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The Great Vigil of Easter

7:00 p.m.

April 16, 2022

Welcome to our service. We are so glad to be worshipping together with you in one of our favorite services.

Nursery care is available at this service for children ages 0 to 2, and 3 year olds as space allows, but we are also so glad to have children of all ages with us in this service. There are "quiet bags" in the Great Hall. Should children become restless, you can see and hear the service from the Gathering Space.

Easter is the peak of the year for Christians. Because of that, Christians have always spent time preparing for it. Christians set aside 40 days, modeled on Jesus' time in the wilderness, in which they pray, fast, and give to the poor; we call this season of days, Lent. Our service tonight marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Easter.

The Vigil begins where the Good Friday service ended, in darkness and contemplation of the Cross. Then a loud knock on the door symbolizes the opening of Christ's tomb. The service that follows has four parts—the lighting of the Paschal candle; the liturgy of the word—featuring eight traditional readings recalling God's saving work and promises in the Old Testament; the baptisms and renewing of baptismal vows; and the first Eucharist of Easter. As we celebrate this ancient liturgy we remember the unity we have with fellow Christians throughout the world and across time.

May our shouts of Alleluia tonight bear witness to the joy and hope of the Resurrection of Christ, for us and for all the world.

Candles

When lighting your candle, please tip the candle towards the flame and hold your lit candle upright when passing the flame to others. After extinguishing your candle, please wait for the wax to harden before laying it down.

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."

St. John Chrysostom

If you are seated in a seat that has a painted prop, please note that these will be used during the Genesis 1 reading. Please read the instructions that are labeled on the handle of the prop to know when to raise the prop. When the reading is over please gather the props at the seat that is closest to the center aisle.

Prelude

For God Alone

Paul Zach, Brendan Jamieson, Isaac Wardell

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle (service begins at the back of the sanctuary)

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire, we pray, and so set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and kindled affections we may attain to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.



Cantor: The light of Christ *All:* Thanks be to God



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Cantor: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,
pray with me to God the Almighty
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Cantor: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you.



Cantor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is



right to give him thanks and praise. -

Cantor: It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice. . .

. . . Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, remembering how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that God may bring to completion in each of us the saving work he has begun.

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

Bridge

Men: You will reign forever

Women: Let Your glory fill the earth

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Genesis 3

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Open My Lips

Open my lips
I will sing Your praise forever
Open my lips, oh Lord
I will sing Your praise forever
A broken spirit and a contrite heart
These You will not despise
Open my lips
I will sing Your praise forever

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you sent your blessed Son, the seed of the woman, that he might crush the serpent's head and make all creation new: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-20; 9:8-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Verse 1

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

Verse 2

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

Verse 3

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

Verse 4

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through the merits of him who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exodus 14:10-15:1

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Spirit Is Moving

The Spirit is moving over the waters,
Turning our chaos into creation.
The Spirit is moving, sisters & brothers,
Taking away our hearts of stone.

The Spirit is moving, parting the waters,
Leading us out of the kingdom of sorrow.
The Spirit is moving on our sons and daughters,
Turning our darkness into dawn.

Chorus

We will walk together through the seas.
We will work together through the tide.
We will find the way that leads to peace;
The Spirit is our guide.

The Spirit is moving, trouble the waters,
Leading us into the merciful kingdom.
The Spirit is moving, breath of the Father,
One with the Savior, making us one.

Bridge

The Spirit is moving (To lead us out of sorrow)
The Spirit is moving (To lead us through the night)
The Spirit is moving (To lead us into mercy)
The Spirit is moving (To lead us in the light)

Paul Zach. 2021

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 55:1-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give the water of life to all who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

We Will Feast

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

Verse 3

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

Verse 2

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you promise your faithful people new life in the water of Baptism: Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daniel 3:1-28

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Make a Way

Verse 1

Come, Son of God, and make us new
Light of the world, our hearts renew
Hope in our inner darkness lies
Oh, healing sun of justice rise

Verse 2

Come, promised since our Eden's end
Child of the woman, come defend
Long have we felt the serpent's sting
Come, strike his head
And mercy bring

Chorus

O make a way
Open wide the gates
O make a way
Through the sorrow and the pain
O make a way
Though the road is dark and winding
O come, come

Verse 3

Come, Son of Man, to show the way
O, through the tears, may we see the day
So long did we in darkness dwell
Come down to break the chains of hell

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your presence and protection may support us in all trials and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Zephaniah 3:12-20

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who Is This Jesus?

