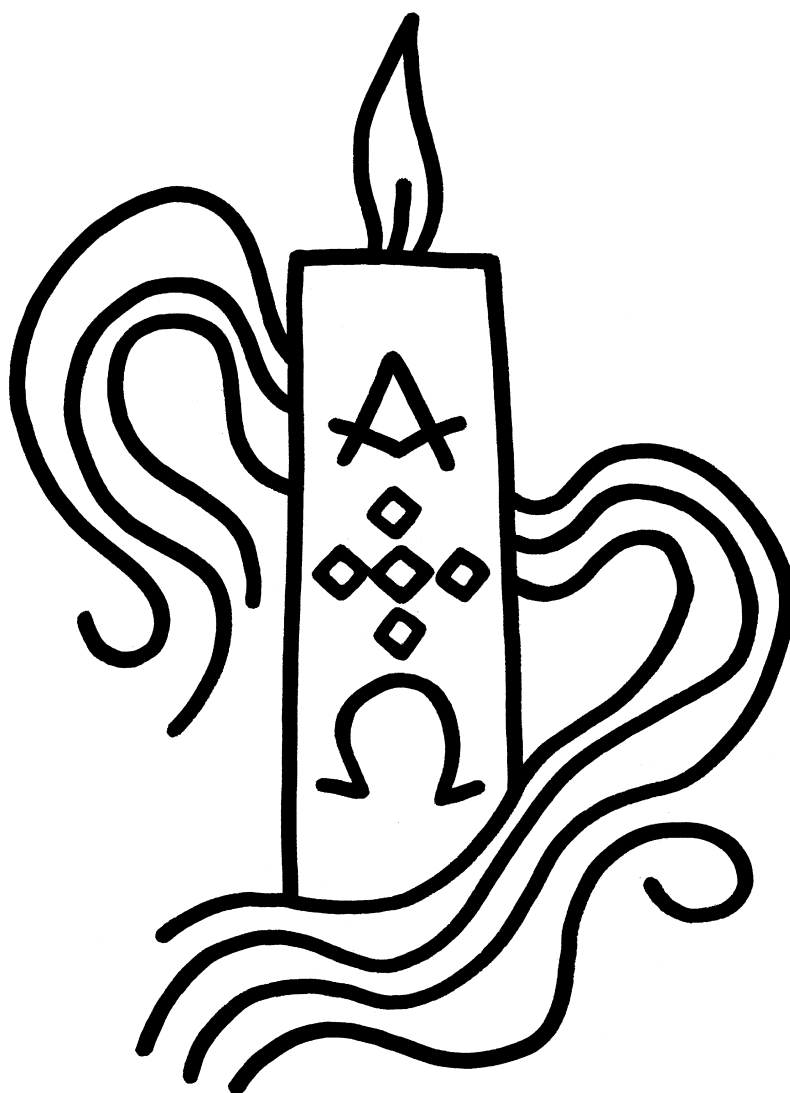


THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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WE GATHER OUTDOORS
THE LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation And also with you.

THE PASTOR EXPLAINS THE VIGIL OF EASTER IN THESE OR SIMILAR WORDS.

Pastor Sisters and brothers, tonight we remember the many ways that God has set us free, and especially God's victory over death on the day that Jesus rose from the dead.

Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this candle, and make us shine with the brightness of Christ, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation Amen.

THE PASTOR TRACES THE INSCRIPTION ON THE PASCHAL CANDLE.

Pastor	Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending. To Christ belongs all time and all the ages; to Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever.	<i>Trace the sign of the cross. Trace the Greek letters Alpha and Omega. Trace the first numeral at the upper left. Trace the second numeral at the upper right. Trace the third numeral at the lower left. Trace the fourth numeral at the lower right.</i>
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Congregation Amen.

THE PASTOR LIGHTS THE PASCHAL CANDLE.

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

AS WE ENTER THE CHURCH, OUR HAND-CANDLES ARE LIT.

