

VIGIL OF EASTER SERVICE
APRIL 3RD, 2020

St. John's & Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Service of Light

[The congregation gathers in the entrance to the Church]

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

C: Amen.

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

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

C Amen.

P Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and Omega.

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

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

C Amen.

[The congregation processes into the church as Pastor chants Victimae Paschali (LSB 459 & 460)]

[Sit]

Service of Readings

Responsory for after each of the readings:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Creation, Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

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P Let us pray ... Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The Flood, Genesis 7:1 – 5, 11 – 18; 8:6 – 18; 9:8 – 13

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P Let us pray ... Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

- The Testing of Abraham, Genesis 22:1 – 18 pg. 16
P Let us pray ... Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.
- Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea, Exodus 14:10 – 15:1 pg. 56
P Let us pray ... Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.
- Salvation offered Freely to All, Isaiah 55:1 – 11 pg. 615
P Let us pray ... Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.
- A New Heart and a New Spirit, Ezekiel 36:24 – 28 pg. 724
P Let us pray ... Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.
- God's Faithfulness to Israel, Deuteronomy 31:19 – 30 pg. 173
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C Amen.
- The Valley of Dry Bones, Ezekiel 37:1 – 14 pg. 724
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C Amen.
- Job Confesses the Redeemer, Job 19:20 – 27 pg. 429
P Let us pray ... Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.
- Jonah Preaches to Nineveh, Jonah 3:1 – 10 pg. 775
P Let us pray ... Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.
- The Gathering of God's People, Zephaniah 3:12 – 20 pg. 790
P Let us pray ... in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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- The Fiery Furnace, Daniel 3:1 – 30 pg. 739
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Gradual Hymn: LSB 462 “All the Earth with Joy is Sounding”

Service of Prayer

P : O Lord,	C : Have mercy.
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- P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- C** Hear us.
- P** Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,
- C** Have mercy on us.
- P** Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,
- C** Have mercy on us.
- P** Who foretold Your passion, saying, “The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,”
- C** Have mercy on us.
- P** Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light.
- C** Have mercy on us.
- P** Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,
- C** Have mercy on us.
- P** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
- C** Have mercy on us.
- P** Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread,
- C** Have mercy on us.
- P** Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,
- C** Have mercy on us.
- P** Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,
- C** Have mercy on us.
- P** Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,
- C** Have mercy on us.
- P** Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,
- C** Have mercy on us.
- P** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,
- C** Have mercy on us.
- P** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,
- C** Good Lord, deliver us.
- P** By Your victory over sin and death,
- C** Good Lord, deliver us.
- P** By the majesty of Your risen body,

C Good Lord, deliver us.

P We poor sinners implore You

C To hear us, O Lord.

P That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,

C Grant us, good Lord.

P That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,

C Grant us, good Lord.

P That we may dwell with you forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

C Grant us, good Lord.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C Have mercy.

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C Grant us Your peace.

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy. Amen.

Service of the Word

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

The Resurrection, Mark 16:1 – 8

Hymn of the Day: LSB 464 The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Sermon

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At this point the stream will be cut off, and communion will be offered to those physically present. For those who are streaming, here is a recommended conclusion to tonight's service for the head of the household to lead

L: Let us pray,

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

L: Christ is Risen

C: **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C: **Amen**

