

The Three Days • 2024

Maundy Thursday • Good Friday • Easter Vigil



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Welcome

We are happy that you have joined us around the word, the font, and the table in the worship of these days. All people are welcome here!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we celebrate our diversity of age, race, gender identities, sexual orientations, culture, and citizenship.



The Three Days

Every Sunday in worship the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gathers us to receive again the gifts of God that come to us through Christ, the saving Word. On several key days at the center of the church year, however, worship takes a particular shape. These central days have come to be known as the Three Days, recalling Jesus' own words to his disciples that he would be handed over to death, and that "after three days he will rise again" (Mark 10:34). The Three Days encompass the time from Maundy Thursday evening through the eve of Easter Day. In particular, the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life.

Notes on the services

Hymns not printed in the worship folder are located in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship book in the hymnal rack in front of you or under your seat.

Please silence cell phones upon entering the worship space.

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Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

With nightfall and the beginning of this liturgy, our Lenten observance comes to its culmination. We gather with Christians around the world in observing the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Our remembering is more than a retracing of the last days of Jesus' life. Rather, throughout these Three Days, through word, sacrament, and ritual, we participate in the saving power of Jesus' passover from death to life.

The biblical gospels narrate two events on the Thursday before Jesus' death: his last extraordinary meal with his followers and his symbolic gesture of washing their feet. During worship we are invited to participate in both expressions of faithfulness. We begin on Maundy Thursday by acknowledging our sin and receiving forgiveness. Being forgiven by God turns us toward reconciliation with and service to our neighbor, symbolized by hand and footwashing. Our baptism strengthens us to live out the command—the root of the word Maundy—to love one another.



Gathering

This night's great confession and absolution serve as a conclusion to the season of Lent's penitence and as an entry into the marking of the Three Days.

Welcome

We stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

Barbara Bridge

*Ostinato Refrain

Turn our hearts to you, O God. With you there is heal-ing,
whole-ness and for-give-ness, free-dom from fear, last-ing peace.

The musical notation is for a two-staff piece in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is an ostinato refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Verses available in accompaniment books.

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Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season and on this night,
let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor,
and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God
and with one another.

Silence for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

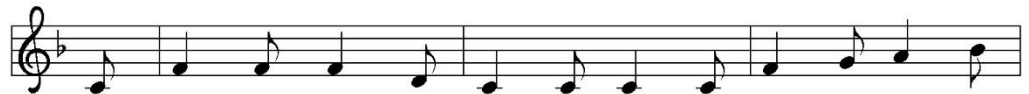
Individual Reconciliation

*Please turn to a neighbor, place your hands on or above their shoulders
or arms and say these words to each other:*

“You are forgiven, loved and free!”

Opening Hymn

“I Come with Joy” #482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Greeting

The grace of our Savior 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

We sit.

Word

First Reading

Exodus 13:3, 6-10

Moses said to the people,
“Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,
because YAHWEH brought you out from there by strength of hand;
no leavened bread shall be eaten.

Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day
there shall be a festival to YAHWEH. Unleavened bread shall be eaten
for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession,
and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory.

You shall tell your child on that day,

‘It is because of what God did for me when I came out of Egypt.’

It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead,
so that the teaching of God may be on your lips; for with a strong hand
YAHWEH brought you out of Egypt. You shall keep this ordinance at its proper
time from year to year.

*When Jewish neighbors
gather for Passover, they
recall the mighty acts of
liberation narrated in
Exodus. We revisit that
story to honor its central
place in Jesus’ own
ministry of redemption,
and to remember that we
gather over these Three
Days because of what
God has done for us.*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

We respond to the story of the Exodus with our thanksgiving. In the words of the psalm, we join the ancient Israelites by lifting the cup of salvation, for we too have been freed from our bonds.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Piano side reads non-bold verses; Window side bold verses

