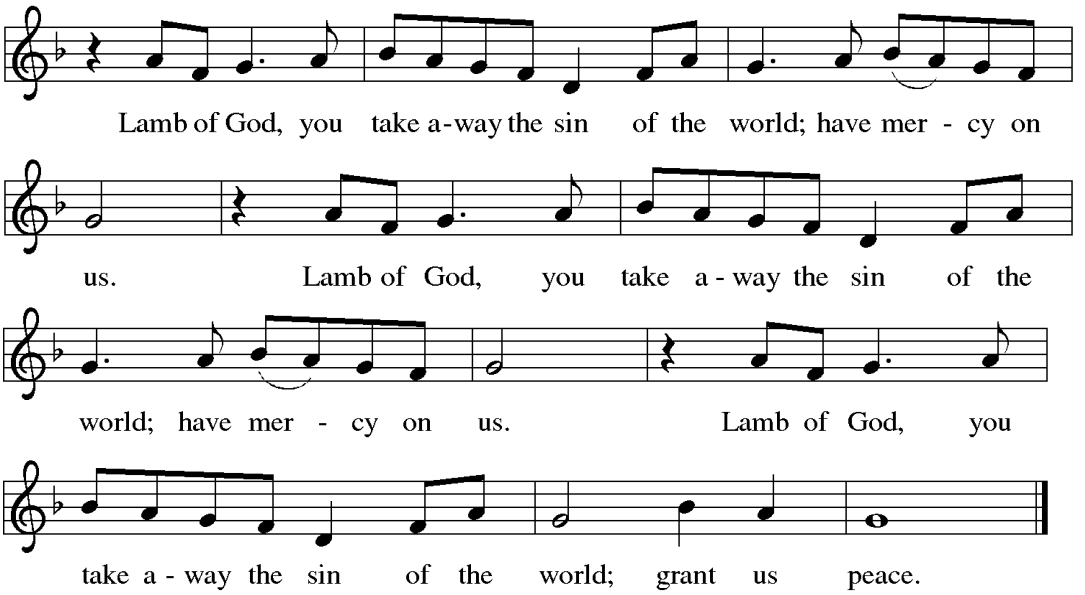
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

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.
Lead us not into time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
forever and ever. Amen.

*Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Lamb of God



Communion

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
A: Amen.

*Communion Hymn – *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (vs. 1,2,5)* (WOV 671)

Text: Donald Fishel, b.1950
Tune: ALLELUIA NO. 1, 8 8 with refrain; Donald Fishel, b.1950
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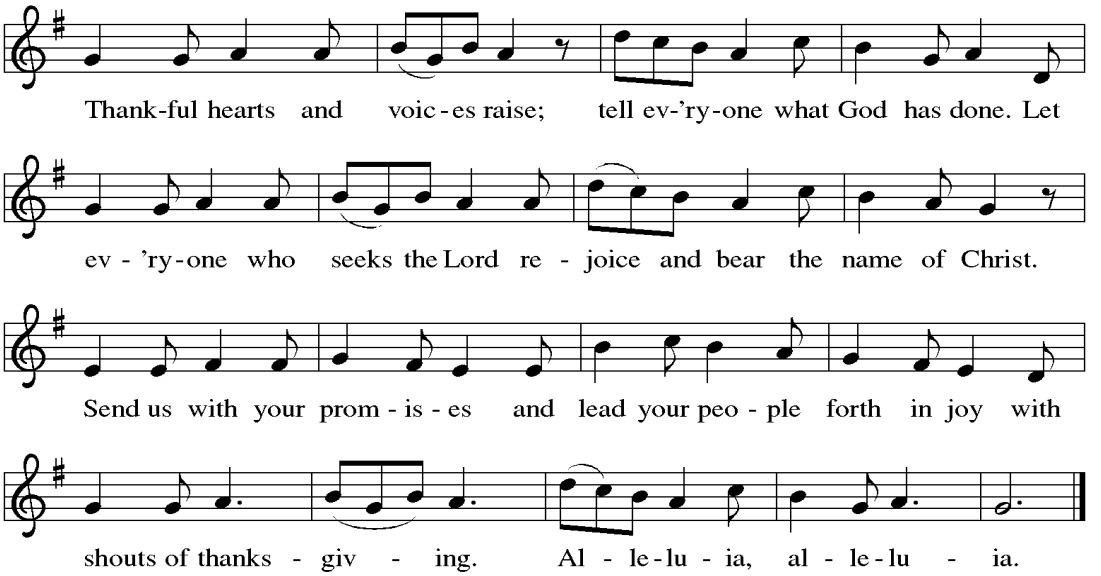
*Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strength and keep you, body, mind, and soul, now and unto eternal life.

