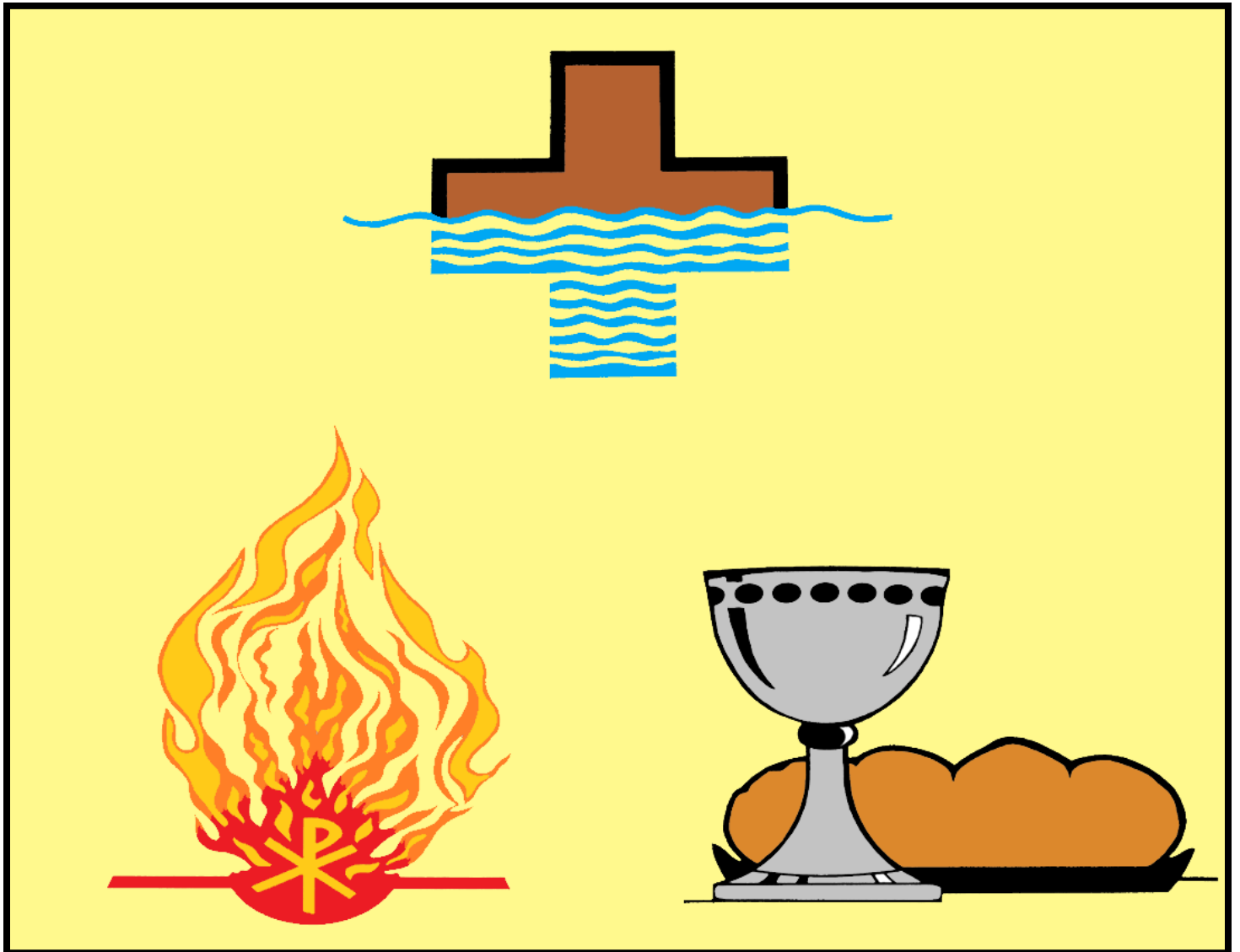


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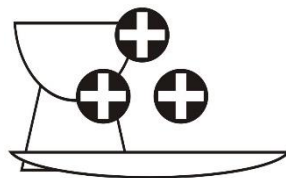
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THE PROMISE OF THE RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

APRIL 11, 2020

7:30 PM



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE BRONX, NEW YORK

In the Name of Jesus

The Great Vigil of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Great Vigil of Holy Pascha A.D. MMXX

Saturday, April 11, 2020

This Liturgy's Easter Proclamation announces, "This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are resurrected from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed by grace, and are restored to holiness." It is the very foundation of our Christian faith, and it is what makes it the crowning moment of the Church's year. On this night the Church celebrates the presence of the risen Lord as He brings us to new life in Holy Baptism, gives us His Body and Blood, speaks His Word of promise, and comes to us in the Christian community.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

P: Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and in prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord: if we honor the memory of His death and resurrection by hearing His Word and celebrating His mysteries, then we may be confident that we shall share with all the saints His victory over death and live with Him forever in God.