I love you God, you hear my cry,
because you listened closely
on the day I called to you.
**Death itself surrounded me,
and trapped me in its tomb
called anguish and despair.**
So I called out to you in anguish
“Save me, God” I cried, “O Save me”
**So how can I repay you, God,
for all the goodness you have shown?**
I will take this cup called “restoration,”
and raise it in celebration.
**With all the vows that I have made to you
I will fulfill them before these many witnesses.**
And death itself I’ll offer up to you,
as greatest gift, a precious thing.
**And I shall ever be your faithful, willing servant,
for you have broken every bond on my behalf
and set me free.**
So I lift this sacrifice of gratitude for freedom’s sake,
and in your name I offer it with all my vows.
**Among these people, at the center of your city,
before the doors of your own house,
I speak my deepest praise to you, forever.**

Paul describes Jesus’ last supper and hands on to others the tradition that sharing in the bread and cup of this meal proclaims the death of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

We stand to welcome the gospel.

God is love. God is love; let us love one an -

oth-er as God first loved us. God is love.

God is love. God is love.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'God is love. God is love; let us love one an - oth-er as God first loved us. God is love. God is love. God is love.' The score is divided into three systems, each with two staves. The first system ends with a dash, indicating it continues. The second system ends with a period. The third system ends with a double bar line.

Text: Mark Mummert, b. 1965, based on 1 John 4:11, 16, 19

Music: GOD IS LOVE, Mark Mummert

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Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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The holy gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to Abba God. 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 Abba God 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.

John's gospel usually heightens and deepens the meaning of the narratives about Jesus, and it is only in this gospel that we find the story of Jesus washing the disciples feet.

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 Jesus 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, Jesus 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 God's own self 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 Judeans 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."

This is the good news.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Let Us Put On the Clothes of Christ"

Refrain

Let us put on the clothes of Christ and live as e-quals with ev - 'ry-one.

Let us put on the clothes of Christ and re-u-nite the fam-'ly of God.

Leader All

1 Jew and Greek will live side by side
 2 All the cap - tives will be set free with the gar - ments of jus - tice on.
 3 Men and wom - en will live as one
 4 Let us rise up com - plete - ly new

Leader All

Ev-'ry door will be o - pen wide
 Dis-crim-i - na - tion will cease to be in that sweet and de-light-ful dawn.
 E - qual priv-'lege for ev - 'ry - one
 Liv-ing ful - ly in Christ we'll bloom

Leader All

Hate and fear will not come be - tween,
 To the poor we will bring good news, oh, let us u - nite in love.
 Dom-in - a - tion will fin - 'ly end,
 Like the threads of a tap - es - try,

Leader All Refrain

We'll cel - e - brate our di - ver - si - ty
 Our faith will trav - el be - yond the pews as we wel - come the reign of God.
 The pains of his - to - ry we will mend
 And weave a joy - ful com - mun - i - ty

Footwashing or Handwashing

We use these words of blessing: "God bless you for the journey."

During the washing we sing:

"As I Have Done"

As I have done, so you should do.


You may come to one of several stations to have your feet or hands washed. After you have been washed and if you so choose, you may wash the feet or hands of the person who comes after you.

“Ubi Caritas et amor” (*Where charity and love prevail, God is present.*)



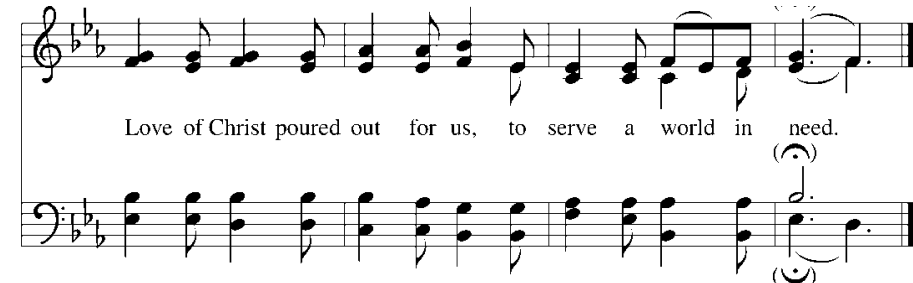
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

“Bring Your Best to Our Worst”

Bring your best to our worst, bring your peace to our pain.
God of love, heal your peo - ple.

“Love of Christ Poured Out for Us”



Love of Christ poured out for us, to serve a world in need.

