

THE TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY | GOOD FRIDAY | EASTER VIGIL

March 29-31, 2018 St. John's Lutheran Church | Northfield, Minnesota

Please leave this worship folder at church. It is used for the three-day Triduum service.

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting during this Holy Week. We are grateful to share this time of worship with you!

All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews. Please pass them down to the center and then back so you can greet those worshiping around you. Ushers will gather these following worship.

An * invites you to stand as you are able.

P Pastor, □ Leader (Assisting Minister), □ Congregation

Children are welcome to participate throughout our worship service, including at Holy Communion. Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.

Children's Bibles and activity bags are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the sanctuary or from an usher.

OUR WORSHIP

"We keep this annual feast, now, in our own time. Jesus has already died and is risen. ... All of the central practices of the assembly are here—open meeting, scripture reading, praying, baptizing and remembering baptism, the meal, collection for mission and for the poor—but these are seen exactly as carrying the central encounter with the crucified and risen one, with God as God is known in Jesus." — Gordon Lathrop, *The Four Gospels on Sunday*.

TRIDUUM/THE THREE DAYS

On Thursday we begin the *Triduum* which means THE THREE DAYS.

The Triduum includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. These three days are one liturgy. No benediction separates them as they share our celebration of the great mystery of our salvation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, page 3

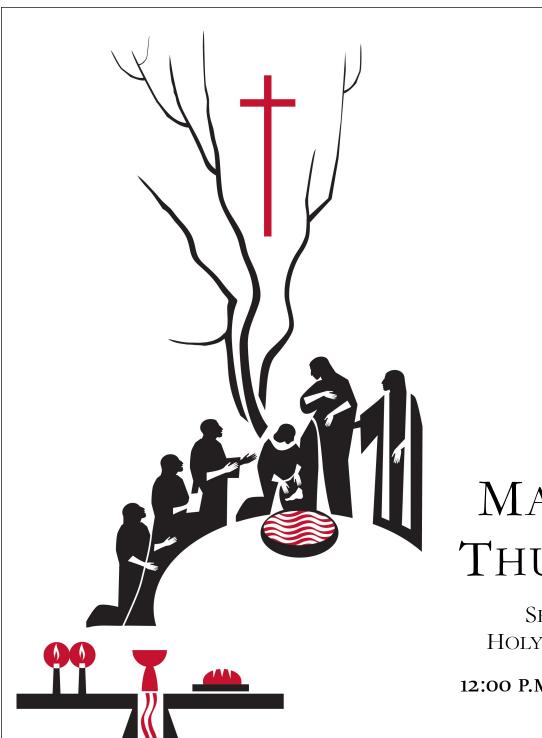
We gather for confession and absolution to mark the end of our Lenten observance which began on Ash Wednesday with the marking of ashes and our confession of sin. On this night we receive absolution individually, and after hearing Jesus' command to love one another, come forward to be strengthened by his own body and blood given "for you." As Psalm 22 is sung we strip the altar as we are reminded that Christ walked from the meal to his suffering and death.

GOOD FRIDAY, page 10

We gather in silence to hear of Christ's suffering on the cross. We lift up prayers for the church, the world, and for those of other faiths and no faith, remembering the encompassing love of Jesus for all this fallen world.

EASTER VIGIL, page 13

We gather on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate this most holy night as we make passage with Christ from darkness to light, from death to life. We begin with the "new fire" and process to the place of the singing of the ancient Easter Proclamation. In the service of readings we hear of the great stories of faith that shape our baptism; we remember God's covenant with us in baptism, sing our first alleluias of the season. The liturgy of the Three Days concludes with the first Eucharist of Easter.



Maundy Thursday

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

12:00 P.M. AND 6:30 P.M.

Today our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

The assembly gathers in silence.

*Confession and Forgiveness

- Defore the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed.

 I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.
- **Q** Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.
- I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.
- P Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

Individual absolution is offered. You may come forward down the center aisle and kneel at an open spot at the communion rail for the laying on of hands. Please return by the side aisles.