C: Amen.

P: Father, we share the light of your glory through your Son, the Light of the World. Make this new fire ✠ holy, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us and all the saints one day to the feast of eternal light through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Blessing and Lighting of the Paschal Candle

P: Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega; all time belongs to Him and all the ages. To Him be glory and power through every age forever.

C: Amen.

P: By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.

C: Amen. *(The Paschal Candle is lit.)*

The Procession into the Church

P: The Light of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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The Easter Proclamation (The Exultet)

Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation. Exult, also, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world. Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples. Wherefore, dearly beloved, who stand in the clarity of this bright and holy light, join with me, I ask you, in praising the loving-kindness of almighty God; through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should with full devotion of heart and mind and voice praise the invisible God, the Father Almighty, and his only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ; who paid for us the debt of Adam to the eternal Father, and who by his precious blood redeemed us from the 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.

This is the night in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forbearers, the children of Israel, from the land of Egypt; and led them, dry-shod, through the Red Sea. This, indeed, is the night in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness. This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness. This is the night in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph.

For it would have profited us nothing to be born had we not also been redeemed. Oh, how wonderful the condescension of your loving-kindness! Oh, how inestimable the goodness of your love, that to redeem a slave you delivered up your Son! O necessary sin of Adam that is wiped away by the death of Christ! O happy fault that was worthy to have so great a Redeemer! O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know the time and the hour wherein Christ arose again from hell! This is the night of which it was written: “and 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 Holy Father, this evening sacrifice of praise; which the Church lays before you in the solemn offering of the 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.

(The other candles in church are lit.)

For it is fed by the melting wax which bees, your servants, have made for the substance of this candle. O night truly blessed in which heaven and earth are joined—things human and things divine.

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

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2 (Creation)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth,

and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Hymn of Response: Crashing Waters At Creation

-- ELW 455



- 1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
- 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
- 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
- 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
 wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.
 o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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Second Reading: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13

The Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind-- every bird, every

winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh-- birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth-- so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Third Reading: Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. "My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, endowing with wealth those who love me, and filling their treasuries." To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Congregational Remembrance of Baptism

P: Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in Holy Baptism, so that we may rise with Him to new life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in Holy Baptism when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in His Holy catholic Church.

P: Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O God of grace. From age to age you made water a sign of your presence among us. In the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you created the world by your word, calling forth life in which you took delight. You led Israel safely through the Red Sea into the land of promise, and in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed Jesus your beloved one. By water and the Spirit you adopted us as your daughters and sons, making us heirs of the promise and servants of God. Through this water, remind us of our baptism. Shower us with your Spirit, that your forgiveness, grace and love may be renewed in our lives. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgiven all our sins. May He also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ now and forever.

C: Amen.

Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(You are invited to make the sign of the cross upon the forehead of your family members, blessing each other and extending Christ's peace to one another.)

Liturgy of the Holy Word

P: So let us keep the festival to which our Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
Now his grace to us imparts eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: ALLELUIA!

(As the lights are completely turned on, the congregation makes a joyful noise while singing the Hymn of Praise.)

Gloria (Hymn of Praise): This Is The Feast (Divine Service – Setting One)

Refrain



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



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



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



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

Final Refrain



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



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

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

Lord God, you have brightened this night with the radiance of the risen Christ. Quicken the spirit of adoption in your Church; renew us in mind and body to give you whole-hearted service, through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

New Testament Reading: Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10 *(Please stand.)*

P: Allelu – Allelu – Allelu – Alleluia! C: Praise We The LORD! (2X)

P: Praise We The LORD! C: Alleluia! (4X)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(after the reading)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Lord.

P: Allelu – Allelu – Allelu – Alleluia! C: Praise We The LORD! (2X)

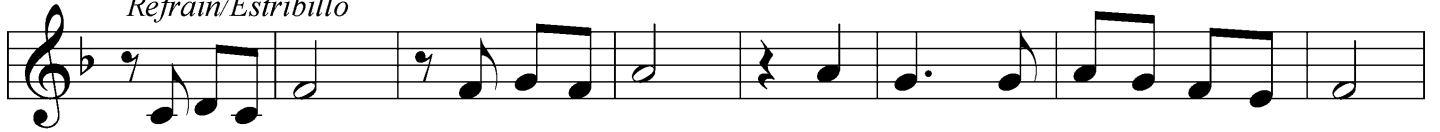
P: Praise We The LORD! C: Alleluia! (4X)

Sermon *(Followed by Silence for prayer & meditation)*

Hymn of the Day: Alabaré

--LSB 800

Refrain/Estribillo



A-la-ba-ré a - la - ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.