We stand.

Prayers of the People

Each petition will conclude with the words, “Gracious God, in your mercy” and the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.”

Meal

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace and may say these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Gathering Our Gifts

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. Those worshipping online may contribute on our website: <http://oursavioursmples.org>.

Offering Song

“Come, Let Us Bring” Call and Response

We gather around the table.

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the living God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Ho·ly Ho·ly Ho·ly God Source of power Source of love Heav'n and earth are
full of you Ho·san·na in the high·est (Finé) Bless·ed is the one, the
one who comes in the name of our gracious God Blessed be Je·sus Christ

The grace of God's gift is always proclaimed in Jesus' own words of command and promise at the table. A full thanksgiving also includes praise to God for creation and salvation; remembrance of the crucified and risen Christ, and prayer for the Holy Spirit in this meal.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer *

Joining with the people of God throughout the ages, let us pray with confidence:

**Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

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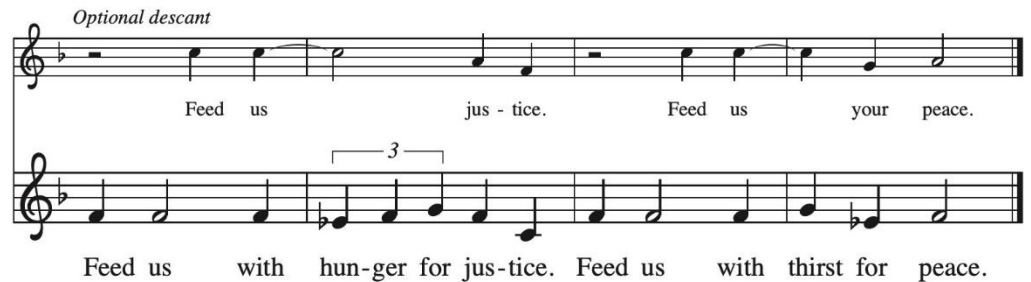
Distribution

All are welcome at Christ's table. We will serve from the front of each section. Ushers will guide you. After you have received bread, or a gluten free wafer, hold out your glass to the server and indicate whether you would like wine (the dark liquid), or grape juice (the light liquid in the second pitcher which has a shiny band attached to it). You are invited to eat and drink and then deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing.

Songs during Communion

"Let Us Break Bread Together" #471

"Feed Us with Hunger for Justice"



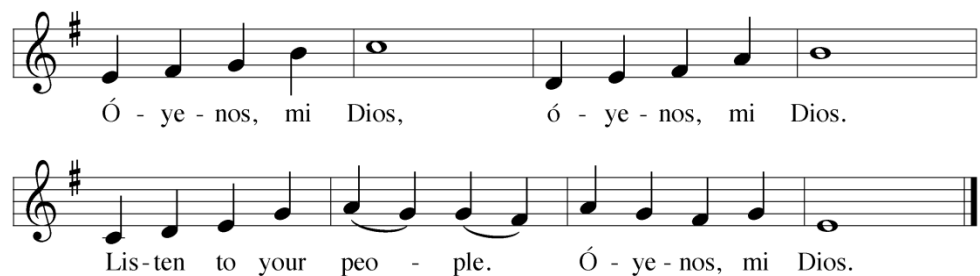
Blessing

Prayer after Communion

We sit and watch as the candles, cross, communion vessels, linens, paraments, and other items are removed from the altar.

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 88



In English: Hear us, my God.

The blessing and dismissal are omitted. All depart in silence.

In medieval times the stripping of the altar was likened to the stripping of Jesus' body before his crucifixion.

We may ponder the church's sorrow over Christ's death, or the paring down of the self in order to receive the life of Christ, or the final stripping away of our own life before death.

The liturgy does not end here but merely pauses, continuing tomorrow evening with Good Friday.

Good Friday

March 29, 2024

This year we hear the story of Christ's passion through the voice of Mark's gospel. We also hear the voices of several others who have given their lives in this sacrificial way – to show the depth of God's love for the world in spite of what the powers and principalities may try to proclaim. Today's liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.

We gather in silence.

