



# CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## HOLY VIGIL OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2025



### ✠ SERVICE OF LIGHT ✠

*All gather in the narthex and take a candle given to them.*

#### **INVOCATION AND ADDRESS**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which Our Lord Jesus passed over from death into life, we are gathered here in vigil and in prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

#### **BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### **MARKING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

*The cross is traced on the paschal candle.*

**P** Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending,

*The Greek letters Alpha and Omega are traced on the paschal candle.*

**P** the Alpha and the Omega.

*The year is traced on the paschal candle.*

**P** His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

*Five wax nails are traced on the paschal candle.*

**P** By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

*The paschal candle is lit.*

**P** May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

**C** Amen.

#### **COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

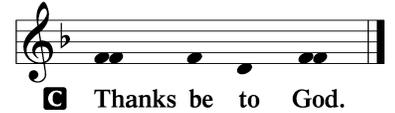
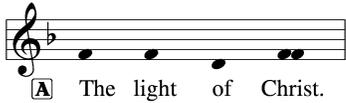
Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

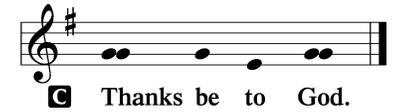
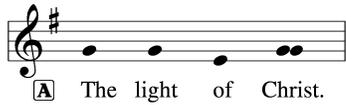
## PROCESSION OF LIGHT

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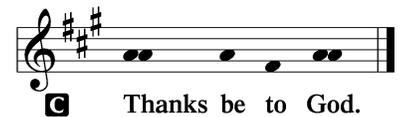
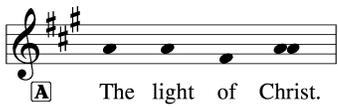
The bearer of the paschal candle stops at the entrance to the nave.



The bearer of the paschal candle stops in the middle of the nave.



When all have processed and reached their places, the bearer of the paschal candle lifts the paschal candle high.

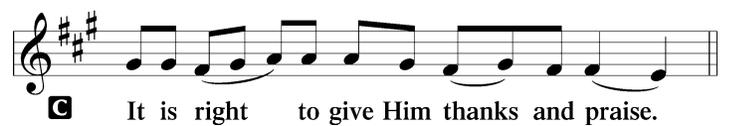
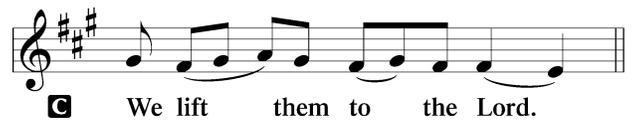
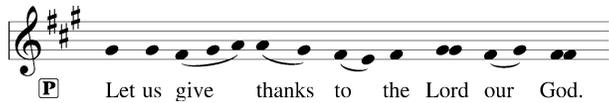
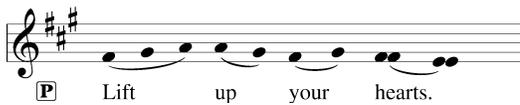


As the paschal candle is lifted high, the lights in the sanctuary are illumined.

## EXSULTET

**A** Re - jice now, all you heav'n - ly choirs of an - gels; re - jice now, all  
cre - a - tion; sound forth, trum - pet of sal - va - tion, and pro - claim  
the tri - umph of our King. Re - jice too, all the earth,  
in the radiance of the light now poured up - on you  
and made brilliant by the brightness of the ev - er - last - ing King;  
know that the an - cient dark - ness has been for - ev -  
er ban - ished. Re - jice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the  
bright - ness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with re -  
joic - ing, with the prais - es of all God's faith - ful peo - ple.

