

Thanksgiving Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

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

Breaking the Bread ...**Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

All are welcome at Christ's table.

The wine is served in individual glasses. For those who require it, red grape juice is in the centre of the trays. Gluten free bread is available by asking the server. You may commune with bread or wine alone or ask for a blessing.

***Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.***

***Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.***

***Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!***

Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, and all creation, in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in resurrection hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace, ✚ Creator, Redeemer and Spirit of new life, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Dismissal

Go in the joy of new life and tell the world this good news and in all you say and do, serve the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sending Hymn: **Jesus Christ Is Risen** *red book* No. 365

Thank you! *to all who have gathered to share in this Easter night. And, thank you to people of St. Luke's and Church of the Cross who have assisted in all the planning and serving for this night and over the three days. Everyone is invited to return tomorrow to St. Luke's or Church of the Cross for the day's Easter Festival celebrations. Blessed Easter!*

All are invited to worship tomorrow, April 5:

at St. Luke's

8 AM Spoken Holy Communion
10 AM Sung Holy Eucharist
2:30 PM Family worship and Egg Hunt

at Church of the Cross

7:30 AM Morning Worship on Mt. Tolmie
8:30 AM Breakfast
10 AM Easter Festival and Egg Hunt

Worship Leaders and Assistants

Ministers

Rev. Lyndon Sayers

Assisting Ministers

Don Storch, Gillian Bloom

Readers

Martin and Claire White, Matthew Robertson,
Maria Ross, Vicki Zilene, Skylar Smith

Kantor

Nathan McDonald

Musician

DJ McGrath

Easter Fire

Skylar Smith

Ushers

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Hospitality

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THE THREE DAYS

The Great Vigil of Easter

with songs in the style of Taizé



"This is the night" when God raises life out of death. "This is the night," from the new Easter fire to amazing stories of old, to saving waters and feast of new life, we remember God's raising Jesus from death to life forever.

GATHERING

The assembly gathers in the entranceway.

Welcome and Preparation

The assembly gathers outside (weather permitting).

Greeting and Invitation

The new fire is lit.

Stay with me, remain here with me. Watch and pray, watch and pray.

Blessing of the New Fire

The candle is lit.

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

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

The assembly follows the candle to the entrance.

*The light of Christ! **Thanks be to God!***

The assembly follows the candle to the rotunda.

*The light of Christ! **Thanks be to God!***

The assembly follows the candle to the Upper Hall.

*All light their candles from the Paschal candle,
moving to the chairs as the Easter proclamation is sung.*

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is the night.

This is the night!

*The light of Christ! **Thanks be to God!***

Collect/Prayer of the Day

WORD

Creation **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

***Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.***

Flood **Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13**

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be
afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;***

Deliverance at Red Sea **Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21**

***The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. All my
hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the
Lord is my praise. The well-spring of life.***

Deliverance of Jonah **Jonah 2:2-9**

***Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!
The assembly processes to the Baptismal font.***

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

A reading from **Romans 6:3-11 ... Thanks be to God**

Water is poured in the font.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity ☩ one God, the fountain of
living water who gives birth and salvation. **Amen.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning...

...now and forever. **Amen**

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery...

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew
your commitment to Jesus Christ? **I do.**

Let us profess our faith together:

**We believe in one God, Architect and Guardian,
who, in the beginning, breathed life into the
void, watering, sprouting, and growing,
all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
that, to reconcile the cosmos,
God sent God's own self,
to be born human, as kin to us all.**

**And who, at the hands of political tyranny,
was killed, but rose again to new life in love,
to return the world to God.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who is one with the Creator and Saviour.
She is our guide and wisdom.**

**She pours her spirit into apostles, prophets,
teachers, healers, and listeners.**

**We believe in the uniting of all followers of Jesus
in the one body of Christ,
And we believe in our return to God in the end.
Amen.**

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made
through Holy Baptism:

- **to live among God's faithful people,**
- **to hear the word of God and share in Jesus' supper,**
- **to proclaim the good news of God in Christ though word and action,**

- **to serve all people following the example of Jesus,**
- **to strive for justice and peace for all and for all the earth?**

If yes, you are invited to promise:

Yes, with God to help and guide us.

We pray. We give you thanks, O God...

Stir up in your beloved the gifts of your Holy Spirit...

**Amen. Together we rejoice in the life of baptism,
we give thanks and praise to God, and we
proclaim this good news to all the world. Amen.**

*All are invited to make the sign of the cross on one
another with water as the verse is sung.*

Veni Sancte Spiritus, Veni Sancte Spiritus.

The Alleluia banner is "found" and raised.

Items for the procession are distributed.

The assembly processes into the worship space.

We have seen the Lord X3

We have seen the Lord, God with us Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading: **John 20:1-18**

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

Gospel Song: **Now All the Vault** *red book* **No. 367**

The Prayers

Sharing the Peace

The grace of our Lord

Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

MEAL

The community gathers around the table.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart, adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words:

You are holy, God