

# The Three Days • 2025

Maundy Thursday • Good Friday • Easter Vigil



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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## **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

April 17, 2025

*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

*First time Cantor in Zulu; then All in English*

Wo - za nom - thwa-lo wa - kho, wo - za nom - thwa-lo wa - kho,  
Come, bring your bur - dens to God, come, bring your bur - dens to God,

wo - za nom - thwa-lo wa - kho, U - ye - s'a - ka - so za ha - yi.  
come, bring your bur - dens to God for Je - sus will nev - er say no.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has two staves: a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8.

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.*

*This season of turning toward and returning to the font of grace ends as it began: in repentance. Our confession of sin is met by the flood of God's forgiveness; even all our self-examination, fasting and prayer, sacrificial giving and works of love is washed away. Grace alone carries us, reconciled with God and with one another, into the Three Days.*

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:*

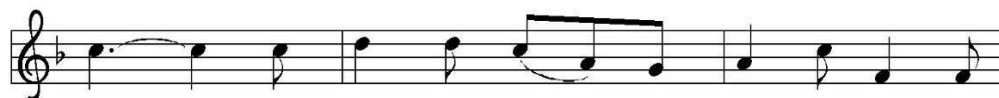
**“You are forgiven, loved and free!”**

## 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

## 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 the Living God 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 the Living God. 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 the Living God brought you out of Egypt. You shall keep this ordinance at its proper time from year to year.

Word of God, word of life.

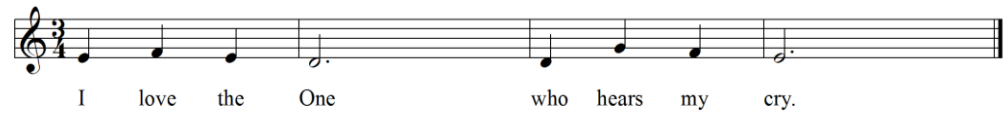
**Thanks be to God.**

*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.*

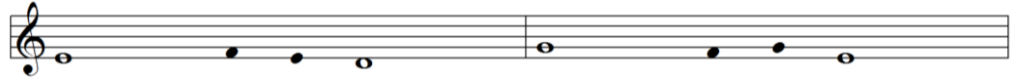
## Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Cantor first, then All:

*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 tone for verses:



I love you God; you | hear my cry,  
because you listened closely  
on the day I | called to you.  
**So how can I re- | pay 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.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*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.*

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 -

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody in the upper staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. The bass line starts with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B-flat2, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The upper staff melody continues with a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The bass line continues with a quarter note D2, a quarter note E2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note G2. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

God is love. God is love.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The upper staff melody ends with a quarter note G5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note D5. The bass line ends with a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

## Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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*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.*

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.

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

### “The Servant Song” ELW #659



1. Will you let me be your ser - vant,  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney,  
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing;  
5. Will you let me be your ser - vant,



Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may  
We are trav - lers on the road; We are here to  
In the night - time of your fear; I will hold my  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your  
Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may



have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant, too.  
help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear the load.  
hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.  
joy and sor - row 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.  
have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant, too.

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## Footwashing or Handwashing.

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

### "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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a 2/4 time signature and a key signature of two flats. The second system has a treble and bass staff with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.



**“Bring Your Best to Our Worst”**

Bring your best to our worst, bring your peace to our pain.  
God of love, heal your people.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble staff with a common time signature and a key signature of one sharp. The second system has a treble and bass staff with a 2/4 time signature and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

**“Love of Christ Poured Out for Us”**

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a 2/4 time signature and a key signature of two flats. The second system has a treble and bass staff with a 2/4 time signature and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

**Prayers of the People**

*As we pray together we make room for spoken and silent prayers to God.*

**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://oursavioursmpls.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.**

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

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly are you, God of  
pow-er and might. Heaven and earth are full of your  
glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est  
Blest is the one, O blest is the one, who comes in the  
name of God. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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

*\*As part of our unfolding commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are choosing to modify the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into loving relationship with God and neighbor.*

... We proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,  
Jesus Christ will come again.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
Jesus Christ will come again.**

### The Prayer of Jesus\*

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.**

### 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

### “Triduum Hymn: Wondrous Love”

The night before the end of his life, of his life,  
The night before the end of his life:  
The night before the end our Lord sat with his friends,  
And offered them the meal of his death and his life,  
He offered them a share in his life.

