

# The Great Vigil of Easter

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## Service of Light

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

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

the Alpha and the Omega.

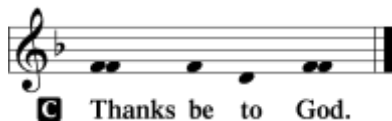
His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

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

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

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

*All light their candles from the paschal candle and then follow the candle bearer in procession into the darkened church.*

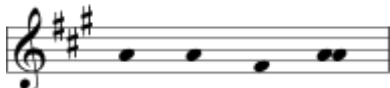




**A** The light of Christ.



**C** Thanks be to God.



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**A** Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

**Preface**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



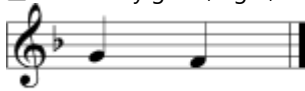
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ... with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

*All may extinguish their candles at this time.*

*Sit*

## Service of Readings

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

### The Readings

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

### 931 All You Works of the Lord

LSB 931



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

- 1 All you works of the Lord, | bless the Lord—\*  
praise Him and magnify Him for- | ever.\*  
You angels of the Lord, | bless the Lord: Refrain
- 2 You heavens, | bless the Lord;\*  
all you waters above the heavens, | bless the Lord;\*  
all you powers of the Lord, | bless the Lord: Refrain
- 3 You sun and moon, | bless the Lord;\*  
you stars of heaven, | bless the Lord;\*  
all you showers and dew, | bless the Lord: Refrain
- 4 All you winds of God, | bless the Lord;\*  
you fire and heat, | bless the Lord;\*  
you winter and summer, | bless the Lord: Refrain
- 5 You dews and frost, | bless the Lord;\*  
you frost and cold, | bless the Lord;\*  
you ice and snow, | bless the Lord: Refrain
- 6 You nights and days, | bless the Lord;\*  
you light and darkness, | bless the Lord;\*  
you lightnings and clouds, | bless the Lord: Refrain
- 7 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: Refrain
- 8 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: Refrain
- 9 All you birds of the air, | bless the Lord;\*  
all you beasts and cattle, | bless the Lord;\*  
all you children of men, | bless the Lord: Refrain
- 10 O Israel, | bless the Lord;\*  
you priests of the Lord, | bless the Lord;\*  
you servants of the Lord, | bless the Lord: Refrain
- 11 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: Refrain

## Service of Holy Baptism

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

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

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

**C Amen.**

- P** Do you renounce the devil?

**C Yes, I renounce him.**

- P** Do you renounce all his works?

**C Yes, I renounce them.**

- P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C Yes, I renounce them.**

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

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

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

**C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

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

**P** Is it your earnest intention to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of your Baptism, and as a member of the Church, to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace and prayer?

**C** **Yes, with the help of God.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace † be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of Prayer

### **Litany of the Resurrection**

**A** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy.**

**A** O Christ,

**C** **have mercy.**

**A** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy.**

**A** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** **hear us.**

**A** Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy on us.**

**A** Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

**C** **have mercy on us.**

**A** Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"

**C** **have mercy on us.**

**A** Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,

**C** **have mercy on us.**

**A** Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,

**C** have mercy on us.

**A** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

**C** have mercy on us.

**A** Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,

**C** have mercy on us.

**A** Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,

**C** have mercy on us.

**A** Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

**C** have mercy on us.

**A** Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,

**C** have mercy on us.

**A** 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.

**A** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,

**C** have mercy on us.

**A** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,

**C** good Lord, deliver us.

**A** By Your victory over sin and death,

**C** good Lord, deliver us.

**A** By the majesty of Your risen body,

**C** good Lord, deliver us.

**A** We poor sinners implore You

**C** to hear us, Lord Jesus.

**A** 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.

**A** 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.

**A** 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.

**A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy on us.

**A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy on us.

**A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** grant us Your peace.

**A** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**A** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**A** O Lord,

**C** have mercy. Amen.



# Service of the Word

## Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## This Is the Feast (Setting One)

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*Refrain*




**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

## 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 △ 4 Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>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." <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

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

**G** Praise to You, O Christ,

## Sermon

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**G** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 196



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**The Words of Our Lord**

LSB 197

**Pax Domini**

LSB 197

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

☐ A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 198

☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

# 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633



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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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LSB 548

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

**C** Amen.

## 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

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

**C** Amen.

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

**C** Amen.

## 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Let's go in peace, the Lord is with us!

**C** Thanks be to God!

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