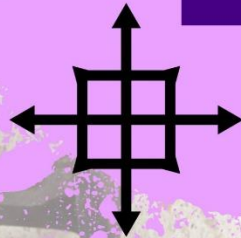
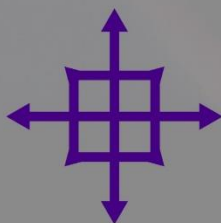


# The Triduum

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# The Triduum - Three Holy Days

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## Welcome to Our Guests

We welcome you in the name of Christ. **We love welcoming guests/visitors** and encourage you to complete one of the blue cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or **scan this QR Code** with your smart phone to complete the visitor card digitally. We have a gift for you at our Welcome Desk – please stop by after worship. You are invited to join in all parts of worship. Everything you need is printed in this worship booklet.



All who desire to receive Holy Communion are welcome at the table. If you do not wish to receive, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing! For instructions on how to receive the bread and wine, see the Communion sections later in this booklet. Portions of worship in **bold print** are to be spoken by the whole congregation. We stand for portions of our worship service. **Please feel free to remain seated, if you prefer.**

**Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be live-streamed.** Digital ministry is an essential part of our community, with the Wellstream services allowing those at home to worship alongside our gathered community for a service of Holy Communion. The cameras will be primarily focused on our worship leaders and offer some wide-angle views of the sanctuary. If you have questions or concerns about appearing on camera, contact Communication Minister Christian Perritt ([perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

**Amplification devices** for the hearing impaired are available from ushers or at the Welcome Desk. Our **nursery for newborns to age five is open and staffed for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Masks are optional but welcome. Please be mindful of others' comfort level with social distancing and touch (handshakes, etc.).** A restroom is located at the north end of the Gathering Area with additional restrooms downstairs.

## The Three Days

Maundy Thursday is the beginning of the Triduum—the ancient observance of the mystery of our salvation, which plunges the faithful into the death of Jesus and brings them with him to resurrection life. **The Three Days is one liturgy, one worship service, extending from Thursday evening through the Easter Vigil.** Conform your life to the worship rhythms of the church this week. Do whatever you can to honor Holy Week and the Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil. We gather with Christians around the world to celebrate and remember. On **Maundy Thursday**, we heed Christ's commandment to love one another—we wash each other's feet and share the meal he instituted. On **Friday**, we hear the passion of Christ, the narrative of Jesus crucified and reigning from the cross. This service continues to the **Easter Vigil**—the night, the very night, the passover of Christ from death to life. This is the high point of the church's year, the night the church welcomes new Christians by baptism, lights the first of the resurrection candles, and celebrates the first Easter Holy Communion.

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## Maundy Thursday

March 28 ~ 7:00 pm

**On this night** we begin the Great Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death into life. The Maundy Thursday service includes the words of Jesus' new commandment (mandatum, from which Maundy comes) to love one another. As a sign of our calling to follow Jesus' example of humility and service, we may wash one another's feet as Jesus washed the disciples' feet. On this night in which Jesus was handed over to death we recall the Last Supper by gathering at the Lord's Table. At the service's conclusion, the chancel is stripped of furnishings as a sign of Jesus' betrayal and abandonment.

### **Individual Absolution**

Following the confession and absolution, you are invited to come forward to the altar rail and kneel as able or stand for a pronouncement of individual forgiveness by the pastor. Beginning from the center of the rail outward, worshippers should approach and leave in continuous fashion so that a flow is established.

### **Foot Washing**

To remember our Lord's call to servanthood, after the Hymn of the Day the assembly is invited to participate in foot washing. Foot washing stations are near the font.

**PRELUDE ~ ... the peace may be exchanged** from Rubrics (Dan Locklair)

## **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*(We sit and keep silence for reflection and self examination)*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*After the general confession, people may come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail for individual absolution and laying on of hands. Worshippers kneel or stand from the center of the rail outward in a continuous fashion and after receiving absolution, return to their seats by the side aisles.*

**HYMN DURING THE LAYING ON OF HANDS ~ Great God, Your Love has Called Us**

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# Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

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1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,  
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,  
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems  
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

(We stand)

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(We sit)

## FIRST READING ~ Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Pew Bible Page 64

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 116:12-19 (sung responsively between choir and congregation)



<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- | pay the Lord  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord  
in the presence of | all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your | sight, O Lord,  
is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O Lord, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord  
in the presence of | all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of | the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

(We stand)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung by choir)

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.  
(John 13:34)

## GOSPEL ~ Mark 14:12-42

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At the Last Supper, Jesus renews the covenant God made with the people at the Passover, pouring out his life for salvation and new life.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(We sit)

## HOMILY

Pastor Paul Weber

Silence for reflection follows.