“The ones who share this feast in my name, in my name,  
The ones who share this feast in my name;  
The ones who share this feast shall know their joy increased,  
The reign of grace and peace in my name, in my name,  
The reign of grace and peace in my name.”

As servant, then, he knelt at their feet, at their feet,  
As servant, then, he knelt at their feet;  
As servant, then, he knelt, a servant's towel for belt,  
He showed the love he felt at their feet, at their feet,  
He showed the love he felt at their feet.

“What I have done for you in my love, in my love,  
 What I have done for you in my love;  
 What I have done for you, so you are called to do,  
 To be a servant true in your love, in your love,  
 To be a servant true in your love.”

**“Pacem in Terris”**

Musical score for "Pacem in Terris". The score is written for two parts: Cantor and All. The Cantor part is in common time (C) and the All part is in 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "Pa - - cem, pa - - cem. Peace on earth. Pa - - cem in ter - ris, peace on earth." The score includes a double bar line at the end of the All part.

**Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Stripping of the Altar**

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

**Psalm 88**

Musical score for Psalm 88. The score is written for two parts: Treble and Bass. The Treble part is in common time (C) and the Bass part is in common time (C). The lyrics are: "In the shad - ows, hear our cry." The score includes a double bar line at the end of the Treble part.

*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

April 18, 2025



*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”

In our suff' - ring God is suff' - ring, too,  
their your my  
hold - ing pain our hands can - not un - do,  
their your my  
by Christ's off' - ring car - ry - ing us through, cra - dl - ing our  
them you me their your my  
sor - row and mak - ing us new.  
them you me

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

## The Passion according to Mark with Contemporary Reflections on 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.

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.*

*Sung refrains during this time of prayer:*

Only you, O God, and you alone, the broken heart console.  
Only you, O God, and you alone, the wounded world make whole.

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Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us.

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Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that divide us.  
Christ, our peace, come make us one body in you.

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Dona nobis pacem, Domine.

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"God Save This Breaking Land" by Bret Hesla (solo)

*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*

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

### **The Prayer of Jesus\***

**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.**

*You may go in peace or stay and pray.*

*Tonight's liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.*



# Easter Vigil

April 19, 2025

## 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.**

### 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.**

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

*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.*

### 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 lit.*

*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.*

Leader Assembly  
Je - sus Christ is ris - en! Je - sus Christ is ris - en!

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.**

Leader Assembly  
This is the night, this is the night.

Leader Assembly  
This is the night, this is the night.

Leader Assembly Leader Assembly  
A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

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## Prayer of the Day

*We sit and prepare to hear the word.*

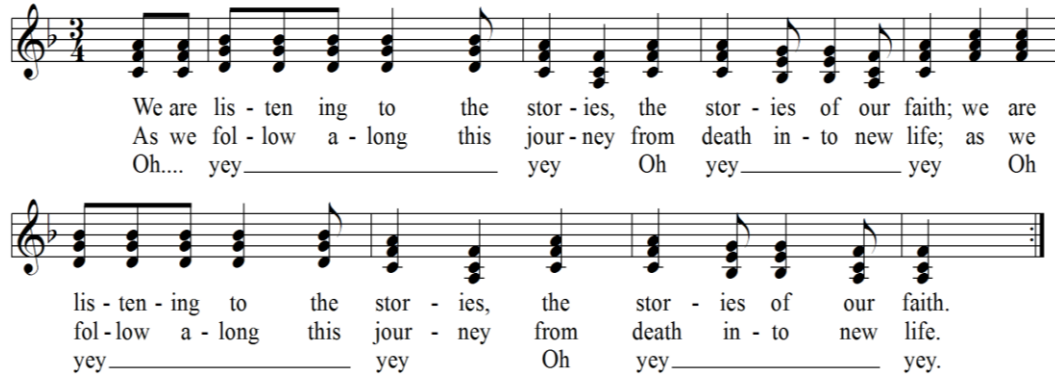
*Hand-held candles may be extinguished.*