*Gathering Hymn — No. 666

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

*Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **C** And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Pew Bible, page 513

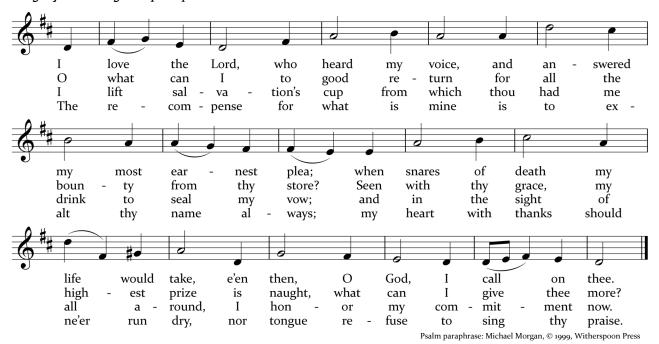
After the reading:

- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **©** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 116

ROCKINGHAM

Sung by all using the paraphrase below.



Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Pew Bible, page 933

After the reading:

- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **©** Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Sung by all, first in Latin, then in English.

Taizé Community



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*Gospel — John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Spark Story Bible, page 462; Pew Bible, page 876

Before the reading:

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 359

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- L Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.

*Peace

- **P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- **Q** And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Music at the Offering

(12:00) "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

David Cherwien

(6:30) "Shepherd of Souls"

arr. Scott Atwood

Shepherd of souls, in love, come, feed us, life-giving bread for hungry hearts! To those refreshing waters lead us where dwells that peace your grace imparts. May we, the wayward in your fold, by your forgiveness rest consoled. Life-giving vine, come, feed and nourish, strengthen each branch with life divine; ever in you, O may we flourish, fruitful the branches on the vine. Lord, may our souls be purified so that in Christ may we abide. Sinful are we who kneel before you, worthy of you are you alone; yet in your name do we implore you, rich are the mercies you have shown. Say but the word, O Lord divine, then are our hearts made pure like thine. Father, who fed the Hebrew nation, giving them manna from the sky, give now the bread of our salvation that we who eat shall never die. We are your people, God, in need; may we on living bread now feed.

-Omer Westendorf

St. John's Chorale

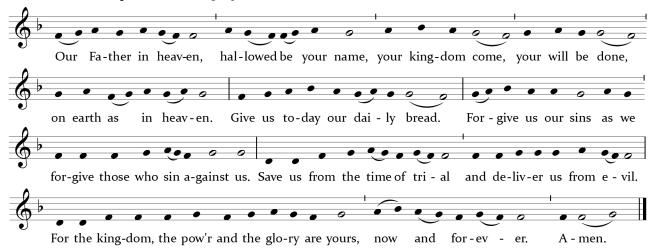
*Offering Prayer

- Let us pray.
- © God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Eucharistic Prayer

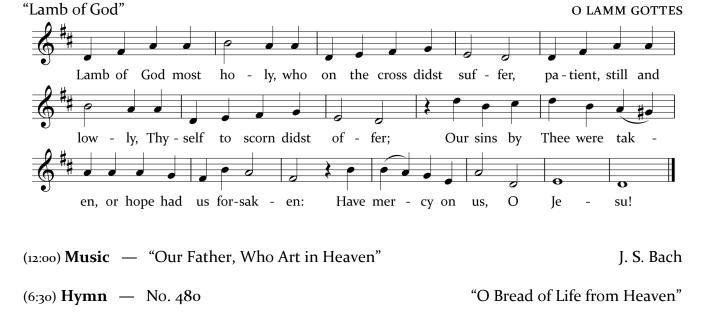
*The Lord's Prayer — Sung by all.



Tonight you are invited to commune at the railing as you are able. Please follow the ushers instructions forward, moving in one continuous direction around the altar and kneeling at the last available spot to receive the bread and wine. Please indicate to the server if you need a gluten-free wafer; white grape juice is offered. When you have finished communing, continue back to your seat, moving in the same direction. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.

Music during the Distribution

Hymn — No. 347



"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

*Post-Communion Blessing

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

- Let us pray.
- Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(12:00) **Psalmody** — Psalm 22:1-11

Sung in alternation between cantor and assembly using the tone below. Cantor begins. All sing the last verse.



My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the | Holy One, enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

Our ancestors put their | trust in you, they trusted, and you | rescued them.

They cried out to you and | were delivered; they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm | and not human, scorned by all and despised | by the people.

All who see me laugh | me to scorn; they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.

"Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him."

Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb, and kept me safe on my | mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born; you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trou- ble is near, and there is no one to help.

(6:30) Stripping of the Altar

At the evening service, as Psalm 22 is sung by the choir, the table and pulpit are stripped of their paraments and the chancel is made bare. The altar and chancel furnishings are removed, preparing the sanctuary for Good Friday. Through this stark and ancient ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. The psalm setting is by Pastor Joseph Crippen.

All depart in silence.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Pastor Pam Fickenscher Preaching Pastor Jonathan Davis

Assisting Minister Katie Schroeer

Organist Nathan Proctor

Cantor (12:00) Nathan Proctor Choir (6:30) St. John's Chorale nductor (6:30) Nathan Berthelsen

Anthem Conductor (6:30) Nathan Berthel (12:00) Judy Smith

(6:30) Craig Schultz, Judy Smith, Elden and Solveig Zempel

Greeters (12:00) John and Jody Alsaker, Erik and Mary Holleque

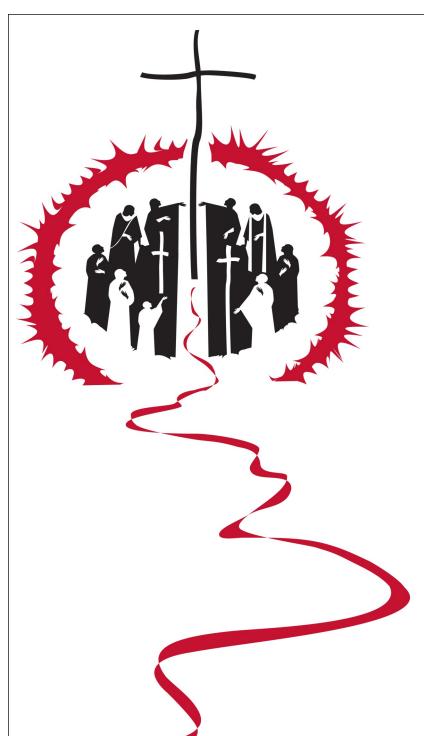
(6:30) Kibby Errington, Shirley Keltto

Ushers (12:00) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall,

Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg

(6:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Eric Lund,

Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert



THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 P.M. AND 6:30 P.M.

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day — the triumph of the cross — reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died. Today's liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.

All gather in silence.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

G Amen.

Reading — Hebrews 10:16-25

Pew Bible, page 976

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

Homily Pastor Pam Fickenscher

***Hymn** — No. 351

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

The Passion of Our Lord according to John — John 18:1 - 19:42 Pew Bible, page 596

I. John 18:1-14 Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest Silence for meditation follows.

II. John 18:15-27 Peter's Denial; Trial before Annas

Hymn — No. 349, *stanza* 1

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

III. John 18:28-40 Jesus' First Trial before Pilate

Hymn — No. 349, stanza 2

IV. John 19:1-12 Jesus is Beaten; Tried by Pilate Again

Hymn — No. 349, stanza 3

V. John 19:13-22 Sentence of Death; Jesus' Crucifixion

Hymn — No. 349, stanza 4

VI. John 19:23-30 The Death of Jesus

Hymn — No. 349, stanza 5

VII. John 19:31-42 The Burial of our Lord

Hymn — No. 353 "Were You There"

Stanza 4 — all Stanza 5 — all, hushed

*Bidding Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

*Closing Response

- **P** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
- **©** By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

All depart in silence.



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Assisting Minister Dennis Rinehart
Organist Nathan Proctor

Readers (12:00) Nathan Proctor, Angie Gehring, Pastor Jonathan Davis, Julie Brehmer,