Prayer of the Day

“God Is Suffering, Too”

Music score for the hymn "God Is Suffering, Too". The score is written in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major (three flats), and consists of four staves. The lyrics are: In our suff'-ring God is suff'-ring, too, hold - ing pain our hands can-not un - do, by Christ's off' - ring car - ry-ing us through, cra - dl - ing our sor - row and mak - ing us new.

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The Passion according to Mark with Contemporary Reflections on Suffering Love

Here we blend the Passion story with more contemporary reflections of suffering love.



Hymn “What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous Love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous Love is this, O my soul;
What wondrous Love is this, who facing the abyss
still chose the way of peace for my soul, for my soul,
still chose the way of peace for my soul.

Still

This day
let all stand still
in silence,
in sorrow.

Sun and moon
be still.

Earth
be still.

Still
the waters.

Still
the wind.

Let the ground
gape in stunned
lamentation.

Let it weep
as it receives
what it thinks
it will not
give up.

Let it groan
as it gathers
the One
who was thought
forever stilled.

Time
be still.

Watch
and wait.

Still.

Jan Richardson

As you have shown the way, let us love, let us love,
as you have shown the way, let us love;
As you have shown the way, so teach us ev’ry day
to simply be the way of your love, of your love,
to simply be the way of your love.

Wherever you are found, may we be, may we be,
Wherever you are found, may we be;
Wherever you are found in souls and bodies bound,
where suffering is found, may we be, may we be,
where suffering is found, may we be.

Bidding Prayer/Prayer at the Cross

During this time, you may come to the large cross to pray. Light a candle as a sign of hope burning in the midst of suffering.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which God would have us ask.

***Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom,
the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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You may go in peace or stay and pray.

Tonight’s liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.

Easter Vigil

March 30, 2024

We come to the night of nights, the great drama of our faith. Beginning near sunset, we celebrate God's gift of light and life out of nothingness. Holding candles, sharing the new light, we tell each other of the mighty acts of God through time. We wade in baptismal waters, some for the first time. We feast richly, rejoicing in the gift of Jesus and anticipating the feast to come. We take our time; we delight in each moment of this great rite of passage for all Christians.



Service of Light

We gather outside around a new fire.

Greeting

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

... the Sun of righteousness.
Amen.

Lighting the Paschal Candle

Christ, yesterday and today,	+
the beginning	A
and the ending.	Ω
To Christ belongs all time	2
and all the ages;	0
to Christ belongs glory and dominion	2
now and forever.	4

Amen.

*Jesus is not about the past,
and the Three Days are not
about recalling events of
2,000 years ago. The date
inscribed on the candle is
not, for example, 33, but
this year's date. Christ is
today, his resurrection now.*

The light of Christ, rising in glory, illumine our hearts and minds.

Procession

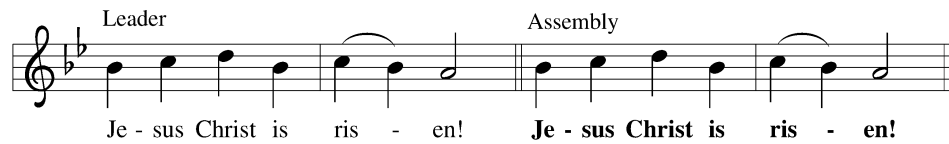
As the light moves among us, we proclaim.
The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

We follow the paschal candle into the sanctuary.
The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Easter Proclamation

Light from the paschal candle is passed until all candles are lighted.

*This fire, this great candle,
these dozens of small
candles: at the very
beginning of the vigil we
celebrate the rising of
Christ in our lives.*

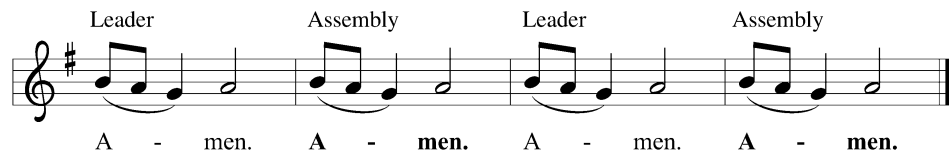


God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the living God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.