# 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.



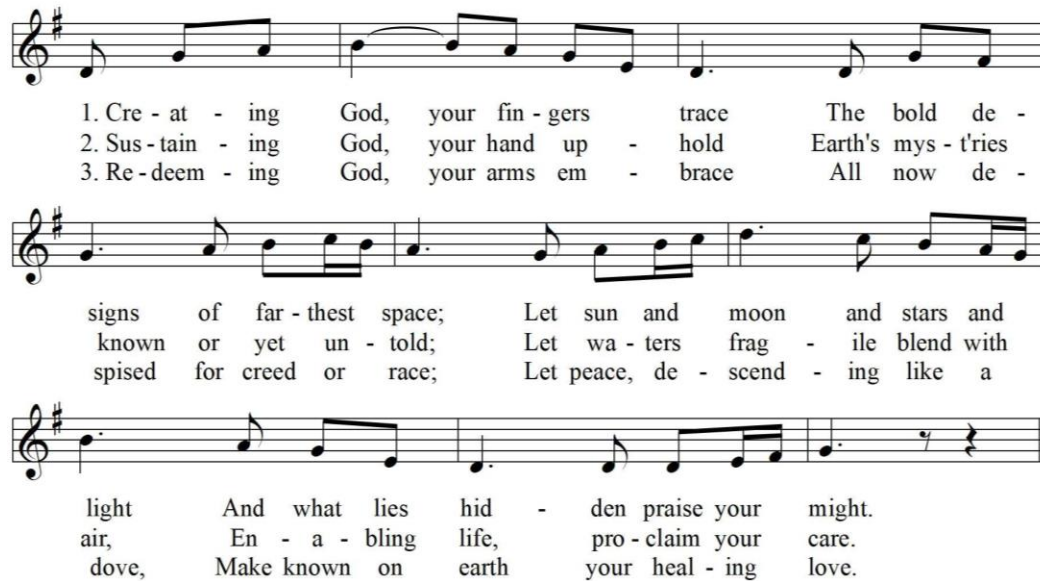
We are lis - ten ing to the stor - ies, the stor - ies of our faith; we are  
 As we fol - low a - long this jour - ney from death in - to new life; as we  
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## Genesis 1:1—2:4a / Creation

Tonight we hear the story of God's Good Work from OSLC and VoP Women's Retreat. We give thanks for the gift of life as it unfolds day by day.

### Sung response: "Creating God"



1. Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace The bold de -  
 2. Sus - tain - ing God, your hand up - hold Earth's mys - t'ries  
 3. Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace All now de -

signs of far - thest space; Let sun and moon and stars and  
 known or yet un - told; Let wa - ters frag - ile blend with  
 spised for creed or race; Let peace, de - scend - ing like a

light And what lies hid - den praise your might.  
 air, En - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
 dove, Make known on earth your heal - ing love.



## Prayer

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

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

OSLC youth show and tell us the story of Noah and the animals and God's saving power through great upheaval and a lot of waiting.



**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.  
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*Prayer*

**Chant**

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**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 an original song by Rebekah Fergus.*

*Refrain:*

Sing out loud to God on high. Make a joyful noise to El Shaddai.  
You have thrown Pharaoh’s soldiers into the sea. You have triumphed; We are free!

*Prayer*

**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. Oby and Javen invite us to come!*

**Sung response:**

Assembly: ...Come to the waters ...Come to the feast.  
**For this is life... (3 times)**  
**...O, come to the feast.**



Prayer

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

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

*Wisdom speaks out - as told by Bruce Pederson.*

**Sung response: “Wisdom, Wisdom”**

Cantor: Wisdom, wisdom, be attentive.

**Assembly: Wisdom, wisdom, be attentive.**

Cantor: Wisdom, wisdom, open our hearts.

