



Listening Holy Week 2023

The Three Days

Maundy Thursday | Good Friday | Easter Vigil

April 6 - 8, 2023

Normandale Lutheran Church | Edina, Minnesota

Welcome to Normandale



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Normandale Lutheran Church is a community of believers who love, learn, worship, and serve as we walk in relationship with Jesus Christ and others. We hope you find in us a place of welcome, a place of worship, a place for you.

WORSHIP WITH US

An * invites you to stand as you are comfortable.
Congregation joins on all **bold** texts.

Children are welcome to participate throughout our worship service, including at Holy Communion. Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.

Prayground is located at the front of the sanctuary. Our "prayground" is filled with quiet toys and comfy seating, available for the littlest in our midst and their caregivers.

Activity bags and coloring sheets are available at main entrance to the Sanctuary.

Hearing assistance devices are available from an usher.

Please leave this worship folder at church. It is used for The Three Days services.

THE THREE DAYS | TRIDUUM

On Thursday we begin the Triduum which means THE THREE DAYS. The Triduum includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. These three days are one liturgy. No benediction separates them as they share our celebration of the great mystery of our salvation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (page 2)

We gather for confession and absolution to mark the end of our Lenten observance which began on Ash Wednesday with the marking of ashes and our confession of sin. On this night we receive absolution individually, and after hearing Jesus' command to love one another, come forward to be strengthened by his own body and blood given "for you." As Psalm 22 is sung, we strip the altar as we are reminded that Christ walked from the meal to his suffering and death.

GOOD FRIDAY (page 7)

We gather in silence to hear of Christ's suffering on the cross. We lift up prayers for the church, the world, and for those of other faiths and no faith, remembering the encompassing love of Jesus for all this fallen world.

EASTER VIGIL (page 11)

We gather on Saturday at 7:50 pm to celebrate this most holy night as we make passage with Christ from darkness to light, from death to life. We begin with the "new fire" and process to the place of the singing of the ancient Easter Proclamation. In the service of readings, we hear of the great stories of faith that shape our baptism; we remember God's covenant with us in baptism; sing our first alleluias of the season. The liturgy of the Three Days concludes with the first Eucharist of Easter.



Listening
AT THE TABLE

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Service of Holy Communion

11:30am & 6:30pm

Today our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

Gathering

The assembly gathers in silence.

Gathering Music

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

J. S. Bach

*Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

*Gathering Hymn

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

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*Greeting

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

*Prayer of the Day

God of humble service, on the night in which you were betrayed, you attended to the needs of others. You offered bread to feed and to forgive. You took a basin of water to soothe, free, and heal. Help us now, washed and fed by your love, to do the same for one another. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

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

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from

the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19 (sung responsively)

I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

**for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenever | I called.**

How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

**I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.

**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.**

O LORD, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,

**in the courts of | the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

Second Reading

I Corinthians 11:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** (congregation, spoken)

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.

***Gospel**

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

The Holy Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Listening at the Table"

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

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Music at the Offering

(11:30 am)

Thee We Adore, O Blessed Savior

Healey Willan

(6:30 pm)

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

(Where there is Charity and Love, God is there.)

FOOTWASHING | HOLY COMMUNION

Footwashing

Hymns

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
God Is Love

ELW 360
ELW 708
ACS 1041

*Peace

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

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

*Prayer

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Hymns

Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed
Stay with Me

ELW 463
ELW 348

Stripping of the Altar

(6:30pm only)

Psalm 22

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preaching:	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Celebrant:	Pastor Paul Pettersen
Liturgist:	Pastor Ian McConnell
Organist:	Gregory Peterson
Choir:	Normandale Choir; Gregory Peterson, director (6:30pm)
Choir Accompanist:	Lorna Wolthoff (6:30pm)
Acolyte:	Jack Musolf (6:30)
Altar Guild:	Kati Salmon, Kim Sannerud (11:30am) Jim Niemeier (6:30pm)
Cantors:	Cameron James, Sean Steiner (6:30 pm)
Deacons:	Jenny Bock, Susan Sackrison (6:30pm)
Ushers:	Kim and Bob Sannerud (11:30am) Mike Schwie, Brent Malcom, Willie Malcom, Kim Sannerud (6:30pm)
Sacristan:	Kim Sannerud (11:30) Cindy Nelson (6:30)



Listening
AT THE FOOT
OF THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY

6:30pm

Enter in silence for prayer and reflection on the mystery of our salvation.

Silent Procession

Opening Litany

From the "busy-ness" and distraction, we have come here on a day that is different.

From within the midst of a world deaf to suffering, we have come to hear this story of betrayal and execution.

Come to Jerusalem. Come with the crowd. Come somewhere between "Hosanna!" and "Crucify him!"

We come with solemn sorrow and confess our sin, as we nail Messiah to the cross.