(We stand)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### O Sinless Lamb of God



1 O sin - less Lamb of God, the vic - tim, yet the vic - tor;  
2 O - be - dient - ly we kneel be - fore you, faith - ful Ser - vant,  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, wit - ness of Christ's liv - ing pres - ence:  
4 O God, you wel - come all your chil - dren to the ban - quet;



your lov - ing sac - ri - fice has brought for - give - ness, peace, and hope.  
as you be - fore your dear - est friends did kneel to wash their feet.  
make con - fi - dent our faith that Christ is with us ev - 'ry day.  
root out the hate - ful prej - u - dice that mocks your gra - cious will.



We lift the cup and break the bread in mem - 'ry of your death:  
We lift the cup and break the bread to thank you for your love.  
We lift the cup and break the bread to cel - e - brate your life!  
We lift the cup and break the bread to show your grand de - sign.



make us to die each day to sin and rise to ho - li - ness!  
Help us to serve as you have served, in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Em - pow'r your ho - ly church to be your pres - ence in the world.  
Join each to each, and all to you in lov - ing u - ni - ty.

## WASHING OF FEET

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

(We sit)

*All who wish to participate in the foot washing are invited to come to one of the foot washing stations at the font. Hold your feet over the basin. Do not immerse your feet in the basin. A worship leader will pour water over your feet and dry them.*

*As I Have Done For You* (D. Schutte)  
*Just as I Am, without One Plea*

Piano  
Organ

(We stand)

### PRAYERS

Let us pray for new life in the church, new hope for the world, and God’s love for all who are in need.

*Each petition ends*

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The lay assisting minister concludes the prayers with these or similar words:*

We pray to you, O God, in the name of the one who endured the cross, forgives our sin, and feeds us at his table, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:*

**“Peace be with you.”**

(We sit)

**OFFERING ~ Celebrate the Shadow** (R. E. Schram)

Combined Choir

(We stand)

**OFFERING SONG** we sing verses 1 & 2

ELW 323

## God Loved the World

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, we cry out for the hope and healing you offer. Guide us continually to your service. Make us your hands to feed the hungry. Make us your feet to bring the gospel to others. Prepare us to receive the bread of life Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.



## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Beloved, let us celebrate with Jesus at the table of peace.

**For he loved his own, even to the end.**

Let us eat the Feast with him.

**For now nothing can separate us from his love.**

And let us love one another well,

**For he laid down his life for us all.**

Praise to you, God of glory!

Your love created the universe and sustains it.

You breathed life into our dust and placed us in paradise.

You found us when we hid ourselves, ashamed of our sin.

Your love shaped a people, and you are their God to this day,  
in an alliance that lasts forever.

In the fullness of time, you called us also to be your own,  
through the tender ministry of Jesus.

You spoke to us with his human voice  
and healed us with his human hands.

He gave us his life in bread and wine,  
and suffered for his faithfulness on the cross of shame.

But you loved him faithfully, raising him from the dead.

You sent his Spirit into our hearts  
and adopted us, making us heirs of his glory;  
forever we belong in your household of joy.

We remember that he longed to celebrate the Passover with his friends.

He arranged for a meal, his last in this life.

We remember that he gave them a new commandment:

**“Love one another as I have loved you.”**

We remember that he gave them an example:

**He knelt before them and washed their feet.**

We remember that his betrayer was with him.

**Jesus loved and served him too.**

And we remember that on that night,  
with danger and death in the air,

Jesus remembered with joy  
the deliverance of his ancestors  
from the oppression of Pharaoh.

He told the story, shared the loaf,  
and drank the cup of blessing.

In love for us, he took the bread,  
gave thanks to you, and broke it.

He gave it to them, saying:

“Take and eat this, all of you:  
this is my body, broken for you.

Do this and remember me.”

And when the supper was over,  
he took a cup filled with wine,  
blessed it in your name,  
and passed it to them, saying:  
“This is the cup of a new covenant in my blood.  
Do this and remember me.”