A-la-ba-ré a - la - ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.



1 Juan vio el nú - me - ro de los re - di - mi - dos,
2 To - dos u - ni - dos, a - le - gres can - te - mos
3 So - mos tu pue - blo, Dios Pa - dre e - ter - no;



to - dos a - la - ba - ban al Se - ñor.
glo - ria y a - la - ban - zos al Se - ñor:
tú nos has cre - a - do por a - mor.



u - nos o - ra - ban o - tros can - ta - han,
glo - ria al Pa - dre, glo - ria al Hi - jo,
Te a - do - ra - mos, te ben - de - ci - mos,



mas to - dos a la - ba - ban al Se - ñor.
glo - ria al Es - pí - ri - tu de amor.
y to dos can - ta - mos en tu ho - nor.

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Prayer of the Church

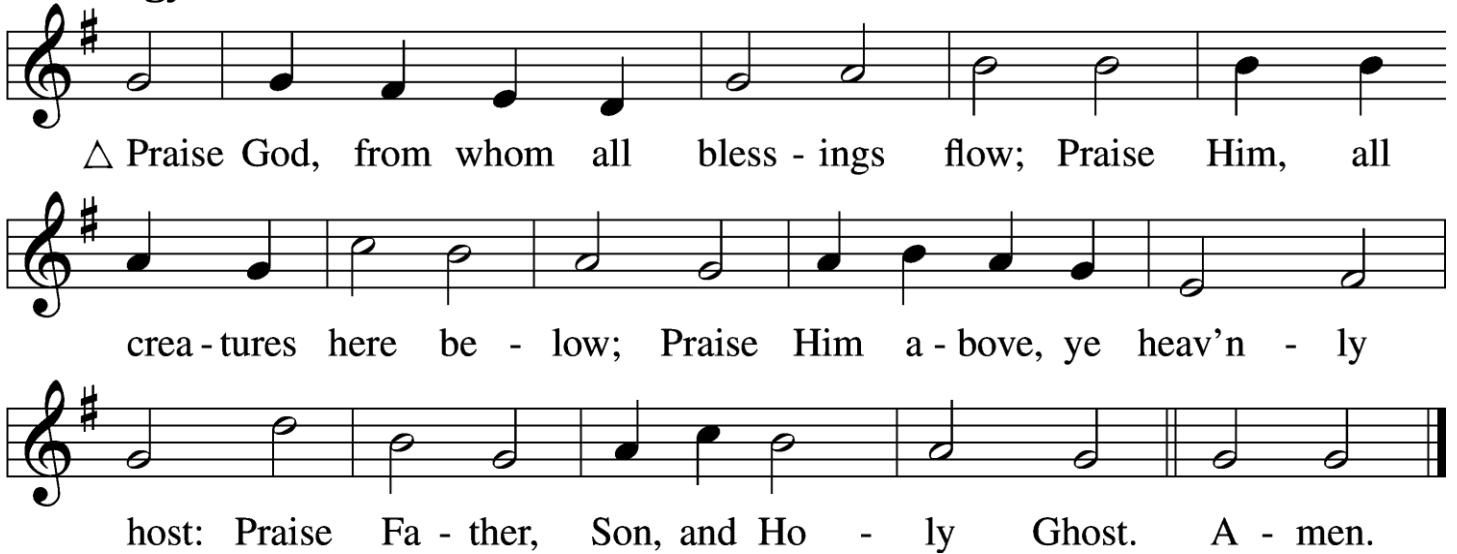
The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven—Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

-- LSB 805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Benediction

P: Almighty God – the Father, the Son ✠, and the Holy Spirit – bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Everlasting God

--Lincoln Brewster

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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PEACE & LOVE IN JESUS!!!

ABOUT HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday is the first day of the Holy Triduum (The Three Days). “Maundy” is from the Latin word for “mandate.” Jesus gave us the mandate to love one another as He has loved us. This Liturgy continues with Good Friday and the Resurrection of Our Lord. Together, The Holy Triduum proclaims the mystery of our faith: “Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.”

