



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



EASTER VIGIL

April 16, 2022 - 6:15 PM



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

This is the night of salvation! At the Vigil of Easter, we gather around fire, word and water 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!

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Preaching	Jim Parham
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lectors	Jim Blalock Peggy Schotsch
Cantor	Melanie Helling
Ushers	Kay Cook Roy Cook
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

The new fire is lit before the service. As the assembly gathers, a small unlighted candle may be given to each worshiper.

GREETING

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.

Siblings 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.

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.

Amen.

*The presiding minister may trace the inscription on the paschal candle,
which is held by an assisting minister.*

Christ, yesterday and today, † the beginning and the ending. To Christ belongs all time and all the ages; to Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister lights the paschal candle and says:

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

*Light from the paschal candle is passed until the people's candles are all lighted.
The procession begins, led by the Assisting Minister bearing the paschal candle.*

PROCESSION

*The procession begins led by the Assisting Minister bearing the paschal candle.
The response is chanted at three points during the procession.*



The paschal candle is placed in its stand.

Remain standing as able

EASTER PROCLAMATION

An assisting minister sings the Easter proclamation.

Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen! Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation. Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever.

Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

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

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, that with full devotion of heart and mind and voice we should praise the invisible God, and the only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, by his precious blood, redeemed us from 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.

Cantor This is the night. *Assembly* This is the night.

in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, and led them, dry-shod, through the sea.

Cantor This is the night. *Assembly* This is the night.

in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness

Cantor This is the night. *Assembly* This is the night.

in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness.

Cantor *Assembly*

This is the night. This is the night.

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 hour in which Christ arose again from hell!

Cantor *Assembly*

This is the night. This is the night.

of which it is written: “The night is as clear as the day,” and, “then shall my night be turned into day.” The holiness of this night puts to flight the deeds of wickedness; washes away sin; restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn; casts out hate; brings peace; and humbles earthly pride. Therefore, in this night of grace, receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, reflected in the burning of this candle. We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished even when its light is divided and borrowed. For it is fed by the melting wax which the bees, your servants, have made for the substance of this candle.

Cantor *Assembly*

This is the night. This is the night.

in which heaven and earth are joined—things human and things divine. We, therefore, pray to you, O God, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the darkness of night and be mingled with the lights of heaven. May Christ the Morning Star find it burning, that Morning Star who never sets, that Morning Star who, rising from the grave, faithfully sheds light on the whole human race. And we pray, O God, rule, govern, and preserve with your continual protection your whole church, giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Cantor *Assembly*

one God, now and for - ev - er. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

First Reading:

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Creation

Response: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

After the cantor introduces the refrain, the assembly sings the refrain. Cantor and assembly alternate chanting the Psalm using the Tone and singing the Refrain as indicated.

God's mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er.

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

Prayer

Let us pray. 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.

Amen.

Third Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Salvation freely offered to all

Response: Isaiah 12:2-6

Refrain



With joy you will draw wa - ter
from the wells of sal - va - tion. (Is. 1 :3)

Tone



²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might,
and has become | my salvation.

³**With joy you | will draw water
from the wells | of salvation. Refrain**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD,
call | on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations;
proclaim that this name | is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done | gloriously;
let this be known in | all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel. **Refrain**

Silent reflection.

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

You people of God, bless the Lord;
you priests of the Lord, bless the Lord;
you servants of the Lord, bless the Lord. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

Silent reflection.

Prayer

Let us pray. 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.
Amen.

SERMON

Pastor Jim Parham

Stand as able

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

The assembly gathers around the font during the singing.

The musical notation is presented on two staves. The first staff is divided into two sections: 'Leader' and 'Assembly'. The 'Leader' section contains the lyrics: 'Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.' The 'Assembly' section contains the lyrics: 'Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.' The second staff contains the lyrics: 'Be gra - cious to us: Hear us, O God. De - liv - er your people: Hear us, O God.' The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Leader Assembly

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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



You loved us before the world was made: **Hear us, O God.**
You rescued the people of your promise: **Hear us, O God.**
You spoke through your prophets: **Hear us, O God.**
You gave your only Son for the life of the world: **Hear us, O God.**



For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: **Great is your love.**
and was born of the vir - gin Mary: **Great is your love.**
who by his cross and suffering re - deemed the world: **Great is your love.**
and has washed us from our sins: **Great is your love.**
who on the third day rose from the dead: **Great is your love.**
and has given us the vic - to - ry: **Great is your love.**
who ascend - ed on high: **Great is your love.**
and intercedes for us at the right hand of God: **Great is your love.**



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.**



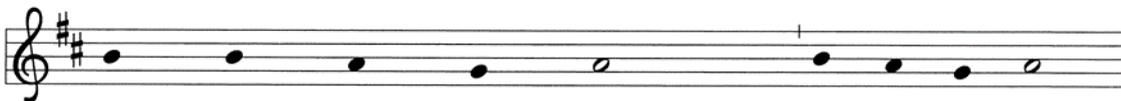
For Sarah and Abraham, Isaac and Re - bekah: **Thanks be to God.**
For Gideon and Deborah, Da - vid and Esther: **Thanks be to God.**
For Moses and Isaiah, Jeremi - ah and Daniel: **Thanks be to God.**
For Miriam and Rahab, Abi - gail and Ruth: **Thanks be to God.**



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.**



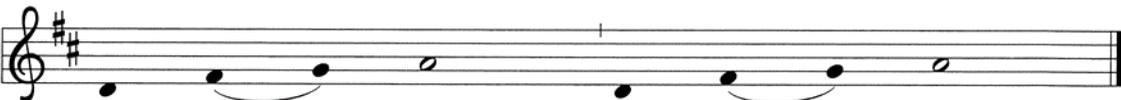
For all holy men and women,
our mothers and fa - thers in faith: **Thanks be to God.**
For the noble band of the prophets: **Thanks be to God.**
For the glorious company of the a - postles: **Thanks be to God.**
For the white-robed ar - my of martyrs: **Thanks be to God.**
For cherubim and seraphim,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



Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

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

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

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?

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

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.

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.

During the singing of the hymn, worshippers are invited to approach one of the ministers to have the baptismal cross on their foreheads refreshed with the words, "You are God's beloved, baptized child."

HYMN

Baptized and Set Free

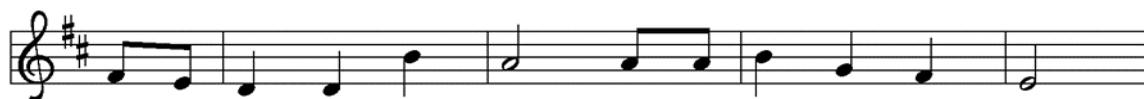
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1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

As we depart in peace, let us share the peace of Christ with one another, and return to our homes to reflect and rest, gathering again in joy tomorrow to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

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