Holy Spirit, come make all things new.  
Bless this bread and cup, and us who share them.  
May they be for us life-giving food and drink.  
Give us love for each other,  
and make us your servants in the world  
until your new age of justice comes,  
and every creature beholds it.

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We lift up the bread of life and cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

**O Lord, we put our trust in you.**

(We sit)

### COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord’s Table! After the invitation to communion, the ushers will direct each row to come forward. If, for any reason, you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, signal an usher or raise your hand, and an assisting minister will bring the elements to you.*

*As you come forward, pick up a small cup from the table at the front and then receive the bread (wafer) from the minister. Gluten-free wafers are located on the table. If you require gluten-free, please take one and present it to the pastor for blessing.*

*Next, proceed to one of the two communion assistants. The first chalice has wine, and the second chalice has grape juice.*

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words:*

*“The body of Christ, given for you . . . The blood of Christ, shed for you.”*

*You may say: “Amen.”*

*After consuming the wine/juice, please put your cup on the tray along the side wall, and return to your seat via the side aisle. **If you don’t wish to remove your mask up front**, you may choose to bring the elements back to your pew to eat/drink there.*

# MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

## Ubi caritas et amor *Where True Charity and Love Abide*

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U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

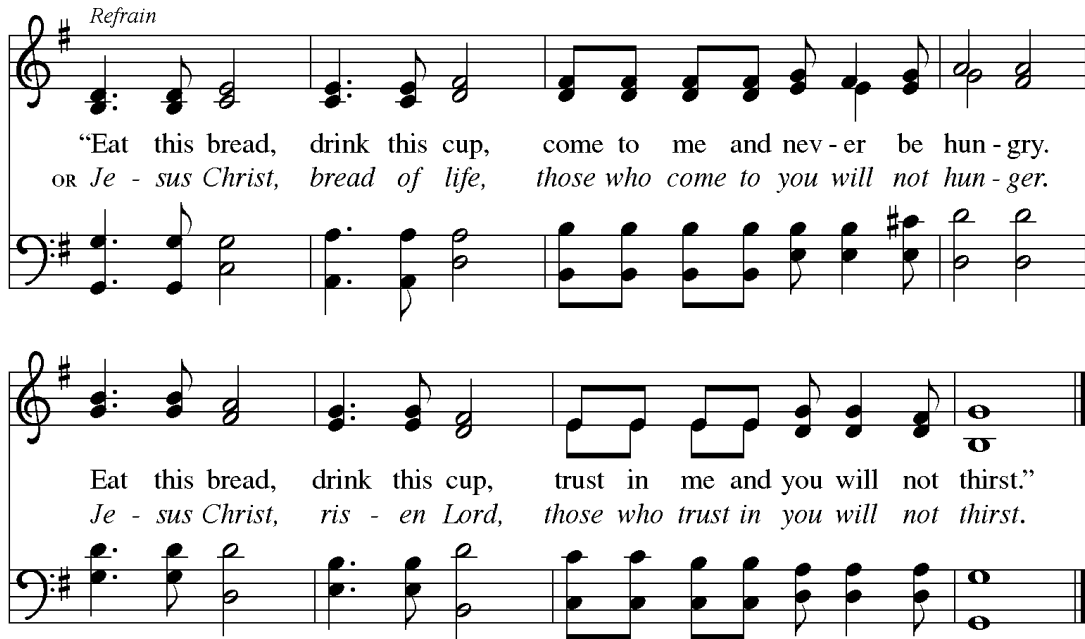
u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.  
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

# Eat This Bread

## *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

ELW 472

*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun-ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

# Stay with Me

ELW 348



Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

(We stand)

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*This rite marks the transition from the eucharistic celebration to Jesus' crucifixion and death. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors. The lights are dimmed and Psalm 22 is read as the altar is stripped. Each item is removed slowly as we reflect on the passion of Christ. The sanctuary lamp remains lit as a symbol of the Holy Spirit's constant presence with us.*

*After the Stripping of the Altar, the congregation leaves in silence to return on Good Friday. The congregation continues its journey with Jesus at the Good Friday Service and at the Easter Vigil on Saturday. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are thus considered to be three acts of one worship experience.*

## **WE DEPART IN SILENCE**

***Please leave this worship booklet in the basket as you exit the Sanctuary so we may reuse it as worship continues Friday and Saturday.***