Instruction: *On Maundy Thursday, following the Liturgy and moving into Good Friday, we strip the altar and leave all things bare to remind us of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus and his betrayal and arrest.*

*During this time, we will hear the reading of Psalm 22 and meditate on the Word. Following the stripping of the altar is **SILENCE.** We return for Good Friday, as we remember the Son of Man is glorified on the throne of the Holy Cross.*

GOOD FRIDAY

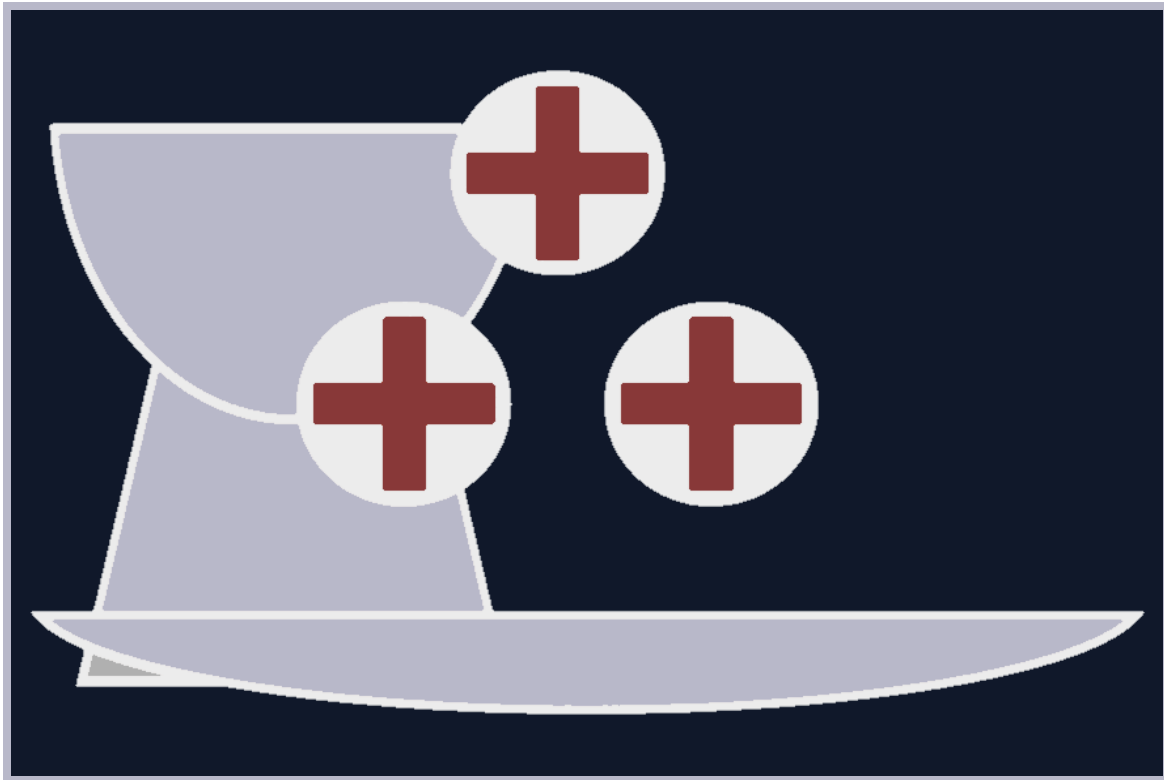
On this day the Church gathers to hear the proclamation of the Passion, to pray for the life of the world, and to meditate on the life-giving cross. The ancient title for this day—THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS—reminds us that the Church gathers to offer thanksgiving for the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, for upon the wood of the tree hung the salvation of the whole world. The Church reflects upon our Lord’s Passion on this second of the Three Days, contemplating the mystery of our salvation.

Instruction: *We remember the solemnity of this day as **WE GATHER AND DEPART IN SILENCE.***

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

This Liturgy's Easter Proclamation announces, "This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are resurrected from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed by grace, and are restored to holiness." Jesus' resurrection is the very foundation of our Christian faith, and it is what makes this the crowning moment of the Church's year. On this night, the Church celebrates the presence of the risen Lord as He brings us to new life in Holy Baptism, speaks His Word of promise, and comes to us in the Christian community.

Instruction: *At the Great Vigil, we begin our service **OUTSIDE**, in front of the church. There, we light the great fire of the Easter Vigil, celebrating the light that illumined brightly, burst open the tomb, and shone from our Risen Savior. From there, we process inside and continue the wonderful celebration.*



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