

# THE VIGIL OF EASTER HOLY SATURDAY



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## WELCOME VISITORS

*Today we celebrate the Sacrament of our Lord Jesus Christ's true body and blood. Since receiving the Lord's Supper expresses fellowship with the Lord and agreement with the teaching of the pastor and congregation, we follow the Biblical practice of closed communion. All guests are kindly asked to speak with Pastor Braaten before communing at our altar. Normally, members from congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are welcome to partake, as are people from churches in fellowship with the LCMS.*

## THE VIGIL OF EASTER HOLY SATURDAY

5:30 PM

Saturday, April 11, 2020

### THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The congregation gathers in the Narthex,  
and given candles to be lighted from the paschal candle.*

### The INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### The INVITATION

- P** Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which Our Lord Jesus passed over from death into life, we are gathered here in vigil and in prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

### The COLLECT

- P** Let us pray: O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of

Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The cross is traced on the paschal candle.*

## The BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

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

*The Greek letters Alpha and Omega are traced on the paschal candle.*

**P** the Alpha and the Omega.

*The year is traced on the paschal candle.*

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

*Five wax nails are placed into the paschal candle.*

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

*The paschal candle is lit.*

**P** May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

## The COLLECT

**P** Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*All light their candles from the paschal candle and follow the candle bearer in procession into the darkened church. The bearer of the paschal candle stops at the entrance to the nave.*

## The LUX CHRISTI



The light of Christ.



Thanks be to God.

*The bearer of the paschal candle stops in the middle of the nave.*

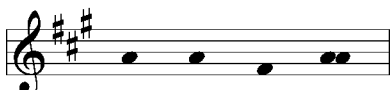


The light of Christ.



Thanks be to God.

*When all have processed, the bearer of the paschal candle  
lifts the paschal candle high.*



The light of Christ.



Thanks be to God.

## The EXSULTET

Re - joi - ce now, all you heav'n - ly choirs of an - gels; re - joi - ce now, all  
cre - a - tion; sound forth, trum - pet of sal - va - tion, and pro - claim  
the tri - umph of our King. Re - joi - ce too, all the earth,  
in the radiance of the light now poured up - on you  
and made brilliant by the brightness of the ev - er - last - ing King;  
know that the an - cient dark - ness has been for - ev -  
er ban - ished. Re - joi - ce, O Church of Christ, clothed in the  
bright - ness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with re -  
joic - ing, with the prais - es of all God's faith - ful peo - ple.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



**C** It is meet and right so to do.



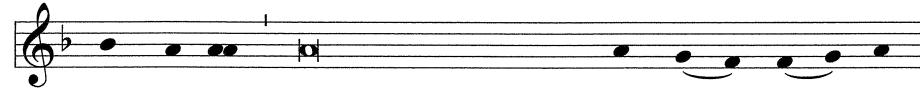
**P** It is truly good, right, and sal - u - tar - y that we should at all



times and in all plac - es, with all our heart and mind and



voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty ev - er -



last - ing God, and Your only - be - got - ten Son, Je -

sus Christ. For He is the very Pas - chal Lamb who offered  
Himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the  
shed - ding of His pre - cious blood. This is the  
night when You brought our fathers, the chil - dren of Is - ra - el,  
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 bond - age to sin and are restored to life and  
im - mor - tal - i - ty. This is the night when  
Christ, the Life, a - rose from the dead. The seal of the grave  
is broken and the morning of the new cre - a - tion breaks forth  
out of night. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your  
mercy toward us, O God, that to re - deem a slave

You gave Your Son. How holy is this night when all wicked-  
 ness is put to flight and sin is washed a - way. How  
 holy is this night when innocence is re - stored to the fall - en  
 and joy is giv - en to those down - cast. How blessed  
 is the night when man is reconciled to God in Christ. Ho - ly  
 Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanks - giv - ing  
 and praise. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in  
 our hearts, He who gives light to all cre - a - tion, who  
 lives and reigns with You and the Ho - ly Spir - it, one God,  
 now and for - ev - er.  
 A - men.