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Prayer of the Day

We sit and prepare to hear the word.

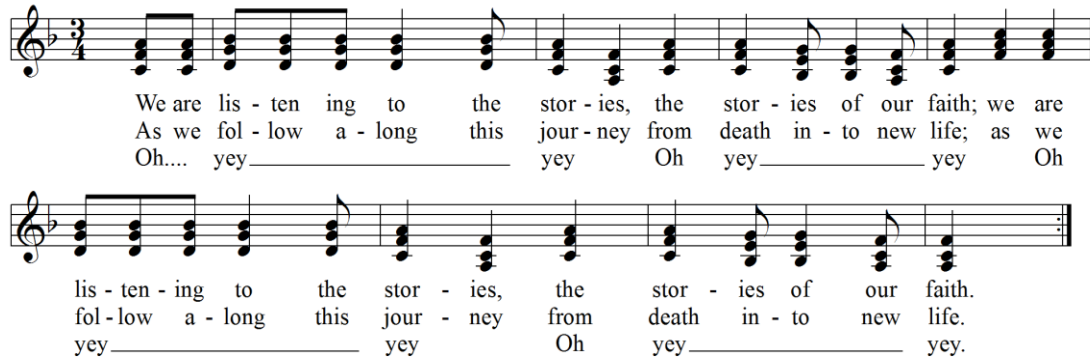
Hand-held candles may be extinguished.

Service of Readings

We tell the salvation story. See how God leads the people from death into new life.

Chant

We sing this chant before each reading.



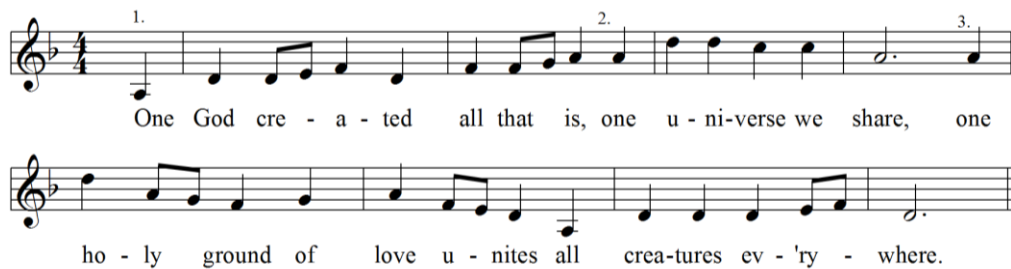
We are lis - ten ing to the stor - ies, the stor - ies of our faith; we are
As we fol - low a - long this jour - ney from death in - to new life; as we
Oh.... yey_____ yey Oh yey_____ yey Oh

lis - ten - ing to the stor - ies, the stor - ies of our faith.
fol - low a - long this jour - ney from death in - to new life.
yey_____ yey Oh yey_____ yey.

Genesis 1:1—2:4a / Creation

Tonight we hear the story of God's Good Work. We give thanks for the gift of life as it unfolds day by day.

Sung response: "One God Created All That Is"



1. One God cre - a - ted all that is, one 2. u - ni-verse we share, one 3.
ho - ly ground of love u - nites all crea-tures ev - 'ry - where.

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Music: Israeli melody, adapted.

Prayer and Silence

Chant (We are listening to the stories...)

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

The 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School class shows and tells us the story of Noah and the animals and God's saving power through great upheaval and a lot of waiting.

In the epic tale, Lord of the Rings, Treebeard explains to Merry and Pippin why he isn't going to be so hasty and tell them his name, saying "For one thing it would take a very long while: my name has been growing all the time. My name is like a story. Real names tell you the story of the things they belong to in my language, in the Old Entish as you might say. It is a lovely language, but it takes a very long time to say anything in it, because we do not say anything in it unless it is worth taking a long time to say, and to listen to."