WHILE ENTERING, THE ASSISTANT HOLDING THE PASCAL CANDLE
MAY STOP THREE TIMES AND SAY:

Assistant The Light of Christ!
Congregation Thanks be to God!

WHEN ALL HAVE ENTERED, WE GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S EVERLASTING LIGHT.

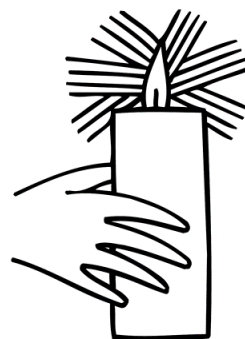
Assistant Rejoice now, angels in heaven! Jesus Christ is risen!
Congregation Rejoice, and blow the trumpet of salvation.

Assistant Rejoice, Earth, shining with God's glory!
Congregation Christ has conquered! Darkness has vanished.

Assistant Rejoice, holy church! The risen Savior shines upon you!
Congregation Let this place echo as God's people sing with joy.

Song of Light

Christ, Be our Light



Refrain:

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

This is the night of new beginnings.
This is the night when heaven meets earth.
This is the night, filled with God's glory,
Promise of our new birth!

This is the night Christ our Redeemer
Rose from the grave, triumphant and free,
Leaving the tomb of evil darkness
Empty for all to see.

Now will the fire kindled in darkness
burn to dispel the shadows of night.
Star of the morning Jesus our Saviour
You are the world's true light. **(Refrain)**

Sing of the hope deeper than dying.
Sing of the power, stronger than death.
Sing of the love, endless as heaven,
dawning throughout the earth.

Into this world, morning is breaking,
All of God's people, lift up your voice.
Cry out with joy, tell out the story,
All of the world rejoice!

(Refrain)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor

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.

Congregation

Amen.

THE HAND-CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

First Reading

Creation

Genesis 1:27-2:3

^{1:27}So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God 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." ²⁹God 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And 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. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ✚

When long before time and the worlds were begun,
When there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
And all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,
And even our Maker had only a dream...

The silence was broken when God sang the Song,
And light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,
And with its first birth-cries creation was born,
And creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.

The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,
Their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;
The Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
The choir of the creatures re-echoed it long.

Second Reading**Flood****Genesis 7:1-5; 8:6-12, 18; 9:8, 11-13**

¹Then 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. ²Take 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; ³and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For 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." ⁵And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

^{8:6}At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, ⁹but 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. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, ¹¹and 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. ¹²Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him any more.

¹⁸So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

^{9:8}Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ¹¹I 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." ¹²God 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: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." +



Rescue Song

Drenched in Love

(Congregation sings the bold print.)

Chorus:

Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.

No other fount I know

I am washed, I am washed, I am drenched in love.

All souls atoned by the blood of the Lamb.

I'm not a slave to what once held me damned.

How beautiful that cleansing flood

I am washed, I am washed, I am drenched in love.

(Chorus)

Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

All filth made clean in that crimson sea.

I'm not ashamed of what once shackled me.

How infinite that grace divine.

I am free, I am free, I am a child of God.

(Chorus and 'Oh's)

I was buried deep with Christ, my Lord.

Now, I'm raised to life forevermore.

My name's been carved upon Your heart.

No, not death no, not hell could ever rip us apart.

(Chorus)

I am washed, I am washed, I am drenched in love.

I am washed, I am washed, I am drenched in love.

Third Reading

Passover

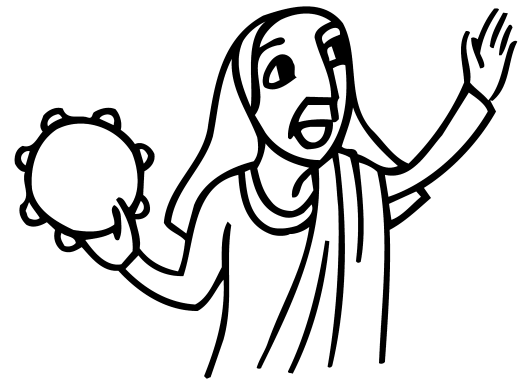
Exodus 14:26-31; 15:20-21

^{14:26} The Lord told Moses, "Stretch your arm toward the sea—the water will cover the Egyptians and their cavalry and chariots." ²⁷ Moses stretched out his arm, and at daybreak the water rushed toward the Egyptians. They tried to run away, but the Lord drowned them in the sea.