*I saw his face shine like the sun on the mountainside
Elijah and Moses were there, pale in his glorious light
And a voice came like thunder and I trembled all over, said "This, my beloved child."
Who is this Jesus but the Son of God?*

*I saw him walk on the waves, I saw him still the storm
I saw the demons afraid but the children safe in his arms
He said "Lazarus rise up, wake from your sleep," And his dead heart started to beat!
Who is this Jesus, but the Son of God?*

*I leaned my head, back on his chest, for he was my friend
He poured the wine, he broke the bread, it was near the end
I saw them take him, beat him, try to break him, and hang him on the cross*

*They laughed, they mocked him,
He said "God, forgive them, it's finished, now it is done!"
The sky black as ink, the earth shook with grief
As he breathed his last and was gone
Who is this Jesus? Who is this Jesus?
Who is this Jesus, but the Son of God?
Who is this Jesus, but the Son of God?*

*I saw the stone rolled away, I saw his empty tomb
I saw the scars in his hands there in the upper room*

Caroline Cobb

The Great Alleluia

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lamb Has Overcome

The Lamb has overcome
The Lamb has overcome
The battle's done
And the victory is won
For the Lamb has overcome

No grave could hold him down
No grave could hold him down
Up from the ground,
"He is risen!" was the sound
No grave could hold him down

At God's right hand is he
At God's right hand is he
Our Perfect Plea
As he lives to intercede
At God's right hand is he

Chorus
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Glory be unto his name (2x)

The table now is spread
The table now is spread
This wine and bread
Broken body and blood shed
The table now is spread

The day is drawing near
The day is drawing near
He shall appear
And will wipe away each tear
The day is drawing near

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The Baptism of:

John David Winter

The Presentation

Question: Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer: I do.

Question: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with this candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

The Baptismal Confession

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People: I do.

I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People: I do.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Litany for the Candidates

Leader: Let us now pray for John, who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

That he may come to confess his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Lord in your mercy. . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That he may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers. Lord in your mercy. . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That he may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which he has been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues. Lord in your mercy. . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That he may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever he falls into sin, repent and return to the Lord. Lord in your mercy. . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That he may proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world. Lord in your mercy. . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That as a living member of the Body of Christ, he may grow up in every way into him who is the head. Lord in your mercy. . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That, looking to Jesus, he may run with endurance the race set before him, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory. Lord in your mercy. . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon John, your servant. Wash and sanctify him through your Holy Spirit, that he may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, he may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. . . . and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant and People: **We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, you made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Romans 6:3-11

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was

crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia (please stand)

(At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us).

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, sing praise to his name**

Donald Fishel

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Matthew 28:1-10

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Repeat the Alleluia

Sermon

Rev. Peter Berg

Oh Give Thanks

*We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears
And the God of mercy came and brought us near*

*We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears*

Chorus

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

*We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names
And the God of glory took away our shame*

*We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears
And the God of comfort took away our tears*

Wendell Kimbrough

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion

(Adapted from *Our Modern Services*, published by the Anglican Church of Kenya 2002)

Celebrant: Is the Father with us?

All: He is.

Celebrant: Is Christ among us?

All: He is.

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

All: He is.

Celebrant: This is our God.

All: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: We are his people.

All: We are redeemed.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right and our delight...

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus

Ho - ly ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God Al - might - ty
Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo - ry
Ho - sa - na in the high - est Ho -
sa - na in the high - est

Bless-ed is he that... comes in the name of the Lord

Ho - sa - na in the high - est Ho -

sa - na in the high - est

Tune by Andene O'Neil

Celebrant: Almighty God, owner of all things...
 ..."Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
 Do this in remembrance of me."

All: Amen. His body was broken for us.

Celebrant: In the same way...
 ...Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant: We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

All: We have died together,
 We will rise together,
 We will live together.

Celebrant: Therefore, heavenly Father...

...and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All: Amen. Jesus is Lord.

Celebrant: This is the feast of victory.

All: The lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Celebrant: And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together

Celebrant and People:

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many we are one body,
for we all share one bread.

Celebrant: The cup of blessing which we bless

All: Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Celebrant: Draw near with faith and receive.

All: Christ is the host and we are his guests.

Celebrant: Christ is alive forever.

All: We are because he is.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

If you are coming forward to communion, you will be dismissed by row. You will first receive bread, which you may eat upon receiving. Gluten-free wafers are available from the servers. We also have individually wrapped, allergen-free wafers available for those who need them on the table in the Gathering Space with the other communion elements. Please take one before coming forward for communion.

After eating the bread, you may receive either wine or grape juice from the trays. Wine will be first, grape juice second. A basket is available nearby for you to place your empty cup in.

You may also receive communion in your seats with wafers and juice picked up at one of the tables where you received your bulletin.

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. Prayer ministers are in the Chapel Room, off the side of the sanctuary near the soundboard.

Nothing but the Blood

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 2

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 3

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 4

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is
And is to come

With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning
Rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and
Glory and power be
To You The only wise King

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power
Breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery

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Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

Ending

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

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Christ is Risen, He's Risen Indeed

Verse 1

How can it be the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death
Sing sing hallelujah

Verse 2

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands their Friend and King
Christ Christ He is risen

Chorus

Christ is risen He is risen indeed
Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed

Verse 3

Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen
Yet sing hallelujah

Verse 4

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life life everlasting

Verse 5

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness

Ending

He is risen
He's alive He's alive
Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive He's alive
Now in heaven glorified

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ the First Born from the dead. Amen.

Celebrant: All our problems of this life on earth...

All: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All the difficulties of our circumstances...

All: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All the devil's works from his temporary power...

All: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All our hopes for wholeness and eternal life...

All: **We set on the risen Christ.**

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Leader: Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.