## PREFACE



## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For He is the very Paschal Lamb who offered Himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of His precious blood. This is the night when You brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground. This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality. This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is the night when man is reconciled to God in Christ. Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*All extinguish their candles and are seated.*

## ✠ SERVICE OF READINGS ✠

### INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

**P** In this most holy night our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

## CREATION

### FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1–2:3

**A** A reading from Genesis, chapters one and two:

*The account of the six days of creation is read. This is the creation now renewed in Christ. In the beginning, the Spirit of God moved over the waters, bringing order from chaos. Through the death and resurrection of Christ, the new creation begins; it is continued each time another individual receives Holy Baptism.*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORY**

Psalm 33:1-9

(sung by cantors)

*Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.  
Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.  
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.  
For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.  
The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.  
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.  
He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.  
Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.  
For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.*

*Stand*

**COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**THE FLOOD**

**SECOND READING**

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

**A** A reading from Genesis, chapters seven, eight, and nine:

*The account of the Great Deluge is read. Noah and his family are brought safely through the waters of God's wrath to a renewed creation. Sin is flooded away. New life begins. This serves as a pattern for Holy Baptism.*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORY**

God Is Our Refuge

(sung by cantors)

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.  
The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.  
Come and see the works of the LORD, what awesome things he has brought on the earth.  
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations of the earth."  
The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

*Stand*

**COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, You kill and You raise to life; You brought the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet You saved faithful Noah and his family in the ark. Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ's body, the Church, that Your mercy may come to its fullness and Your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

### THIRD READING

Exodus 14:10—15:1

**A** A reading from Exodus, chapters fourteen and fifteen:

*The account of the Exodus from Egypt is read. The LORD brings His people from slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. Pharaoh and his armies are drowned in the waters of the Red Sea, while the Hebrews safely travel on dry ground. This is a pattern of how Holy Baptism delivers us from sin, death, and Satan.*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

Stand

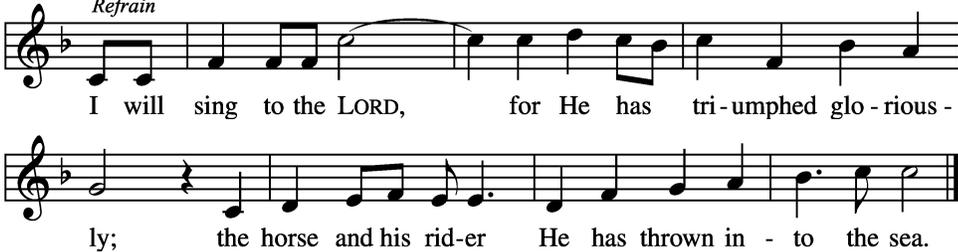
### RESPONSORY

Song of Moses and Israel

925  
(sung as indicated)

**I** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength | and my song, \* and He has become my sal- | vation; this is my God, and I will | praise Him, \* my father's God, and I will ex- | alt Him.

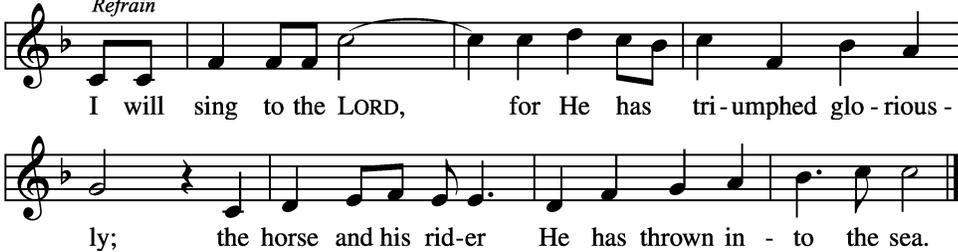
**G** *Refrain*



I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed glo - rious -  
ly; the horse and his rid - er He has thrown in - to the sea.

**I** The LORD is a | man of war; \* the LORD | is His name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast in- | to the sea, \* and his chosen officers were sunk in the | Red Sea. The floods | covered them; \* they went down into the depths | like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power, \* Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.

