



Easter Vigil

March 31, 2018

5:30pm

Mission Campus

The Order of Service

The congregation will gather under the canopy. Candles will be provided to each participant. Each candle will be lighted later in the service from the processional paschal candle.

Invocation

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer

- C** O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your spirit enflames the hearts of your faithful people with the fire of your love. Bless, we implore you, this new flame and those who keep this solemn Easter Vigil that, burning with the desire of life with you, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the feast of victory and 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. Amen.

Holding the paschal candle, the pastor traces in the air the Greek letters "Alpha" and "Omega."

- L** Christ Jesus, the first and the last, the same yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega.
- C** Amen.

With the paschal candle, the pastor traces the year "2018" in the air.

- L** For our Lord, a thousand years are like a day and a day is like a thousand years. In His hands are time and eternity, glory and dominion, now and forevermore.
- C** Amen.

The pastor touches the places where the nails and spear wounded our Lord.

- C** By his wounds we are healed both now and forever. Amen!

- L** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night the joyful anticipation of the celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead may be filled with your heavenly benediction.

- C** Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Taking turns, all light their individual candles from the paschal candle. Once all candles are lit, the candle bearer leads the participants into the darkened church.

- L** The Light of Christ.
- C** **Thanks be to God!** *(repeated until everyone is in the church)*

Offering plates will be available as congregants enter/leave the sanctuary.

Hymn of Invocation *Were You There*

LSB 456: 1-3 | WERE YOU THERE



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

- C** **By His wounds we are healed both now and forever. Amen!**

- L** The Lord be with you.

- C** **And also with you.**

- L** Lift up your hearts.

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

- L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

- C** **It is good and right so to do.**

The Vigil Collect

- L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our hearts, minds and voices, praise you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty everlasting God, and your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For he is the very Paschal Lamb who offered himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of his precious blood. Even as you brought deliverance to our forefathers, the children of Israel, delivered them out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea in safety, so are all who believe in Christ delivered from the bondage of sin and death and restored to life and to holiness. As in the darkness of the night Christ broke the bonds of death and hell and rose in triumph, accept now this evening's sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true Light and bright Morning Star, shine in our hearts, he who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Easter Vigil

Please extinguish your candle.

Hymn of the Evening Day Is Done
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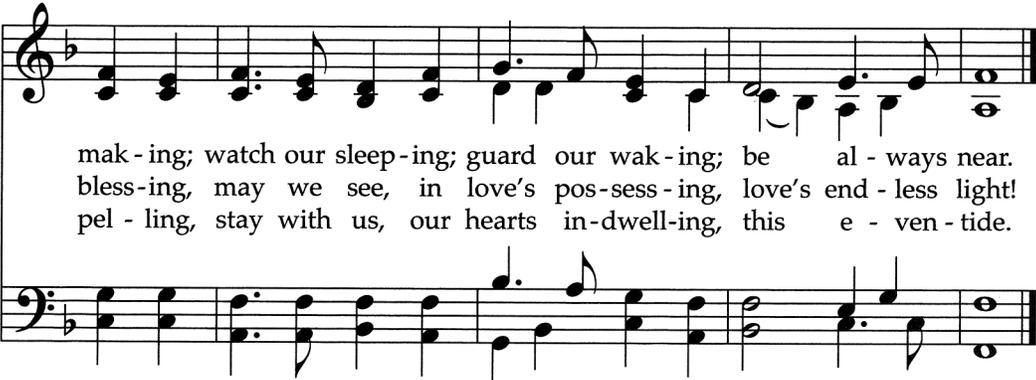
1 Day is done, but love un-fail-ing dwells ev-er here;
2 Dark de-scends, but light un-end-ing shines through our night;
3 Eyes will close, but you un-sleep-ing watch by our side.



shad-ows fall, but hope, pre-vail-ing, calms ev-ery fear.
you are with us, ev-er lend-ing new strength to sight:
Death may come; in love's safe-keep-ing still we a-bide.



God, our Mak-er, none for-sak-ing, take our hearts, of love's own
one in love, your truth con-fess-ing, one in hope of heav-en's
God of love, all e-vil quell-ing, sin for-giv-ing, fear dis-



mak-ing; watch our sleep-ing; guard our wak-ing; be al-ways near.
bless-ing, may we see, in love's pos-sess-ing, love's end-less light!
pel-ling, stay with us, our hearts in-dwell-ing, this e-ven-tide.

L 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.