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## **PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EVENING'S SERVICE**

**PREACHING MINISTER** ~ Pastor Paul Weber

**PRESIDING MINISTER** ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes

**LAY ASSISTING MINISTER** ~ Mary Elizabeth Skinner

**LECTOR** ~ Mark Warner

**CRUCIFER** ~ Meg Wightman

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS** ~ Mark Warner, Linda Alley, Sue Koch, Meg Wightman

**FOOT WASHERS** ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes, Kathy Thompson

**USHERS** ~ Pam Bergey, Robert Alley

**SOUND TECH** ~ Mark Byerly

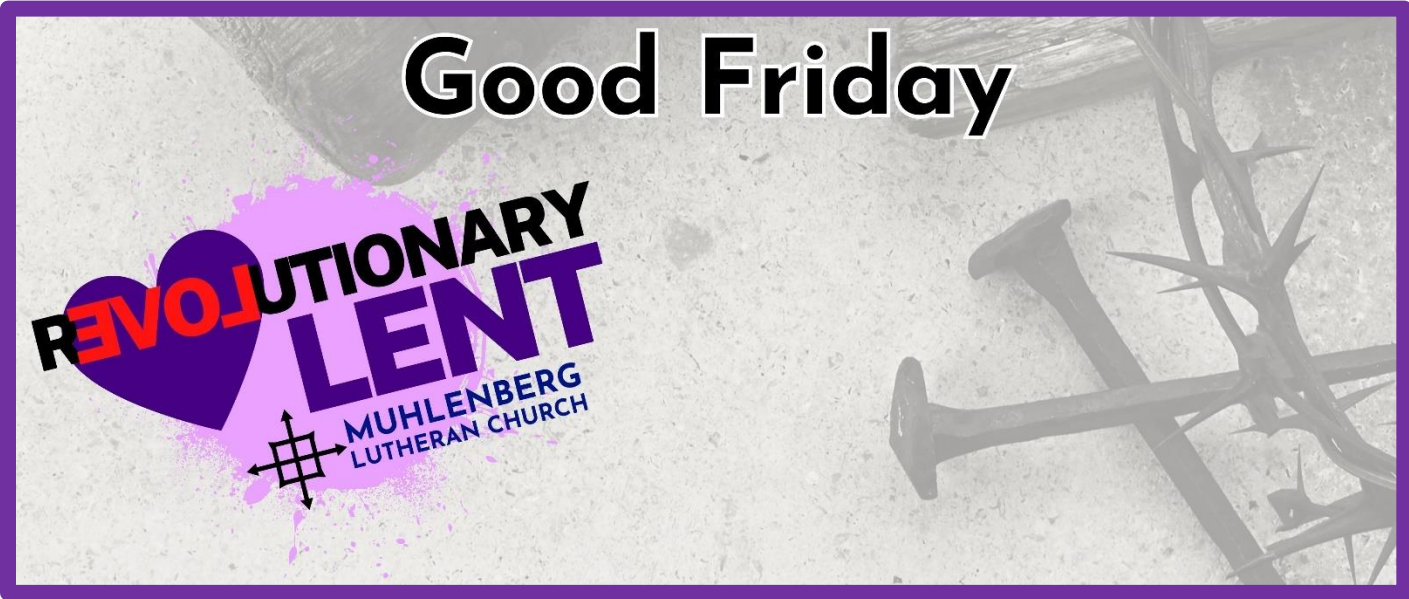
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Linlin Uta, Interim Music Minister

Combined Choir ~ Members of Celebration Singers and Sanctuary Choir

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## Good Friday

March 29 ~ 7:00 pm

*At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion, which we read this year from the Gospel of Mark. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died. Today's liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.*

### **WE GATHER IN SILENCE**

*The assembly stands when the minister stands.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(We sit)*

**INTRODUCTION AND INVITATION TO THE GOSPEL**

Pastor Lauren Eanes

## THE PASSION NARRATIVE FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK

### Mark 14:53-65

<sup>53</sup>They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. <sup>54</sup>Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>'We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.' <sup>59</sup>But even on this point their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" <sup>61</sup>But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" <sup>62</sup>Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'" <sup>63</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

**HYMN** ~ Ah, Holy Jesus we sing verse 1

ELW 349

### Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

**Mark 14:66-72**

<sup>66</sup>While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." <sup>71</sup>But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." <sup>72</sup>At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

