

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!

This Is the Feast

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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-thy 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*



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



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

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.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118:1-29

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**C: Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

P: Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

**C: Let those who fear the Lord say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

P: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.

**C: The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?**

P: The Lord is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

**C: It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in man.**

P: It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

**C: All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!**

P: They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

**C: They surrounded me like bees;
they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!**

P: I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the Lord helped me.

**C: The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.**

P: Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

**C: the right hand of the Lord exalts,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”**

P: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**C: The Lord has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.**

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**C: This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

P: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**C: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

P: This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!

**C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

P: The Lord is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

**C: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

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.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 20:1–18

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.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
 can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
 one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



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

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Sermon – "The Hand of the Lord Who Makes Our Day"

Sharing the Peace

Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you". Shaking hands is not required unless one is comfortable doing so. Please respect your neighbor's needs.

Offering

Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

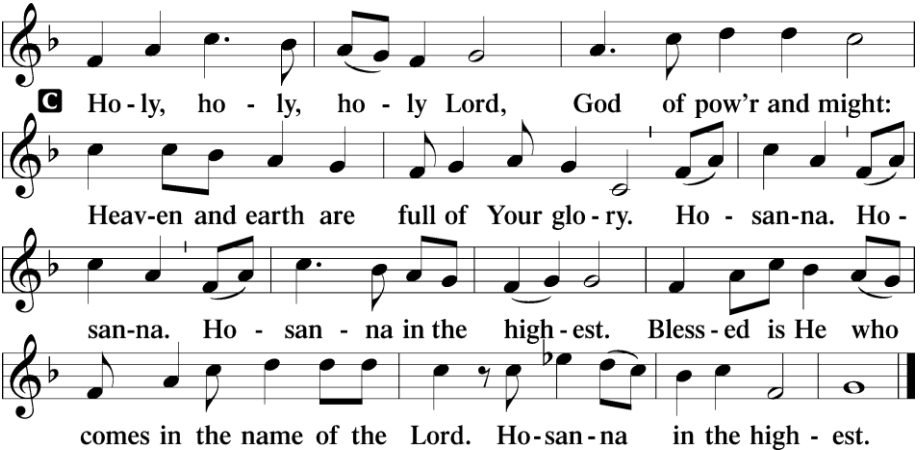
✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

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.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

The Distribution

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



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!

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!

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!

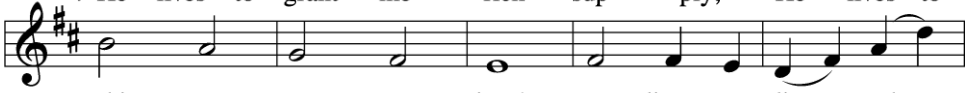
△8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives all blessings to impart. He lives to bring me safely there.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Stand

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.

490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en, I shall go where He is gone,
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
cry, as fails each sense; Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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Serving Zion This Morning

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Please join us for our *Easter Breakfast* in the fellowship hall (serving from 8:00-9:00 am).

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.