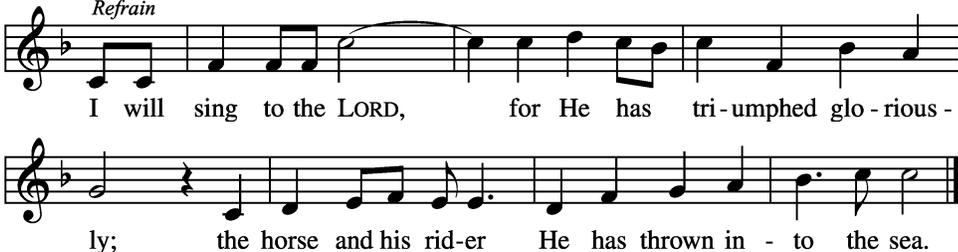
**G** *Refrain*



I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed glo - rious -  
ly; the horse and his rid - er He has thrown in - to the sea.

**I** Who is like You, O LORD, a- | mong the gods? \* Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing | wonders? You stretched out Your | right hand; \* the earth | swallowed them. You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You | have redeemed; \* You have guided them by Your strength to Your ho- ly | abode. You will bring them in and plant them on Your own | mountain, \* the place, O LORD, which You have made for | Your abode, the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have es- | tablished. \* The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

**G** *Refrain*



I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed glo - rious -  
ly; the horse and his rid - er He has thrown in - to the sea.

**COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

Sit

**FIERY FURNACE**

**FOURTH READING**

Daniel 3:1-30

**A** A reading from Daniel, chapter three:

*The account of the Three Young Men in the fiery furnace is read. They maintain the true confession of faith in the Most High God. Escaping fiery death through the presence of the Son of God, they are brought out of the furnace alive. This is a pattern of the resurrection that we are given, as we are joined to the Resurrected Christ in Holy Baptism.*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

**RESPONSORY**

All You Works of the Lord

931

(sung as indicated)

**I** All you works of the Lord, | bless the Lord — \*  
praise Him and magnify Him for- | ever. \*  
You angels of the Lord, | bless the Lord:



**C** Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

**I** You heavens, | bless the Lord; \*  
all you waters above the heavens, | bless the Lord; \*  
all you powers of the Lord, | bless the Lord:



**C** Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

**I** You sun and moon, | bless the Lord; \*  
you stars of heaven, | bless the Lord; \*  
all you showers and dew, | bless the Lord:



**C** Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

**I** All you winds of God, | bless the Lord; \*  
you fire and heat, | bless the Lord; \*  
you winter and summer, | bless the Lord:



**C** Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

- I** You dews and frost, | bless the Lord; \*  
 you frost and cold, | bless the Lord; \*  
 you ice and snow, | bless the Lord:



- C** Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

- I** You nights and days, | bless the Lord; \*  
 you light and darkness, | bless the Lord; \*  
 you lightnings and clouds, | bless the Lord:



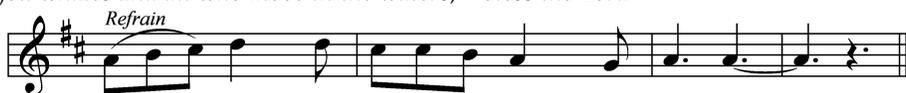
- C** Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

- I** Let the earth | bless the Lord; \*  
 you mountains and hills, | bless the Lord; \*  
 all you green things that grow on the earth, | bless the Lord:



- C** Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

- I** You wells and springs, | bless the Lord; \*  
 you rivers and seas, | bless the Lord; \*  
 you whales and all who move in the waters, | bless the Lord:



- C** Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

- I** All you birds of the air, | bless the Lord; \*  
 all you beasts and cattle, | bless the Lord; \*  
 all you children of men, | bless the Lord:



- C** Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

- I** O Israel, | bless the Lord; \*  
 you priests of the Lord, | bless the Lord; \*  
 you servants of the Lord, | bless the Lord:



- C** Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

- I** You spirits and souls of the righteous, | bless the Lord; \*  
 you pure and humble of heart, | bless the Lord; \*  
 let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy | Spirit:



- C** Praise Him and mag-ni - fy Him for - ev - er.