**HYMN ~ Ah, Holy Jesus** we sing verse 2 (see page 13)

**Mark 15:1-15**

<sup>1</sup>As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>They shouted back, "Crucify him!" <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

**HYMN ~ Ah, Holy Jesus** we sing verse 3 (see page 13)

**Mark 15:16-20**

<sup>16</sup>Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

**HYMN ~ Were You There** we sing verse 1

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# Were You There

ELW 353



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

## Mark 15:21-32

<sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

<sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

**HYMN ~ Were You There** we sing verse 2 (see above)

### **Mark 15:33-39**

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

<sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

**HYMN ~ Were You There** we sing verse 4 (see page 15)

### **Mark 15:40-47**

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

**HYMN ~ Were You There** we sing verse 5 (see page 15)

*Silence for reflection follows.*

### **BIDDING PRAYER**

*The assisting minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid. The presiding minister leads the prayers that conclude the silence.*

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for Elizabeth and Phyllis our bishops, for Lauren and Alex our pastors, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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.**

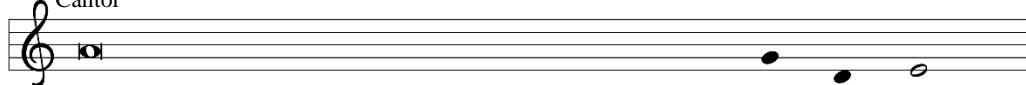
**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

A large cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the assembly. The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.

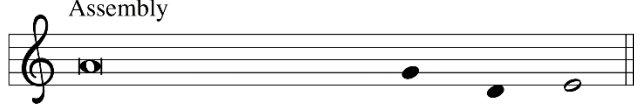
The following dialogue is sung as the procession begins.

Cantor



Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the world.

Assembly



**Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.**

The dialogue is **sung a second time** at the midpoint of the procession, and **a third time** at the end of the procession.

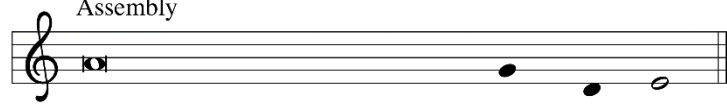
When the cross is in place:

Cantor



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

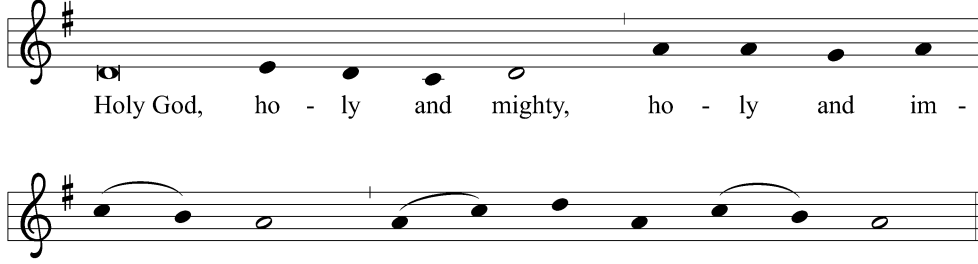
Assembly



**By your holy cross you have re - deemed the world.**

## SOLEMN REPROACHES (T. Pavlechko)

Congregational Response



Holy God, ho - ly and mighty, ho - ly and im -  
mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you?

How have I offended you? Answer me.

I led you out of slavery into freedom,  
and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

Congregational Response (see above)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

Forty years I led you through the desert,  
feeding you with manna on the way,  
I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

*Congregational Response (see page 18)*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire,  
but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;  
I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

*Congregational Response (see page 18)*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit;  
I made you branches of the vine and never left your side,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

*Congregational Response (see page 18)*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I poured out saving water from the rock,  
but you gave me vinegar to drink;  
I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

*Congregational Response (see page 18)*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;  
I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

*Congregational Response (see page 18)*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed;  
I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

*Congregational Response (see page 18)*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land,  
but you opened my side with a spear;  
I washed your feet as a sign of my love,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

*Congregational Response (see page 18)*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I lifted you up to the heights,  
but you lifted me high on a cross;  
I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

*Congregational Response (see page 18)*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I grafted you into my people Israel,  
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

*Congregational Response (see page 18)*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters,  
but I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
a stranger and you did not welcome me,  
naked and you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,

and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.  
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