²⁸ The water came and covered the chariots, the cavalry, and the whole Egyptian army that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them was left alive. ²⁹ But the sea had made a wall of water on each side of the Israelites; so they walked through on dry land.

³⁰ On that day, when the Israelites saw the bodies of the Egyptians washed up on the shore, they knew that the Lord had saved them. ³¹ Because of the mighty power he had used against the Egyptians, the Israelites worshiped him and trusted him and his servant Moses.

^{15:20} Miriam the sister of Aaron was a prophet. So she took her tambourine and led the other women out to play their tambourines and to dance. ²¹ And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea." ✚



Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

Fourth Reading**A New Heart, A New Spirit****Ezekiel 36:24-28**

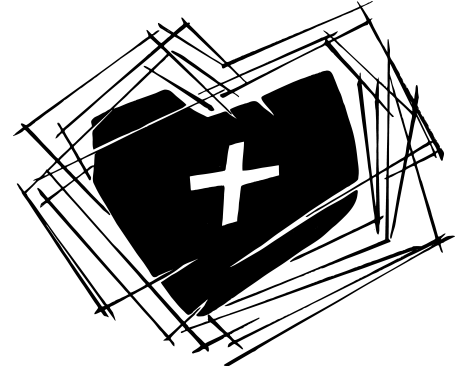
²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

²⁷ I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

²⁸ Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**Temple Song****House of the Lord**

We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea.
My God, He holds the victory.

Chorus:

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause He hung up on that cross then He rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.

(Chorus)

We were the beggars. Now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners. Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

(Chorus)

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them.

Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish."

The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?"

"I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

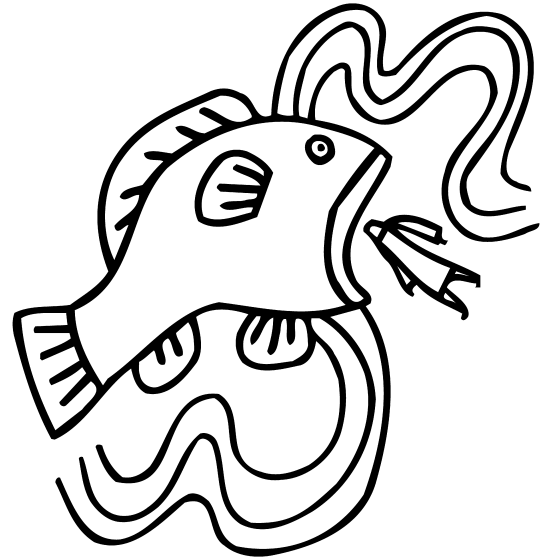
Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous.

He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them.

Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish. [...]Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land. ✚



Praise Song

My Story

If I told you my story, you would hear hope that wouldn't let go.
And if I told you my story, you would hear love that never gave up.
And if I told you my story, you would hear life, but it wasn't mine.

Chorus:

If I should speak, then let it be of
The grace that is greater than all my sin,
Of when justice was served and when mercy wins,
Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in.
Oh, to tell you my story is to tell of Him.

If I told you my story,
you would hear victr'y over the enemy.
And if I told you my story,
you would hear freedom that was won for me.
And if I told you my story,
you would hear life overcome the grave!

(Chorus)

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

For grace that is greater than all my sin,
Of when justice was served and when mercy wins,
Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in.
Oh, to tell you my story is to tell of Him.
Oh, to tell you my story is to tell of Him.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Sixth Reading

The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3:19-25

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, ²⁰and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire.

²¹So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire.