First Lesson Genesis 2:4-7 (ESV)

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Almighty God, you most wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored what mankind chose to destroy through your only Son who repaired what we left broken. Help us to see that you are the Author of all life, that we may serve you as we live responsibly in your world. Amen.**

Second Lesson Genesis 7:11-24 (ESV)

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **O Lord, whose wrath burned for the evil of men, you brought the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation and yet saved faithful Noah and his family. Open our eyes, soften our hearts, and may we be numbered among your faithful today. Amen.**

Third Lesson Genesis 22:9-14 (ESV)

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **O God, you promised to faithful Abraham that he would be the father of many peoples, and in the passion of our Lord, you provided the Lamb that takes away our sin and makes us your people. Grant us a hearty trust in all of your promises; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Musical Meditation *Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist* BuxWV 208 | Dieterich Buxtehude

Fourth Lesson Exodus 14:29-31 (ESV)

But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **O God, as you once delivered your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them to safety through the waters of the Red Sea, you provided us with a symbol of the mightier waters of our baptism and a compelling invitation to all people of your desire that all should be made your children; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Fifth Lesson Ezekiel 36:24-28 (ESV)

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Almighty and everlasting God, in the miracle of Easter you raised your Son for our justification. Grant that all who are brought to new birth and newness of life in the fellowship of the body of Christ may show forth in their lives what they confess with their lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Sixth LessonRomans 6 :3-11 (ESV)

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Vigil Hymn Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

HOLY MANNA



Wash, O God, our sons and daugh - ters Where your cleans - ing
We who bring them long for nur - ture, By your milk may
Oh, how deep your ho - ly wis - dom, Un - i - mag - ined



wa - ters flow. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple;__
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing
all your ways. To your name be glo - ry, ho - nor,



Bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Weave them gar - ments
Cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us,
With our lives we wor - ship, praise. We your peo - ple



bright and spark - ling; Com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a -
guide our foot - steps, Free from sin and all its snares; One with
stand be - fore you, Wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your



noint them, send your Spi - rit, Ho - ly Dove and heart's De - light.
Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing By your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
grace our lives we__ of - fer, Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Please rise. The congregation is invited to assemble around the baptismal font.

- L** In Holy Baptism we are forgiven our sins and granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- C** **I do renounce them.**
- L** Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?
- C** **Yes, I do believe.**
- L** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- C** **Yes, I do believe.**
- L** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** **Yes, I do believe.**
- L** Is it your heart-felt intent to continue steadfast and unmoved in this faith and in the grace of your Baptism and, as a member of the Church, to be faithful in the use of the means of grace and prayer?
- C** **Yes, by the grace of God.**
- L** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.
- C** **Amen!**

The Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing and Prayer of Thanksgiving

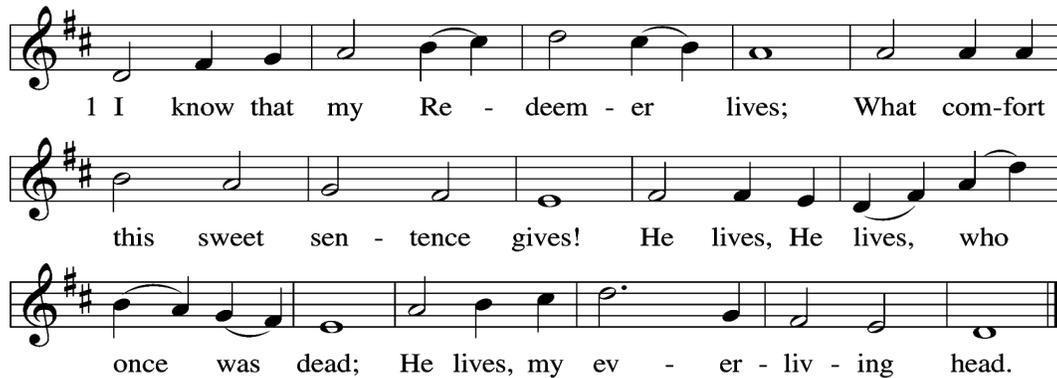
The Easter Gospel Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- L** This is the Gospel: the good news of our Lord through Jesus Christ His only Son.
- C** **Praise to you, O Christ!**
- L** Bless we the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**
- L** The Almighty and Merciful Lord, the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you in the one true faith until life everlasting
- C** **Amen!**

Recessional Hymn I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461: 1, 8 | DUKE STREET



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.

- 8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

*In silence the congregation follows the Paschal Candle back out into the foyer.
From there we leave in joyful anticipation of Easter morning.*



Officiant: Pastor Mark Schulz

Liturgist: Vicar Ben Vineyard

Director of Music and the Arts: Ben A. Spalding

Organist: Dr. Lara West

Easter Services



8:30, 9:45, 11am, Mission Campus: Easter services are the climax of the church year when we celebrate Christ's victory over sin, death and Satan. These services are festival services with the Trinity Choir and Easter Chamber Orchestra with a new premiere of "Alleluia" by Ben A. Spalding especially written for this Easter celebration. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11am service.

8:30, 11am, Shawnee Campus: Easter services are the climax of the church year when we celebrate Christ's victory over sin, death and Satan. We celebrate Christ's resurrection with contemporary praise music fitting for the occasion. Special music will be included and Holy Communion will be celebrated in both services.