**Assembly: Wisdom, wisdom, open our hearts.**

*Verses sung by cantor. Assembly responds: ...Open our hearts.*



Prayer

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

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

*Paul and Elizabeth remind us that God transforms our hearts so we might love.*

**Sung response**



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



Prayer

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

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

*The OSLC Grades 3-6 Sunday School call us to trust in the promise that even these bones will live!*

**Sung response: “Revive us, O God”**

*Revive us, O God. Revive us O God  
Revive us, O God. Revive us, O God.  
Oooh, oooh. Oooh, oooh.*



Prayer

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



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

*Like Jonah and the people of Nineveh, we are called to repentance and new life as shown by OSLC Grades 1-2 Sunday School.*

*Prayer*

**Sung Response: “Jonah Prayed” – call and response**

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

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11 / Clothed in garments of salvation**

*As Patrick reminds us, the Spirit clothes us in wisdom, beauty and truth.*



**Sung response: “Live into Hope”**

Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
gained, the end of greed. The\_ oppressed shall be the  
first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!

*Prayer*

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

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

*Dan shares this story of God’s deliverance from death. Truly God is the one who preserves our lives.*



## Sung response: "All You Works of God, Bless the Lord"



1. All you works of God bless the Lord! All you an - gels, now  
2. Frost of win - ter with song so cold, dews of sum - mer, your  
3. Hills and moun - tains, now sing God's worth, all you green things that  
4. Come hu - man - i - ty, sing a - long, sing, you peo - ple of



bless the Lord; come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,  
song un - fold; light and dark - ness, you day and night,  
grow on earth; seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,  
God, a song; priests and ser - vants, your Lord now bless,



praise the Lord and God's maj - es ty:  
clouds of thun - der, you light - nings bright:  
beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:  
join, you spir - its and souls at rest:



Raise your voic-es high, praise and mag-ni-fy, all you works of God, bless the Lord!

## Service of Holy Baptism

Tonight we gather for the baptism of Charles Alexander Heaton,  
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!

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

### Presentation

....We pray 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.

*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.*

*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.*

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 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 these new members  
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.**





# Baptism of Charles Alexander Heaton

...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  
who have affirmed their baptisms.

**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” ELW #677**

## 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.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O God.**

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:*

This is the Good News.  
**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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Table

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Living God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We proclaim the great mystery of faith:

**Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,**

**Jesus Christ will come again.**

**Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe**

**Jesus Christ will come again.**

## The Prayer of Jesus

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.**

## 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.*

## Communion Songs

**"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW #465**

**"Thine the Amen" ELW #826**

**"Come and Fill Our Hearts ELW #528**

## Blessing

The God of resurrection power,  
The Christ of unending joy,  
And the Spirit of Easter hope  
+ Bless you now and always. Amen.



## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Like Mary, go and tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Gathering Our Gifts

Tonight, you may place your offering in the baskets on the baptismal font on your way to the feast. Thank you for your generosity! Your contributions truly make a difference. As we often sing, let's all remember: "Everything that we have, everything that we are, every moment is a blessing from above. It's endless love that we breathe, it's endless love that we receive. What has freely come, we now let freely go."

Ev - 'ry - thing that we have, ev - 'ry - thing that we are.  
Ev - 'ry mo - ment is a bless - ing from a - bove.  
It's end - less love that we breathe. It's end - less love that we re - ceive.  
What has free - ly come we now let free - ly go.

*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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**Livestream:** Jakob Johnson

## Maundy Thursday

**Prayers:** Linda Thorson

**Readers:** Khenna and Khonni !Khabebe

**Lead Footwashers and Handwashers:** Amy Blumenshine, Michael Troutman, Patrick Herson, Karen Stevensen

**Cantor:** Anna Rohde Schwehn

## Good Friday

**Readers:** Paul and Darcia Dierking

**Prayers:** Kristie Hennig

**Cantor and Slideshow:** Javen Swanson

## Vigil of Easter

**Storytellers:** Women's Retreat (Creation); OSLC Youth (Flood); Rebekah Fergus and Bret Hesla (Exodus); Oby Ballinger, Javen Swanson, Naomi, Will and Sam Bardwell (Isaiah 55); Bruce Pederson (The Wisdom of God); Paul and Elizabeth Damico-Carper (Ezekiel - New Heart); 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School (Ezekiel – Dry Bones); Patrick Herson (Isaiah 61); 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday School (Jonah); Dan Swenson-Klatt (Daniel); Samantha Heaton (Romans); Sam Bardwell (John)

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