Christy Hall-Holt, Dennis Rinehart, Pastor Pam Fickenscher

(6:30) Nathan Proctor, Melissa Berthelsen, Pastor Jonathan Davis, Julie Brehmer,

Dennis Rinehart, Pastor Pam Fickenscher

Greeters (12:00) Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt

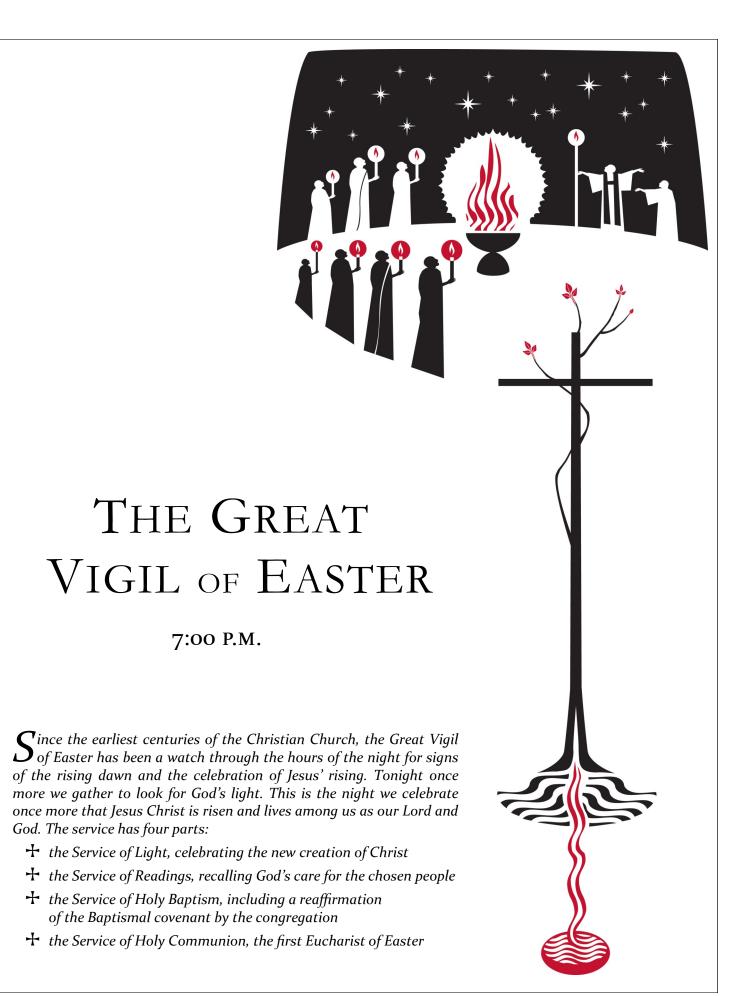
(6:30) Phil and Barb Eaves, Mary Ellen North

Ushers (12:00) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Jon McBroom,

Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl

(6:30) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, David Halsor,

Dick Kleber, Steve Williams



SERVICE OF LIGHT

The assembly gathers in silence in the courtyard around a new fire.

*Greeting

- The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

Following the paschal candle, the assembly processes into the sanctuary.

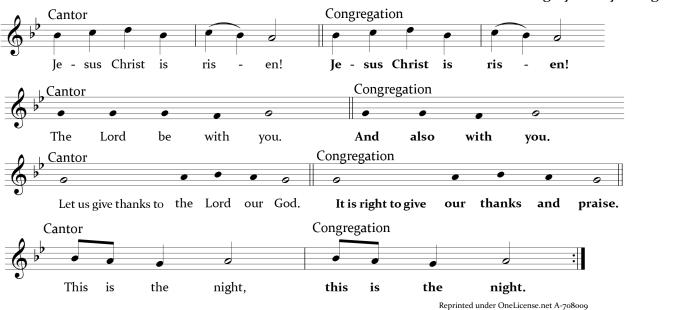
*Procession



Once inside the sanctuary, the light from the paschal candle is passed until all candles are lighted.

*Easter Proclamation

setting by Marty Haugen



*Prayer of the Day

- **P** Let us pray.
 - 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.
- C Amen.

Individual candles are extinguished.

SERVICE OF READINGS

First Reading — Genesis 1:1-2:4a

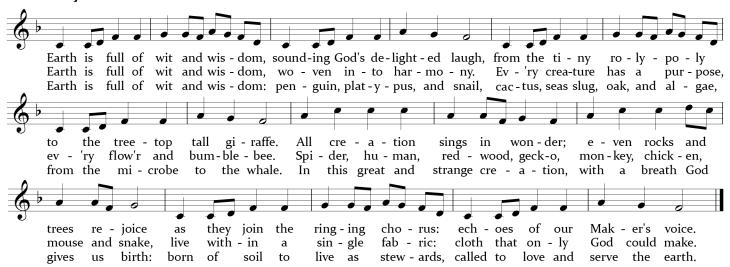
God creates the heavens and the earth and every living creature.

