

Welcome to Worship

Please turn off all cell phones.

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If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.

Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.

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Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

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E A S T E R V I G I L

Saturday, April 16, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.

The congregation gathers in silence outside near the Gathering Space.

A torch symbolizing a pillar of fire (Exodus 13) is carried, followed by the worship ministers, and then the congregation.

THE SERVICE of LIGHT

As the people of Israel journeyed through the wilderness, the Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

We gather in the shadows of this day waiting for the light of God to lead us.

We gather in the darkness of sin and death longing for the light of Christ to lead us.

Gracious Lord, cast out all fear and hopelessness,

and lead us through the wilderness, trusting the promise of new and everlasting life.

This is the Passover of Jesus Christ.

The Blessing and Lighting of the Paschal Candle

(The flame of the Paschal Candle symbolizes Christ as the Light of the world and his presence in the midst of his people. The "nails" in the Candle remind us of the wounds of Christ.)

A light shines in the darkness

and the darkness has not overcome it.

Bless this Paschal Candle,

a beacon of hope in the mystery of this night.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds

and sustain us as we seek to follow our Lord, now and forever. Amen.



The light moves to the font.

The congregation follows the Paschal candle and gathers around the font.



The light moves to the front of the Sanctuary.

The congregation follows the Paschal candle into the Sanctuary and remains standing in the rows of chairs.



The light moves to the top of the stairs.

The Exsultet

Those who are able to stand are invited to do so during the singing of the Exsultet.

Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation.

Exult, also, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world.

Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples.



At this time, individual candles are lit from the Paschal Candle.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should with full devotion of heart, and mind, and voice praise the invisible God, the Father Almighty, and his only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ;... through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and rules with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Extinguish candles and please be seated. Please pass extinguished candles toward the outside aisles for the ushers to collect.

THE SERVICE of the WORD

On this, the greatest night of the year, we remember our whole history as God's people. We share the great stories of God's grace and deliverance with all who have gathered, and celebrate these stories, which become our story.

$C R E \Lambda T I O N$

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 1:1-2:4

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

God our Creator, we marvel at your works.

You established the earth and all that is within it: order from chaos, light, land from the waters, vegetation, living creatures and human life.

You sustain life through the gift of ongoing creation.

You will renew the life of the world at the last.

We proclaim our trust in you: the Lord God provides. Amen.

"From the Void Sprang Creation"

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Second Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Everlasting God, you have established your covenant with all living things to provide life-giving waters, not the waters of death and chaos.

We receive your steadfast faithfulness from generation to generation.

We proclaim our trust in you: the Lord God provides. Amen.

"God of the Sparrow"

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God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook. How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?

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God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart. How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?

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Third Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 22:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways.

We cannot presume to understand your intentions for the fullness of time.

And so at times we must pray, "Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief."

We proclaim our trust in you: the Lord God provides. Amen.

"Though Troubles Assail Us"

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Fourth Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O Lord, you are our strength and our might, and have become our salvation.

When trials threaten to consume or overwhelm us, you are steadfast and come to our aid.

We are prone to doubt and despair, but you show us the path of life.

We proclaim our trust in you: the Lord God provides. Amen.

"To the Bath and the Table"

Mark Howe

Congregation sings refrain in a round, continuously; while cantor sings verses.



Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit's breath, first to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death.

Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through, washing off the chains of bondage channel to a life made new.

Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the one foretold, opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.

Living water never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul. Well-spring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.

V A L L E Y O F T H E D R Y B O N E S

Fifth Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lord our God, where death has trod, you follow and offer the breath of life.

Let all that is parched, all that is polluted, all that is malnourished in your holy creation receive your Spirit and breath.

Breathe upon us that we may live.

We proclaim our trust in you: the Lord God provides. Amen.

"Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song"

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G A T H E R I N G O F G O D ' S P E O P L E

Sixth Reading

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Zephaniah 3:14-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain sung by congregation after each reader:

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting. Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

God of Israel, how can we sing?

How can we rejoice?

War, climate disasters, and humanitarian crises mark our world.

There is so much to despair over.

Yet you promise to be in our midst, to remove oppressors and gather in the outcast.

Let it be so, Lord.

We proclaim our trust in you: the Lord God provides. Amen.

"Oh, Sing to God Above"

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U N I T E D

New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Romans 6:3-11

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Prayer in response to Romans reading. We proclaim our trust in you: **the Lord God provides. Amen.**

"Hope of Abraham and Sarah"

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Rite of Asperges

The pastors sprinkle the congregation with water as we affirm the reality of our baptism into Christ. The Rite of Asperges reminds us of the daily significance of our baptism.

Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, holy God. From the beginning you have led your people through water from death into new life. In the deadly waters of the flood you saved Noah's family and the animal kingdom in the arc. Out of dehumanizing slavery, you led Moses and your people through the deadly water of the Red Sea, to become God's free and faithful people. In the waters of the River Jordan, your Son was baptized by John the Baptist, the heavens were torn apart, the Holy Spirit descended, and a voice spoke, "You are my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." And now we gather around this same water of death, life, promise, and story. Go before us in these and lead us from death to life, from bondage to sin to freedom to love, from despair to hope, from loneliness to community, from fear to courage. Tear apart the barrier between heaven and earth. Descend upon us and fill us with the Holy Spirit. Open our hearts to hear the Creator of the Universe speak to us: "You are beloved, I am well pleased with you." May this water bring an end to our tears and begin the reign of grace upon our world: your Kingdom come, your will be done. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

I ask you now to affirm your baptism, to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God.

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God.

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Affirmation of Baptism

Together we have mutually confessed our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. Do you now intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Yes, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made each of these your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with your Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn • "Baptized and Set Free"

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THE SERVICE of HOLY COMMUNION

Kyrie Amy Boers

Congregation sings refrain; cantor sings verses.



For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*

For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*

Easter Proclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

The congregation is invited to ring their bells.

The darkness reminds us of the predawn hours when the women made their way to the tomb. Likewise, we can now share in their astonishment and joy at finding the tomb empty.

Hymn of Praise • "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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Prayer of the Evening

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ.

Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because 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." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Evening • "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

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Prayers of the Church

On this holiest of nights, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

Offertory • "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

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Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Light of Christ, Setting Four



It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God.

But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Light of Christ, Setting Four



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Lamb of God

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Light of Christ, Setting Four



Distribution

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

If gluten-free wafers are required for health reasons, then please ask the pastor serving communion for a wafer.

Communion Hymn • "In the Singing"

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Communion Hymn • "We Who Once Were Dead"

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Jesus, you were dead, but you rose and, living, made yourself our bread, in your goodness giving life though we were dead. 6

This is your design; in this meal we meet you. Be our bread and wine, Jesus, we entreat you. This shall be our sign.

Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • "Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen"

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Sending

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

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Southwestern Washington Synod Educational Gatherings

Join fellow members of the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA for a day of worship, lunch, and learning. Each person will attend two workshops sessions on a wide variety of topics all under the theme "Grow...Together," plus a keynote by Joey Ager, Bishop's Associate/ Director for Evangelical Mission, on "Sacred Encounter."

How do we grow together as congregations, communities, and society? During this time, we'll consider the central importance of sacred encounter—with others, ourselves, the land, and God—as a foundational practice of being community and of growing in new directions.

Choose the date and location that works best for you.

Saturday, April 30 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Port Angeles.

Learn more and register at https://cvent.me/Kbeq5l

Saturday, May 14 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church by the Narrows of Tacoma.

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