Sung response: “De Colores”

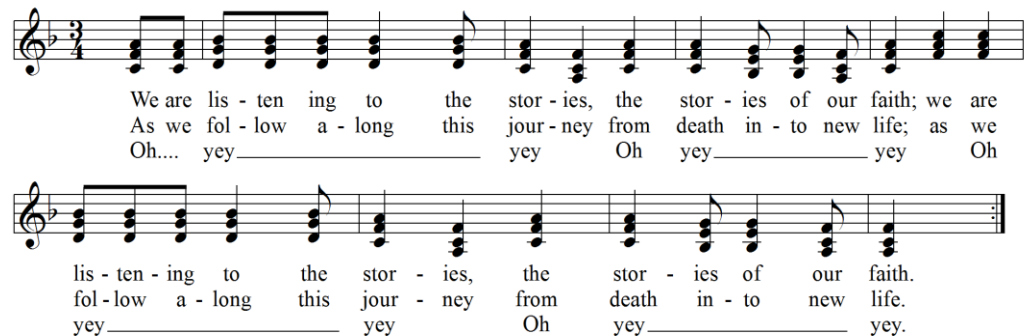
De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera.
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de afuera.
De colores, de colores es el arco iris se vemos lucir.

Y por esos los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mi.
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Sing of colors, sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing.
Sing of colors – of the birds that fly outside my windows their canticles singing.
Sing of colors – in the rainbows bright colors God’s promise of hope we recall.
Many colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.
Many colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.

Prayer and Silence

Chant



We are lis - ten ing to the stor - ies, the stor - ies of our faith; we are
As we fol - low a - long this jour - ney from death in - to new life; as we
Oh.... yey_____ yey Oh yey_____ yey Oh

lis - ten - ing to the stor - ies, the stor - ies of our faith.
fol - low a - long this jour - ney from death in - to new life.
yey_____ yey Oh yey_____ yey.

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 / Deliverance at the Red Sea

God was with the People as they “went out” (the literal meaning of exodus) from slavery into freedom thru the water. We hear this story through the lens of Godly Play. Godly Play is a way of sharing scripture with children that we use here at Our Saviour’s.

Prayer and Silence

Chant (*We are listening to the stories...*)

Isaiah 55:1-11 / Salvation freely offered to all

In this reading, resurrection is like a free feast, baptism like water for the thirsty, God like rain on the earth.

Sung response: “Your Forgiveness” by Paul Simon

Dip your hand in heaven's waters
God's imagination
Dip your hand in heaven's waters
All of life's abundance in a
Drop of condensation
Dip your hand in heaven's waters

Prayer and Silence

Chant (*We are listening to the stories...*)

Ezekiel 36:24-28/A new heart and a new spirit.

Wonder and notice as we do each week, with members of Our Saviour's bible study.

Sung response



Give to us a new heart; re-cre-ate your spir-it with - in us.

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Prayer and Silence

Chant (*We are listening to the stories...*)

Ezekiel 37:1-14 / Valley of the dry bones

We remember our mortality and still trust in the promise that these bones will live!

Prayer and Silence

Chant (*We are listening to the stories...*)

Proverbs 8:1-8; 19-21; 9:4b-6/ The wisdom of God.

Woman Wisdom speaks out - as told by OSLC youth.

Sung response: "Teach Your Children Well" by Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young

Refrain:

... Don't you ever ask them why
If they told you, you would cry
So just look at them and sigh
And know they love you

Prayer and Silence

Jonah 1: - 2:1 / The deliverance of Jonah

Like Jonah and the people of Nineveh, we are called to repentance and new life.

Prayer and Silence

Chant (*We are listening to the stories...*)

Daniel 3:1-29 / Deliverance from the fiery furnace

An exaggerated example of pride and hubris alongside humble trust in God. Watch out for those who claim they need a large, gold statue.

Sung response: "All You Works of God"

Refrain:

musical notation for the Refrain of "All You Works of God". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "All you works of God, ev-'ry moun - tain, star and tree, bless the One who shapes your beau-ty, who has caused you all to be one great song of love and grace, ev - er an - cient, ev - er new. Raise your voic - es, all you works of God!"

Verses:

musical notation for the Verses of "All You Works of God". It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Bless your Mak - er! Chant your praise! Raise up your joy - ful song."