*All extinguish their candles.*

*Sit*

## THE SERVICE OF THE READINGS

### The INTRODUCTION TO READINGS

**P** In this most holy night our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

### The CREATION

Genesis 1:1–2:3

**P** A reading from Genesis, chapters one and two.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let

them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Let us pray: Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## The FLOOD

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

**P** A reading from Genesis, chapters seven, eight, and nine.

Then the LORD said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought

her into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. Then God said to Noah, “Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** Let us pray: O Lord, You kill and You raise to life; You brought the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet You saved faithful Noah and his family in the ark. Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ’s body, the Church, that Your mercy may come to its fullness and Your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## The DELIVERANCE OF ISRAEL AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10–15:1

**P** A reading from Exodus, chapters fourteen and fifteen.

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried

out to the LORD. They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the

Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** Let us pray: O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## The HYMN

LSB 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther-like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King,  
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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*The paschal candle is carried to the baptismal font.*

## THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

### The BAPTISMAL ADDRESS

**P** On this holiest of nights, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of His glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead. The apostle Paul says:

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

*(Romans 6:3–11)*

### The FLOOD PRAYER

**P** Let us pray: Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus

Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold us according to Your boundless mercy and bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us which has been inherited from Adam and which we ourselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## The RENUNCIATION and CONFESSION OF FAITH

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**C Yes, I renounce him.**

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

**C Yes, I renounce them.**

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

**C Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**C Yes, I believe.**

**P** Do you 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?

**C Yes, I believe.**

**P** Do you 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?

**C Yes, I believe.**



## The BLESSING and PEACE

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace † be with you.

**C** Amen.

## THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

### The 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 in 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 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 others 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.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### The EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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.

## The HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 16:1-8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** (*Sung*)

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*Sung*)

*Sit*

The HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

(stanzas 1-4)



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens -  
 2 No son of man could con - quer death, Such ru - in sin  
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, His peo - ple to  
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and death



es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands  
 had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,  
 de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing sin, He took the crown  
 con - tend - ed; The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,



And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us  
 And there - fore death had brought us In - to bond - age  
 From death's pale brow for - ev - er: Stripped of pow'r, no  
 The reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
 from of old And ev - er grew more strong and bold  
 more it reigns; An emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;  
 plain - ly saith That death is swal - lowed up by death,



Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 And held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

## The SERMON

### The COLLECT FOR THE WORD

**P** Let us pray, Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### The COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

**P** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, the Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

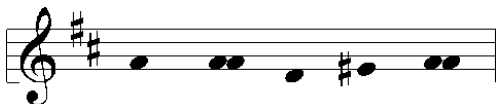
### The COLLECT DURING AN EPIDEMIC

**P** Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the pandemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort to all who mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### The SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

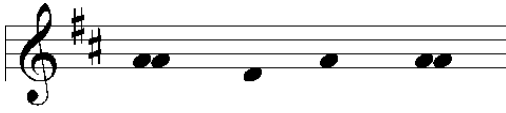
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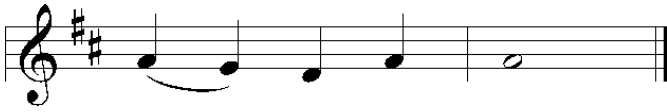
**P** The Lord be with you.



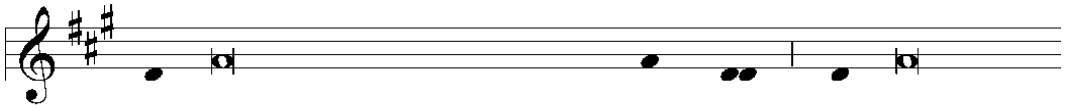
**C** And with thy spir - it.



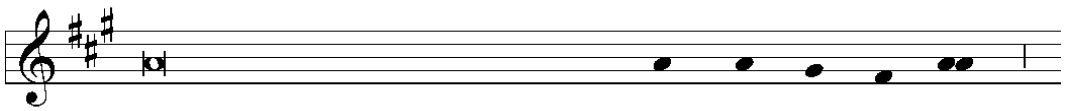
**A** Bless we the Lord.



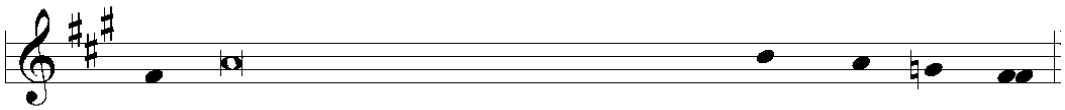
**C** Thanks be to God.



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.



## The CLOSING HYMN

LSB 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands  
(stanzas 5–7)

5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,  
Whom God so freely gave us;  
He died on the accursèd tree—  
So strong His love—to save us.  
See, His blood now marks our door;  
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,  
And Satan cannot harm us.  
Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival  
To which the Lord invites us;  
Christ is Himself the joy of all,  
The sun that warms and lights us.  
Now His grace to us imparts  
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
The night of sin is ended.  
Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day  
On Christ, the bread of heaven;  
The Word of grace has purged away  
The old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed;  
He is our meat and drink indeed;  
Faith lives upon no other!  
Alleluia!

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