

Vigil of Easter

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
April 19, 2025



Holy Communion

Fire

God kindles the new fire of resurrection

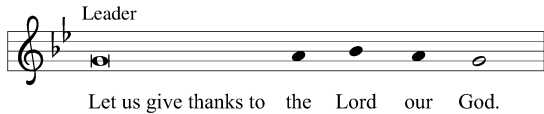
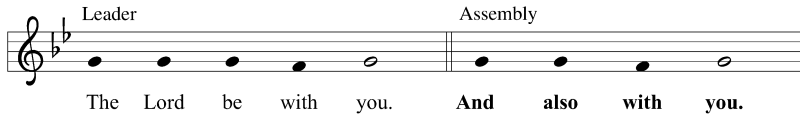
Lighting the Paschal Candle

The people follow the candle into the darkened church. During the procession the following is sung three times:



Easter Proclamation

The assembly sings as an echo: Jesus Christ is risen!



The assembly sings as an echo: This is the night. Amen. When the Easter Proclamation is finished, the assembly extinguishes candles and sits.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Creation

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Response

When Long Before Time

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Prayer

Second Reading

Deliverance at the Red Sea

Response

Miriam Dances at the Red Sea

arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar

Prayer

Third Reading

The Wisdom of God

Response

The Teaching of the Lord

The assembly sings the phrase repetitively as a prayer.



Wis - dom!

Wis - dom!

Prayer

Fourth Reading

Valley of the Dry Bones

Response

Dry Bones

African American Spiritual

Prayer

Fifth Reading

Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace

Response

All You Works of God Bless the Lord



- 1 All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you an - gels, now
2 Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove, stars of heav - en, now
3 Frost of win - ter with song so cold, dew of sum - mer, your
4 Hills and moun - tains, now sing his worth, all you green things that



bless the Lord; come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,
sing his love; dew and show - ers, you winds that blow,
song un - fold; light and dark - ness, you day and night,
grow on earth; seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,

Refrain



praise the Lord and his maj - es - ty:
heat and fire, . . . you ice and snow: Raise your voic - es high,
clouds of thun - der, you light-nings bright:
beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:



praise and mag - ni - fy, all you works of God, bless the Lord!

- 5 Come, humanity, sing along,
sing, you people of God, a song;
priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
join, you spirits and souls at rest: *Refrain*
- 6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
all you humble, his praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
bless the Spirit forevermore! *Refrain*

Baptism

God claims us as members of the Body of Christ in Word and Water

Profession of Faith

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. Amen.**

Affirmation of Baptism

Hymn of Praise

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed; Alleluia.

Christ is risen! Death has no more dominion over you!

Thanks be to God.

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

John 20:1–18

After the Gospel is announced the assembly responds: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early 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.²So 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."³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.⁸Then the other disciple, who reached

the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;¹²and 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.¹³They 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."¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.¹⁵Jesus 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."¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).¹⁷Jesus 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.'"¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

After the Gospel has been read the assembly responds: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

John Chrysostom

The assembly stamps its feet every time the word death is said.



Hymn of the Day

Christ Is Living

ACS 934

Stand.



1 ¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el lan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!

1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.

2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.

3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.



Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.

Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.

Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."

Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.

Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?

Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.

For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.

Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.

Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!

Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.



2 *Que si Cristo no viviera,
vana fuera nuestra fe;
mas se cumple su promesa:
"Porque vivo, viviréis."
Si en Adán entró la muerte,
por Jesús la vida entró;
no temáis, el triunfo es vuestro:
¡El Señor resucitó!*

3 *Si es verdad que de la muerte
el pecado es aguijón,
no temáis pues Jesucristo
nos da vida y salvación.
Gracias demos al Dios Padre
que nos da seguridad,
que quien cree en Jesucristo
vive por la eternidad.*

Prayers of Intercession

The assembly responds: God of Grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Peace

The assembly may greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.

People may say, "Peace be with you," as well as shake hands, or place two hands together over the heart, or bow, or by sitting and praying for peace, We recognize that the people of God carry different stories about touch, medical risk, or mental and physical vulnerability. This one, holy body has many gestures. Take care of one another.

Offering

Sit.

Begin the Song of Glory Now
Vigil Choir

Alfred Fedak

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Great Thanksgiving

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes.

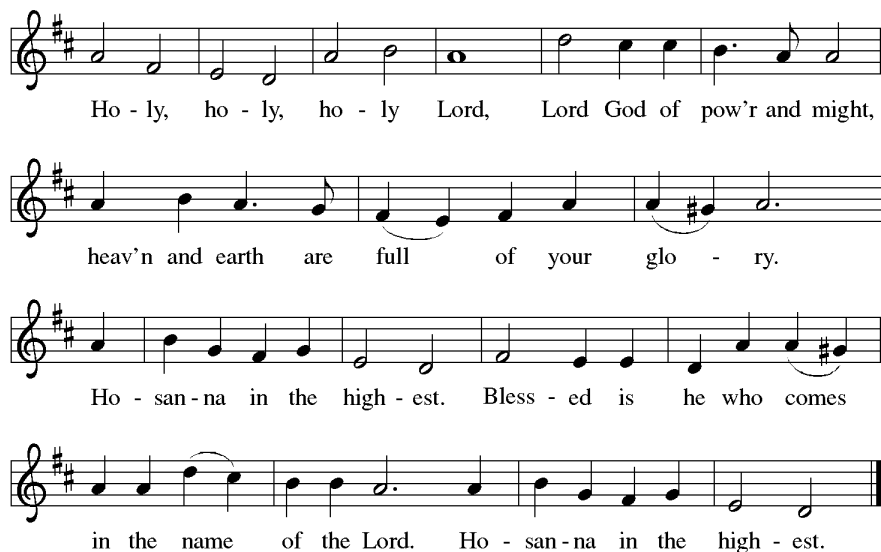
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, Christ's command to love one another,
his life-giving passion and death, the glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise to come again, we give thanks to you, O God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in this meal
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Sovereign, Child, and Power of Life,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

**Our Mother, 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Holy things for holy people.

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sit.

Communion

Lutherans trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. Welcome.

To receive communion:

Receive a cup from the usher.

Come first to the bread station. If you need gluten-free bread, please tell the server.

Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.

Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.

If you are unable to come forward to for communion, please inform an usher. communion may be brought to your seat.

Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast

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Prayer after Communion

Stand.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Sending Hymn

We Know That Christ is Raised

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The assembly faces the cross as it is sent into the world.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Won

Timothy Albrecht

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Lois Pallmeyer

Assisting Minister

Kate Ostrem

Ushers

John Barnicle, Krista McNellis, Cara Sjodin, Scott Stensrud

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Maria Conley, Amy Hinrichs

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Thor Carlson, Augustus Huseby

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Lila McNellis

Organ

Timothy Strand

Piano

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