*Post-Communion Canticle – *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* (ELW 207)



*Post-Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

A: Amen.

Sending

Announcements

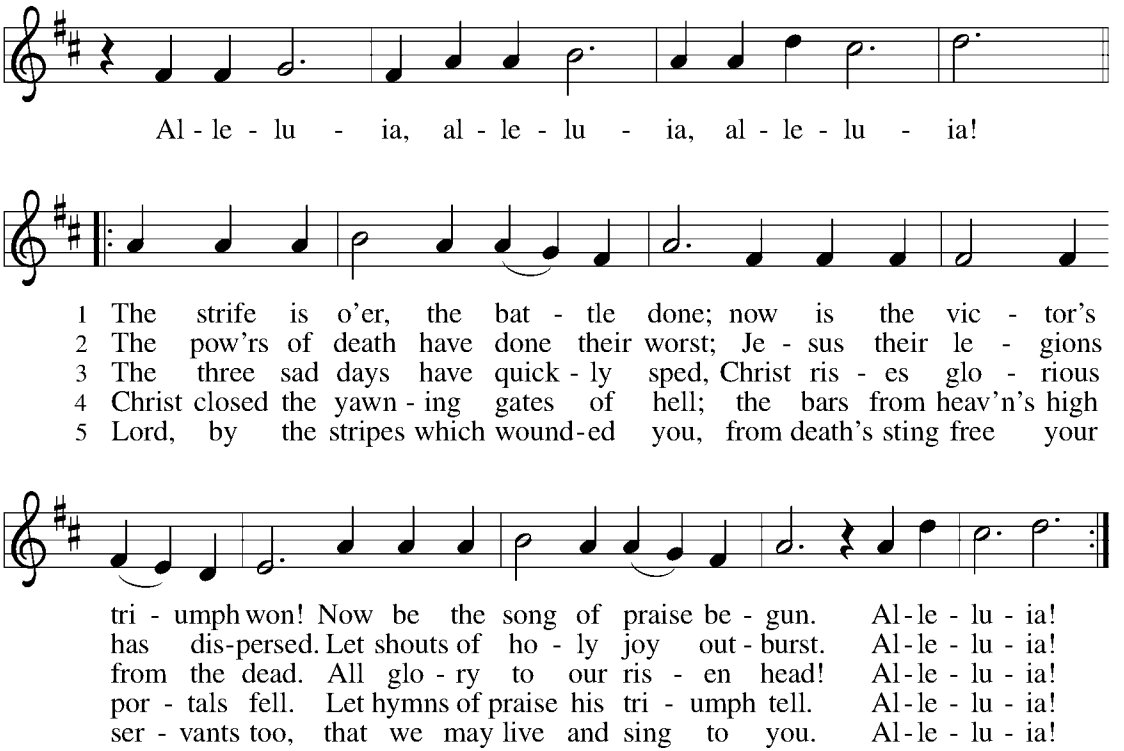
You may be seated.

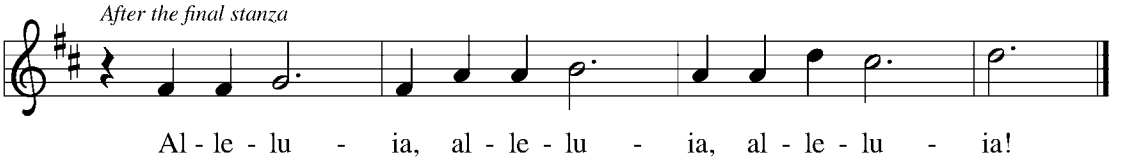
*Charge to the People

*Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

*Sending Hymn – "*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*" (ELW 366)





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Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

*Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
A: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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Purpose

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Mission

Guided by Jesus, we strengthen faith, deepen compassion, extend generosity, and serve community.

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Our Bible Verses

As Paul was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. [Jesus said,] 'Paul is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before the nations.'– Acts 9:3,15

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