



Easter Sunrise Service – The Vigil (part 2)

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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Great Vigil of Easter is a celebration of the “Pascha” - the death and resurrection of our Lord. The Vigil, which began last night with the Services of Light, Readings, and Holy Baptism, continues now with the Services of Prayer, the Word, and culminates with receiving the body and blood of our Risen Lord under the bread and wine of the Sacrament of the Altar.

Worship notes: The ushers will give out candles as we gather. The congregation is asked to be seated in silence and darkness. The only candle that is lit at the beginning of the service is the Christ Candle.

The ushers will light their candles from the Christ Candle and will share the light with each pew. Please do not tip a lit candle. Parents, please do not allow your child to hold a lit candle until you are certain that they can do so without burning themselves or spilling any wax. Thank you.

† The Service of Prayer †

Litany of the Resurrection

Please remain seated. The pastors kneel at the altar.

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

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 has 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 in 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, Lord Jesus.

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 on us.

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

C: Have mercy on us.

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

C: Grant us Your peace.

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy. Amen.

The Easter Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The lights in the church are brought to full brightness indicating that we are ready to celebrate the Festival of Our Lord's Resurrection with the return of the Hymn of Praise!

Please carefully extinguish your candle.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

As we sing the hymn of victory the ushers collect our extinguished candles, the altar candles are lit from the Christ Candle, and the chancel is prepared for the Feast of Jesus' Resurrection, which anticipates our own resurrection and the heavenly feast to come!

↑ Hymn of Praise -- *This is the Feast*

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Verse of the Day

2 Timothy 1:10b

(The congregation echoes the pastor on the "alleluias.")

Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

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

G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.’” ¹⁸Mary 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.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Hymn #452 (vs. 1-5) – O Perfect Life of Love

Sermon

Consecration of the Offering

Please be seated as the altar is prepared for the Lord's Supper.

Offertory -- What shall I render to the Lord...

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✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

To our Visitors and Guests: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Zion Lutheran Church is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the bread and the wine, our Savior's true body and blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins." Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this sacrament, all who commune make a confession of the faith as we believe and teach in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. If you do not believe you are receiving Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins or you are not a member of the LCMS, please speak with the pastor before communing. All are invited to come forward to the altar to receive an Easter blessing. Simply kneel with the others and cross your arms across your chest.

↑ Preface + Sanctus

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Lord's Prayer + Words of Institution

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Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei

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Please be seated

The Distribution

Hymn #633 (v. 1-6) – At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Hymn #482 -- This Joyful Eastertide

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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.

Post-Communion Prayer

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 our 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.

P: 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.

Hymn # 473 -- *Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free*

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Serving Zion This Morning

Preacher: Pr. James DeLoach

Liturgist: Pr. Doug Gaunt

Elder: Ken Hockemeier

Head Usher: Andy Wollberg

Organist: Carol DeLoach

Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Altar Guild: Rachael Burger and Ellen Hockemeier

Please join us for our *Easter Breakfast Benefit* in the fellowship hall (serving from 7:30-8:45 am). All proceeds will help cover the cost of Charlie Marienau's funeral.

Continue your Easter celebration by joining us for the *Festival of The Resurrection of Our Lord* in the Divine Service at 9:00 a.m.