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

O God, Your Son protected faithful Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace of the king. Grant us protection in our time of testing that we would boldly confess Your name, reject all false worship, and live and die in confidence, knowing that we are safe in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit after the Paschal Candle is moved to the Baptismal Font.*

## ✠ SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE ✠

### BAPTISMAL ADDRESS

**P** On this holiest of nights, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of His glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead. The apostle Paul says:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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. 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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now 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. For 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.

### FLOOD PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold us all according to Your boundless mercy and bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam and which we ourselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### RENUNCIATION

**P** Do you renounce the devil, all his works, and all his ways?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C** Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**BLESSING**

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace † be with you.

**C** Amen.

*Stand as the Paschal Candle is returned to the Chancel.*

**† SERVICE OF THE WORD †**

**EASTER ACCLAMATION**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God

**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and  
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

*(Hymn continues on following page.)*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord’s resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**HOLY GOSPEL READING**

**John 20:1-18**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 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.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 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.” Having

said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for 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.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

**HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
 You have conquered in the fight,  
 You have brought us life and light.  
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
 Now no more the grave enthrall;  
 You have opened paradise,  
 And Your saints in You shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 Newborn souls in You to be.  
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, Your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!

*During the Hymn of the Day, the altar is prepared for the Service of the Sacrament.*

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Stand

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

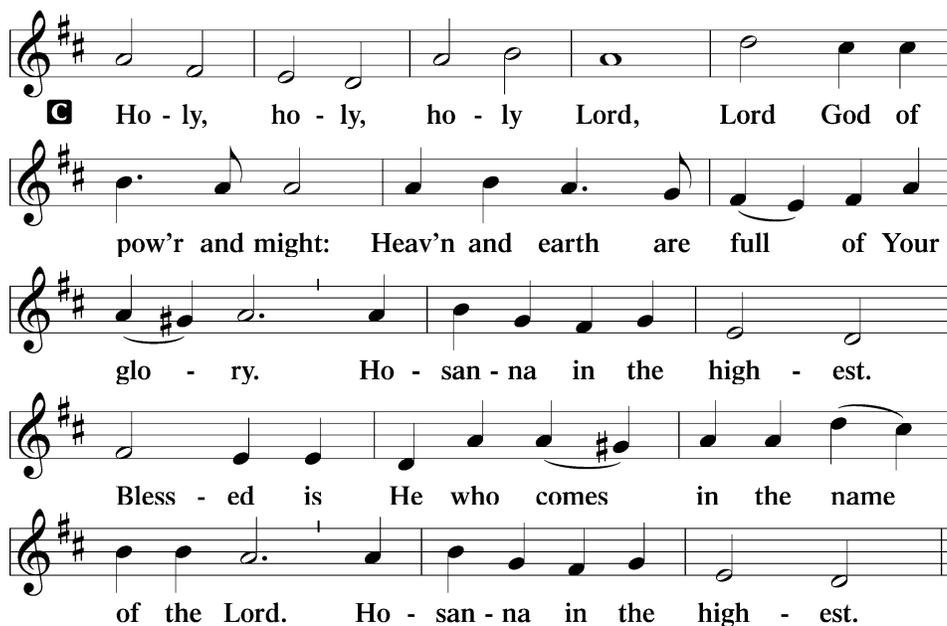
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.                      **C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

**C** 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, grant us peace.

*Sit*

**RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR**

*Follow the instructions of the ushers to approach the communion rail.*



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,  
 4 For to - day a - mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,  
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;  
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;  
 His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
 Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing  
 Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion  
 Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal  
 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.  
 God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

*Stand after the Presiding Minister has placed the sacramental vessels in order.*

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE*

Thank the Lord

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT*

**A** Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*EASTER ACCLAMATION*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*BENEDICAMUS*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION*

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

*Face the processional crucifix as it exits the nave.*



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,  
 △ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.  
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,  
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!  
 And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

## POSTLUDE

## Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

arr. John A. Behnke

*Worshippers are invited to a reception in the Social Hall.*

*The celebration of our Lord's resurrection continues with the Divine Service tomorrow at 10:30am.*

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