*Congregational Response (see page 18)*

**CHORAL RESPONSE ~ Come Find His Rest** (E. Dewar; arr. D. Forrest)

Combined Choir

**SILENCE**

**VERSICLE AND RESPONSE**

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*Worshippers may come forward to kneel and pray at the altar rail  
and/or may reverence the cross before departing in silence.*

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**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EVENING'S SERVICE**

**PRESIDING MINISTER ~** Pastor Lauren Eanes

**LAY ASSISTING MINISTER ~** Kathy Thompson

**USHERS ~** Susan Gallaher, Karen Thomsen

**SOUND TECH ~** Mark Byerly

**MUSICIANS ~** Linlin Uta, Interim Music Minister

Judith Ofcarcik, Pianist

Combined Choir ~ Members of Sanctuary Choir and Celebration Singers

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## The Vigil of Easter

March 30 ~ 8:00 pm

*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.*

*The service begins in Woodbine Cemetery with the lighting of a new fire. All gather in silence.  
A small unlighted candle is given to each worshipper.*

### 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 lights the paschal candle, using a stick or taper from the fire, and sings:*

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



## PROCESSION

The procession begins, led by the minister bearing the paschal candle.

As the procession begins, the minister sings:

*All*

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

The procession continues, stopping in the parking lot. The minister lifts the paschal candle and sings the response on a higher tone, after which the peoples' candles are lit from the paschal candle.

*All*

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

The procession continues into the Gathering Area. The minister takes the paschal candle to its stand, lifts it high and sings on a still higher tone:

*All*

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

Light from the paschal candle is passed until all the people's candles are lighted.

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

A Cantor sings the Easter proclamation; the congregation sings the bold "All" responses.

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.

*All*

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

*All*

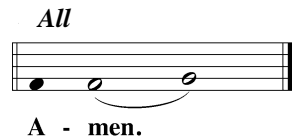
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.



in which, in ancient times,  
 you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel,  
 and led them, dry-shod, through the sea.  
 This is the night **[This is the night]**  
 in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness.  
 This is the night **[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.  
 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!  
 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.  
 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,  
one God, now and forever.



### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. **Amen.**

*(We sit)*

*Handheld candles may be extinguished.*

### **THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

*The first Christians heard the stories about Jesus; they didn't read them. Tonight we will experience the gospel of Mark just as the early Christians would have: in performance, in its entirety. As the word becomes a living word, let us experience the passionate impact of the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.*

*This is a long reading. If you find yourself getting fidgety or your mind wanders, that's ok. Gently bring your attention back to the story. If you need to step out for any reason, please try to time your exit/reentry to the natural transition times between readers.*

*Silence for reflection will follow the conclusion of the gospel.*

### **LITANY OF THE SAINTS**

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*~see pages 26 & 27~*

# Litany of the Saints

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.

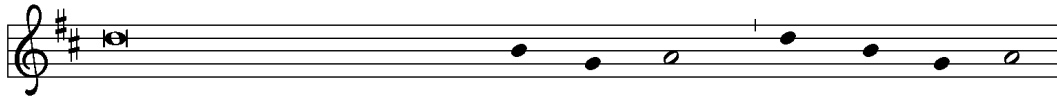
You loved us before the world was made: Hear us, O God.  
 You rescued the people of your promise: Hear us, O God.  
 You spoke through your prophets: Hear us, O God.  
 You gave your only Son for the life of the world: Hear us, O God.

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.



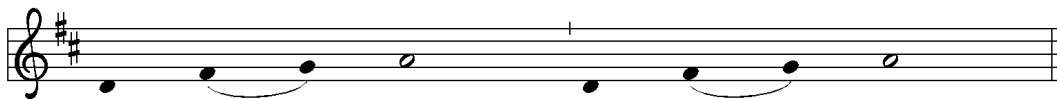
For all holy men and women,  
                   our mothers and fa - thers in faith: **Thanks be to God.**  
 For the noble band           of the prophets: **Thanks be to God.**  
 For the glorious company of   the a - postles: **Thanks be to God.**  
 For the white-robed ar - my of martyrs: **Thanks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

**SONG ~ We Know that Christ is Raised**

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*During the singing of the hymn, we process from the font to the front of the sanctuary.*

# We Know That Christ Is Raised

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1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

## PEACE

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

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:  
"Peace be with you."