All you who bow in sorrow, praise him.

At the foot of the cross we praise him. AMEN.

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane (stanzas 1-3)

ELW 347

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on us. We are lost in the wilderness of self-deceit. We listen to voices that are not your voice. Draw us again to you, across the divide of our sin, that we might love in the way that you love, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Anthem

Crucifixus

Antonio Lotti

Christ was crucified for us and our salvation, He suffered under Pilate, died and was buried.

Sermon

"Listening at the Foot of the Cross"

Pastor Ian McConnell

Gospel

John 18:1-24

The Gospel of our Lord.

Have mercy on us.

Greed, power, and fear infect us, leaving us divided from self and others.

Jesus' suffering love meets us in the wilderness of our sin.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus (stanza 1)

ELW 349

Gospel

John 18:28–19:16

The Gospel of our Lord.

Have mercy on us.

We know the fear of loving what death can touch. We know the helplessness in our sorrow.

Jesus' suffering love is comfort in the wilderness of our grief.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus (stanzas 2-3)

ELW 349

Gospel

John 19:17–30

The Gospel of our Lord.

Have mercy on us

We know the divide between us and them. We do not know what we are doing.

Jesus' suffering love is an antidote in the wilderness of our hatred.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus (stanzas 4-5)

ELW 349

Gospel

John 19:31–42

The Gospel of our Lord.

Have mercy on us

We know the pain of isolation. We know the sting of death.

Jesus' suffering love is a companion in the wilderness of death. Thanks be to God.

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW 351

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Music at the Offering

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Theodore Dubois

***Adoration of the Cross**

*You are invited to the cross to leave nails around the cross
and to contemplate the execution of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

Hymn

Were You There

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

Depart in silence

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Choir:	Normandale Choir
Organist/Choir Director:	Gregory Peterson
Choir Accompanist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Ushers:	Keith Narr, Mike & Kris Noble, Shirley Ramberg, Kim Sannerud



Listening
TO SILENCE

VIGIL OF EASTER

7:50 pm

THE GATHERING

We gather outside the sanctuary at sundown for the Vigil of Easter, which concludes the Triduum. In this ancient multisensory service, we not only recall how God has acted to save humanity throughout history, we celebrate God's presence among us in the sacraments of baptism and communion.

This is the night of the final act of salvation—the resurrection of Jesus.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

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



We process into the sanctuary led by the paschal candle.



*We enter the sanctuary, filling the front rows first.
When processional leaders have reached their places around the font.*



The Easter Proclamation (The Exsultet) follows. A grand and ancient song of praise, it invites first heaven, then earth, and then the church and this congregation to join in the praise of God. "This is the night"---time is erased and past events live again!

Before the salutation "The Lord be with you" is sung, pastors light their individual candles from the paschal candle, pass the light to the ushers, who pass the light to each member of the congregation. Please hold your lighted candle upright for your neighbor to receive the light, so that we tip only unlighted candles to lit ones.

*Although the light of Christ is divided, rather than
diminishing, it shines all the brighter.*

Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation.

Exult, also, O Earth, enlightened with such radiance; and, made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world.

Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples.

AMEN.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should with full devotion of heart and mind and voice praise the invisible God, the Father Almighty, and his only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ;

Who paid for us the debt of Adam to the eternal Father, and who by his precious blood redeemed us from the bondage to the ancient sin.

For this indeed is the Paschal Feast in which the true Lamb is slain, by whose blood the door posts of the faithful are made holy.

This is the night in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, from the land of Egypt; and led them, dry-shod, through the Red Sea.

This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace and holiness, by the rising brightness.

This is the night in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph.

O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know the time and the hour wherein Christ arose again from hell!

Therefore, in this night of grace, receive, O holy Father, this evening sacrifice of praise; which the Church lays before you in the solemn offering of the candle.

We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished, even when its light is divided and borrowed.

For it is fed by the melting wax which the bees, your servants, have made for the substance of this candle.

O night truly blessed in which heaven and earth are joined—things human and things divine.

We, therefore, pray to you, O Lord, that he, in whose honor this candle burns, will continue to vanquish the darkness of this night and faithfully shed light on all the human race;

Through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and rules with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

AMEN.

Please extinguish candles and be seated.

THE SERVICE OF READINGS

*We listen to four of our most sacred scriptures -our best stories.
We hear of God's mighty acts of creation and deliverance, and words of promise and comfort.*

First Reading, with Liturgical Dance: Genesis 1:1–2:3 CREATION

Response: Congregation and cantor sing responsively Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26.
(Congregation always responds: "**for God's mercy en'dures forever.**")

Give thanks to the Lord, for 'God is good
for God's mercy en'dures forever.

Give thanks to the 'God of gods,
for God's mercy en'dures forever.