After the reading:

- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

*Hymn — "Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom"

HOLY MANNA



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Prayer

Second Reading — Genesis 22:1-18

The testing of Abraham.

Solo — "Where is the Lamb"

Wendy Talbot

After the reading:

- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Third Reading — Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Israel delivered at the sea.

After the reading:

- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **©** Thanks be to God.

Hymn — No. 363

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Stanzas 1 and 2

Prayer

Fourth Reading — Isaiah 55:1-11

The prophet Isaiah writes of living waters.

After the reading:

- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **©** Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Fifth Reading — Ezekiel 37:1-14

The dry bones of Israel.

After the reading:

- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **©** Thanks be to God.

*Hymn — No. 407

"O Living Breath of God"

Prayer

Sixth Reading — Daniel 3:1-29

God rescues Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from King Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace.

Hear the story told in song, "Shadrack" by Robert MacGimsey.

Prayer

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

The Triune God claims **Isabella Anderson** as a beloved child in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Her congregation representative is Christy Hall-Holt.

- People of God, do you promise to support Isabella and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- **Q** We do.

*Profession of Faith — Front of hymnal, page 229

Thanksgiving at the Font

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **☑** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

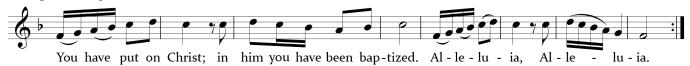


Baptism

Welcome

Song — "You Have Put on Christ"

Sung twice by all.



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*Holy Gospel — John 20:1-18

Pew Bible, page 882

Before the reading:

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.
- **☑** Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **©** Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

*Hymn of the Day — No. 365

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.
Ring your bells during the introduction to the hymn and all alleluias!

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- **L** Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer

*Peace

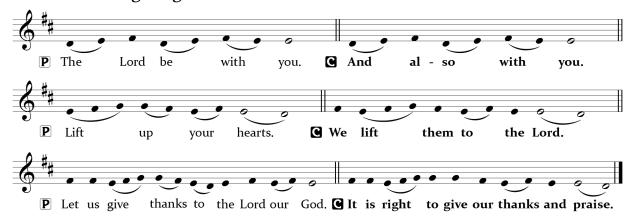
- **P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

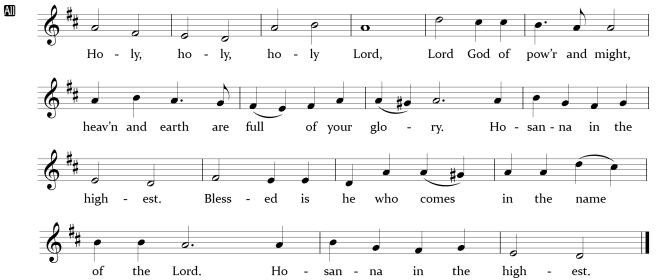
Welcome and Announcements

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*Words of Institution

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper, and that in this meal our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome to the Lord's Table.

Communion will be received at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward.

Gluten-free wafers are available in the center.

Communion will be served by intinction. Please dip your wafer in the cup.

If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.

Music during Communion

Anthem — "Lord of the Dance"

Hymn — No. 391

Hymn — No. 379

arr. John Ferguson

"This Joyful Eastertide"

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Post-Communion Hymn

"Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah

All are welcome to joyfully join in singing from the booklets in the pews! Please leave the music with the ushers following the service.

*Benediction

*Dismissal

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!
- **P** Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection. Alleluia!
- **■** Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

***Postlude** — from *Symphony No.* 5: "Toccata"









As we have been fed this night, we offer gifts to those in our community who lack basic necessities. As you depart we invite you to leave an offering for the Community Action Center of Northfield. All offerings will go directly to their work in our community. Please make out checks to the CAC.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Assisting Minister Pastor David Weeks, St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Organists Nathan Proctor, Director of Worship Music and Arts, St. John's and John Ferguson

Cantors Pastor Pam Fickenscher, Ruth Anglin, Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch,

Kristin Partlo, Julie Zdenek, Mary Kay Bougie

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Brass Olav Serres and Bex Shuholm, trumpet

Paul Beck and Fletcher Coolidge, trombone

Communion Servers Pastor David Weeks, Pastor Katie Fick

Communion Service Howard and Julie Thorsheim

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