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord 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.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus  
who, living among us,  
healed the sick,  
fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence the words our Savior gave us:

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the feast of victory for our God!  
**Alleluia!**

*(We sit)*

### COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table! After the invitation to communion, the ushers will direct each row to come forward. If, for any reason, you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, signal an usher or raise your hand, and an assisting minister will bring the elements to you.*

*As you come forward, pick up a small cup from the table at the front and then receive the bread (wafer) from the minister. Gluten-free wafers are located on the table. If you require gluten-free, please take one and present it to the pastor for blessing.*

*Next, proceed to one of the two communion assistants. The first chalice has wine, and the second chalice has grape juice.*

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words:*

*"The body of Christ, given for you . . . The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

*You may say: "Amen."*

*After consuming the wine/juice, please put your cup on the tray along the side wall, and return to your seat via the side aisle. **If you don't wish to remove your mask up front**, you may choose to bring the elements back to your pew to eat/drink there.*

*(We stand)*

### BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN ~ Thine is the Glory**

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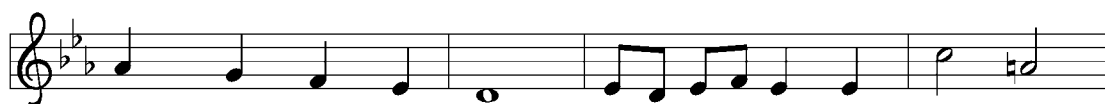
## Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

### BLESSING

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus to life, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

**Amen!**

Christ, the Morning Star who never sets, scatter the shadows and fill you with light. **Amen!**

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this night and always. **Amen!**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

## PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EVENING'S SERVICE

**PRESIDING MINISTER** ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes

**LAY ASSISTING MINISTER** ~ Mary Elizabeth Skinner

**READERS** ~ Kathy Thompson, Susan Gallaher, Linda Alley, Susan Lawrence, Terry Caywood, Kristee Trumbo, Pam Bergey, Meg Wightman, Robert Alley, Sue Totty

**CRUCIFER** ~ Meg Wightman

**TORCH BEARERS** ~ Kristee Trumbo, Terry Caywood

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS** ~ Robert Alley, Terry Caywood, Kristee Trumbo, Meg Wightman

**USHERS** ~ Susan Gallaher, Linda Alley, Pam Bergey

**SOUND TECH** ~ Bill Wightman

**MUSICIANS** ~ Judith Ofcarcik, Organist  
Kathy Thompson, Cantor

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**Please stay after the service to enjoy refreshments  
and fellowship in the Gathering Area.**

**A note from Pastor Lauren:** *According to the Gospel of Luke, when the resurrected Jesus came to visit his disciples, he said, "Do you have anything to eat?" I bet if I had just come back from the dead, that would be the first thing on my mind, too! So as we get to the end of the long Easter Vigil service and "The Lord has risen indeed! Alleluia!," let's enjoy a festive bite to eat together in the Gathering Area. Join us for a sweet treat and a sparkling cider toast to new life!*

# EASTER SUNDAY

## Worship ~ 8:30 & 11:00 am



The ultimate r(evol)ution of love came about through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! On Easter Sunday, in word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love.

Join us for worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 and 11:00.

## Easter Brunch ~ 9:30 - 10:45 am

Join us in the Muhlenberg Activities Center (MAC) for an Easter Brunch! The Fellowship Committee will provide breakfast meats, coffee, juice and tea. Please bring food to share as suggested below, or feel free to bring your favorite signature dish:

### Households with the last name:

**A – K Breakfast Casserole**

**L – O Fruit**

**P – Z Breakfast Breads**



Everyone is welcome, with or without something to share!

## Photos ~ 9:30 - 10:45 am



There will be an opportunity to have an individual or family picture taken and printed.

## Easter Egg Hunt & Activities ~ 9:45 am

The Children's Ministry team needs your help. Volunteers are needed to set up the Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30 after the Easter Vigil. Extra adults will also be needed in the nursery at both services on Easter Sunday, March 31. If you are available to help, please contact Ashley Saunders ([saunders@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:saunders@muhlenberglutheran.org)).



The Easter Egg Hunt will be inside the MAC Easter Sunday at 9:45 am. In addition to the hunt, we will play games and enjoy activities for kids of all ages.