Give thanks to the 'Lord of lords,
for God's mercy en'dures forever;

who alone 'does great wonders,
for God's mercy en'dures forever;

who by wisdom 'made the heavens,
for God's mercy en'dures forever;

who spread out the earth up'on the waters,
for God's mercy en'dures forever;

who made 'the great lights—
for God's mercy en'dures forever;

the sun to gov'ern the day,
for God's mercy en'dures forever;

the moon and the stars to rule the night,
for God's mercy en'dures forever;

who remembered us in our 'low estate,
for God's mercy en'dures forever;

and delivered us 'from our enemies,
for God's mercy en'dures forever;

who gives food 'to all creatures,
for God's mercy en'dures forever.

Give thanks to the 'God of heaven,
for God's mercy en'dures forever.

Silence for reflection.

Prayer (AMEN)

Second Reading: Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21a DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Response, with Liturgical Dance: Choir sings the Canticle *Song of Miriam and Moses*

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and its rider he has thrown in to the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has been my Savior.
This is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God and I will exalt him.
Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
Who among the gods is like you, O Lord?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?
In your mercy you led forth the people you set free;
you guided them in your strength
to your holy habitation.
You will bring them in and plant them
on the mount that is your possession,
the place, O Lord, you have made for your dwelling,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have prepared.*
The Lord shall reign forever and ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Silence for reflection.

Prayer (AMEN)

Third Reading: Isaiah 55:1–11 SALVATION FREELY OFFERED TO ALL

Response, with Liturgical Dance: Choir sings *As the Deer* (Nystrom)

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and you are my brother, even thou you are a King.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver, and the apple of my eye!

Silence for reflection.

Prayer (AMEN)

Fourth Reading, with Sound Effects: Daniel 3:1–29

DELIVERANCE FROM THE FIERY FURANCE

Response: Congregation and choir sing responsively the Cantic All You Works of the Lord
(Congregation always responds: **“Praise Him and magnify Him forever.”**)

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord-
praise him and magnify him forever.

You angels of the Lord, bless the Lord; you heavens, bless the Lord;
all you powers of the Lord, bless the Lord-
praise him and magnify him forever.

You sun and moon, bless the Lord; you stars of heaven, bless the Lord;
you showers and dew, bless the Lord-
praise him and magnify him forever.

You winds of God, bless the Lord; you fire and heat, bless the Lord;
you winter and summer, bless the Lord-
praise him and magnify him forever.

You dews and frost, bless the Lord; you frost and cold, bless the Lord;
you ice and snow, bless the Lord-
praise him and magnify him forever.

You nights and days, bless the Lord; you light and darkness, bless the Lord;
you lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord--
praise him and magnify him forever.

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-
praise him and magnify him forever.

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-
praise him and magnify him forever.

All you birds of the air, bless the Lord; all you beasts and cattle, bless the Lord;
all you children of mortals, bless the Lord-
praise him and magnify him forever.

You people of God, bless the Lord; you priests of the Lord, bless the Lord;
you servants of the Lord, bless the Lord-
praise him and magnify him forever.

**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-
praise him and magnify him forever.**

Silence for reflection.

Prayer (AMEN)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The Pastors gather at the baptismal font—the womb of the church.

Prayer

Merciful God, we give you thanks for making us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us, your servants, in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

During the profession of faith, we are sprinkled with water from the font to remind us of our baptism.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Affirmation by the Assembly

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 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, to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

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

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

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

At the proclamation of the Easter message, the church is fully illuminated. Explosives accompany our celebration in song. We gather at the Table of the Lord where we celebrate Christ's triumphant sacrifice and share the sacrament of his body and blood.

Gospel: Luke 24:1-9

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. 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who 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 returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to 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.'" 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.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed!

Hymn of Praise: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the Promised Land, the memory of our fathers and mothers, the homcoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.

In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son,
who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

Words of Institution

*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."

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the incarnation of your Son:
his human birth and the covenant he made with us.

We remember the sacrifice of his life:
his eating with outcasts and sinners,
and his acceptance of death.

But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb,
his ascension to the seat of power,
and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,
when Christ will come again in beauty and power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we and all who share in this bread and cup
may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven,
and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

AMEN. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and
unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until
he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. AMEN.**

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

- 1. Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain (sung twice):

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

- 2. Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.**

Refrain (twice):

- 3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!**

Refrain (twice):

Post-Communion Blessing

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

AMEN.

Post-Communion Hymn: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal is the gift he brings,
Therefore our hearts with rapture sing:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
And by his presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Post-Communion Prayer

God, our strength and salvation
In this Eucharistic feast we have entered a paradise
of sweet honey and flowing milk, where death no longer has dominion.
Empower us to tell the good news of the risen Christ,
through whom we praise you now and forever.

AMEN.

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.

AMEN.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Toccata (Fifth Symphony)
Widor

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

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