²²Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

²³But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." ²⁵He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god." ✚



Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love!
 Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
 Praising thee, their sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
 Drive the gloom of doubt away.
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
 Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
 Stars and angels sing around thee,
 Center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
 Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
 Call us to rejoice in thee.

Spiritoso Ringers**Hallelujah Chorus****G.F. Handel**

VEILS ARE REMOVED FROM THE CHANCEL FURNISHINGS AND LIGHTS ARE RAISED.

Gospel Acclamation**Hallelujah! Jesus is Risen!**

Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!
 All our hearts are filled with gladness.
 Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!
 All our hearts are filled with gladness.
(repeat)

Gospel Lesson**The Women Proclaim the Resurrection****John 20:1-18**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Congregation: Glory you, O Lord.

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).



¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her. ✚

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation

Hallelujah! Jesus is Risen!

Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!
All our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!
All our hearts are filled with gladness.

Sermon

THE AFFIRMATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

A: Let us affirm the faith in which we were baptized.

P: I ask you all to profess you all to reject sin and confess your faith in God.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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
into hell.**

**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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: 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?

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

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Beloved, I ask you prayers for the church, for all manners of people, and for God's good Creation.

The people call out the names of those in need of prayer.

The minister concludes the prayers:

P: God of life, you have made us in your image; restore that image in us when we tarnish it, and give new life to the world; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE MEAL

WE EXCHANGE A GREETING OF PEACE.

Pastor	The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Congregation	And also with you.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

Assistant	Let us offer to God what God has first given us: our selves, our time and our possessions – signs of God's gracious love.
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Offertory

Meditation on "Beautiful Saviour"

Spiritoso Ringers

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor	The Lord be with you.
Congregation	And also with you.
Pastor	Lift up your hearts!
Congregation	We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PASTOR GIVES THANKS FOR CHRIST'S LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION,
AND FOR GOD'S CONTINUING PRESENCE AMONG US,
WHICH IS A SOURCE OF NEW LIFE FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE.

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: Amen

Lord's Prayer

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

**Congregation: 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.**

Sharing the Body and Blood of Christ

WE BELIEVE THAT CHRIST IS TRULY PRESENT IN THE BREAD AND WINE OF HOLY COMMUNION.
ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THIS GIFT.

TONIGHT OUR SISTER IN CHRIST
Bitsy Stansell
WILL RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Music During Communion

Same God

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations.
I know that You will keep Your covenant.
I'm calling on the God of Moses,
The one who opened up the ocean.
I need you now to do the same thing for me.

Chorus:

Oh God, my God, I need You.
Oh God, my God, I need You now,
How I need You now.
Oh Rock, oh Rock, of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness.

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly.
I know with You all things are possible.
I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous.
I may not face Goliath,
But I've got my own giants.

(Chorus)

You heard Your children then; You hear Your children now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
You answered prayers back then, And You will answer now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
You were providing then, You are providing now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.

You moved in power then; God, move in power now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
You were a healer then; You are a healer now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
You were a Savior then; You are a Savior now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.

(Chorus)

You freed the captives then; You're freeing hearts right now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
You touched the lepers then; I feel Your touch right now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.

(Chorus)

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us,
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ my living hope.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah! death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

(Refrain)

Jesus Christ, my living hope!
O God, You are my living hope.

Prayer after Communion

Assistant Let us pray.
Lord, you have washed us and fed us with the gifts of new life. Fill us with
your Spirit and make us one in peace and love.

Congregation Amen

Blessing

Pastor Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, give you new life now and
forever.

Congregation Amen.

Sending Song

May our homes be filled with dancing,
May our streets be filled with joy,
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn and pray.

Refrain:

From the mountain to the valley,
Hear our praises rise to You!
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear our singing fill the air!

Dismissal

Assistant

Congregation

Assistant

Congregation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hear Our Praises

May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross.
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water over the seas.

(Refrain)

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Refrain)



*An ancient Easter symbol is a cross
inscribed with the Greek word for victory.*

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