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*Gathered around the fire,
we were greeted in the
name of the triune God.
Here we gather around
the font, once again
standing in the power of
the name of God, who is
the source of all life, the
word of salvation, the
spirit of mercy. We
receive that name, enter
that name, are saved by
that name.*

Service of Holy Baptism

*We sing as we gather at the font: "Love Is Flowing from the Fountain of Life"
Peace is pouring.... Mercy streaming.... Grace is flooding...*

Tonight we gather for the baptism of Ruth Henry Louise Campbell-Simenson, and we welcome new members and associate members through a ritual of affirmation of baptism. Praise God, who joins us together to be the body of Christ!

Presentation

... We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.

Profession of Faith

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.
The assembly may join in the responses.*

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.

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 to the dead.
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.**

Affirmation of Baptism

You have made public profession...

... 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 these newcomers
and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

Thanksgiving Over the Waters

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the living God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... now and forever.

Amen.

*To renounce Satan is not
to reject a mythological
being in whose existence
one does not even
believe. It is to reject an
entire worldview made
up of pride and self-
affirmation, of that pride
which has truly taken
human life from God and
made it into darkness,
death and hell.*



Baptism of Ruth Henry Louise

... and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

... both now and forever.

Amen.

... and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized
and rejoice with all new members and associate members making public
affirmation of baptism.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Together we sing our welcome as we head back to our seats.

“This Little Light of Mine”

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:3-11

Christ's death and resurrection, our baptism, our death to sin and life to God: this proclamation from Paul provides a summary for all the stories and poems we have heard and sung tonight.

Gospel Acclamation

Stand and ring your bells when we sing, Alleluia! Even our worship space celebrates, with candles, bells, and banners, sound and movement, as Christ enters our assembly.

“Halle, Halle, Halle – lu- jah!”

Gospel John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

*In the encounter Mary
Magdalene had with Jesus,
she did not recognize him.
The process of discovering
Jesus in their midst in new
ways occupied the disciples
for the remainder of their
lives. –Michael Merriman,
Episcopal priest*

Service of Holy Communion

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people greet each other:

Peace be with you.



Gathering Our Gifts

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. Those worshipping online may contribute on our website: <http://oursavioursmpls.org>.

Offertory

We are coming now to the table;

We are coming now to the table.

With the gift of bread, we are coming now.

With the gift of wine, we are coming now.

Oh, we are coming now (3x)

Thanksgiving at the Table

Communion Feast of Resurrection Life

All are welcome at Christ's table. We will serve from the front of each section.

Ushers will guide you. After you have received bread, or a gluten free wafer, hold out your glass to the server and indicate whether you would like wine (the dark liquid), or grape juice (the light liquid in the second pitcher which has a shiny band attached to it). You are invited to eat and drink and then deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing.

Blessing

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God!

Done feasting? Feeling energetic? Notice a few people moving things around? You are invited to help us get ready for Easter Sunday morning. Ask someone who looks like they know what they're doing how you can be of assistance. Many thanks to all who help!

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Assisting: Mary Preus (music director); Tom Witt (accompanist); Hannah Bolt, Levi Comstock (cantors); Worship Table (environment); Altar Guild and Ushers

Maundy Thursday

Assisting: Nate Blumenshine

Reader: Eric Mohlo

Deacons and Footwashers: Amy Blumenshine, Michael Troutman, Elaine Johnson, Patrick Herson, Karen Stevensen

Altar Guild: Jaimie Bennett and others

Good Friday

Readers: Sheryll Mennicke, Suzanne Burke, Grant Stevensen

Prayers: Kristie Hennig

Slideshow: Javen Swanson

Vigil of Easter

Readers: Linda Thorson and Jeanne Heer (Creation); 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School with teachers, Joel Abrahamson and Levi Comstock (Flood); Nancy Nygaard Johnson (Exodus); Bruce Pederson (Isaiah); OSLC Bible Study members (New Heart); Rico Morales and Stan Hornbeck (Ezekiel – Dry Bones); Dan Swenson-Klatt (Jonah); 3rd to 6th Sunday School with teachers, Julie Abrahamson and Laura Twedell (Daniel); Craig Simenson (Romans)

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