

# VIGIL OF EASTER

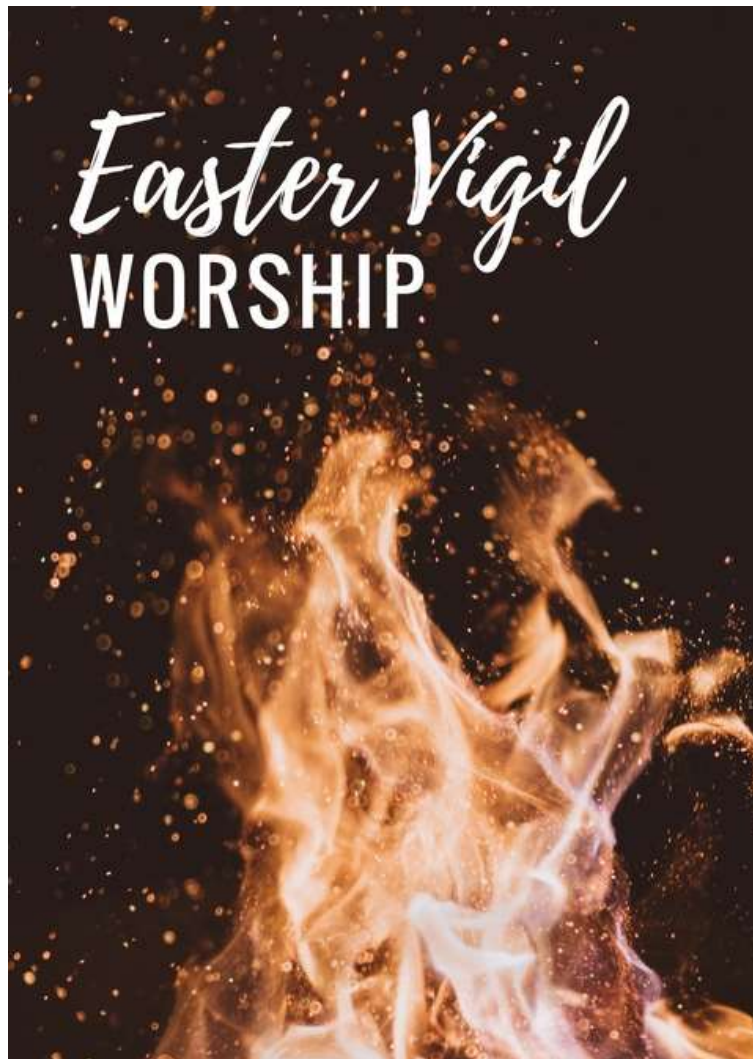
MARCH 31, 2018

AUGSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

AND

CHRIST'S BELOVED COMMUNITY

7:00 P.M.



*This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Tonight is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, welcome new sisters and brothers at the font, and share the food and drink of the promised land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.*

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

*All gather in silence in the Columbarium. The lighting of a new fire takes place.*

### GREETING

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

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Son of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE AND PROCESSION

Christ, yesterday and today, ✠  
the beginning A  
and the ending. Ω  
To Christ belongs all time 2  
and all the ages; 0  
to Christ belongs glory and dominion 1  
now and forever. 8

**Amen.**

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

*The procession begins, led by the Paschal Candle. During the procession, light from the Paschal Candle is passed until the people's candles are all lighted. Stanzas of "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (ELW 834) are sung at points throughout the procession into the sanctuary.*

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

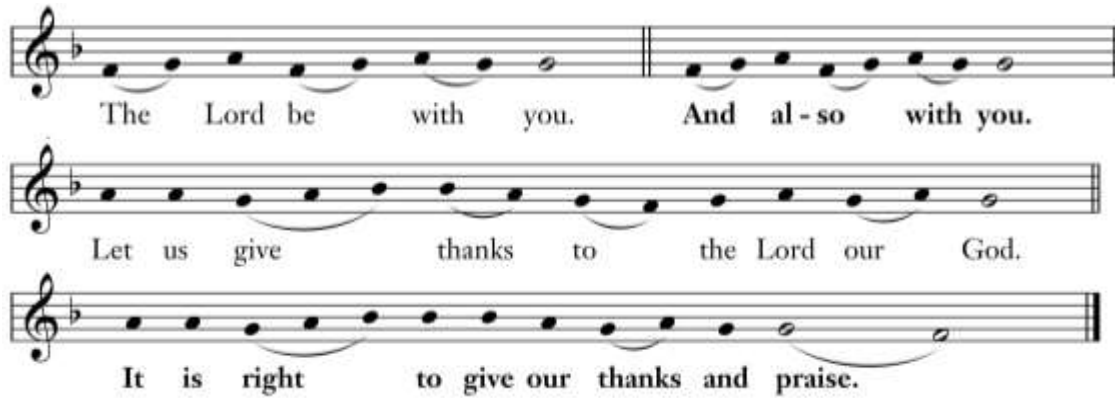
**Un-resting, un-hasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, ...



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

... one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*We sit. Handheld candles may be extinguished.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

**READINGS** *After each response there is silence for reflection, followed by a prayer.*

### First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a *Creation*

#### Response Prayer

**Hymn** 881 Let All Things Now Living

THE ASH GROVE

### Second Reading

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 *Deliverance at the Red Sea*

#### Response Prayer

**Anthem** Song of Moses and Miriam

Anglican chant by Bruce Neswick

### Third Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11 *Salvation freely offered to all*

#### Response Prayer

**Hymn** 331 As the Deer Runs to the River

JULION

### Fourth Reading

Daniel 3:1-29 *Deliverance from the fiery furnace*

#### Response Prayer

**Anthem** O All Ye Works of God

Thaddeus Cavuoti

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL CANTICLE This is the Feast

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich - es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL** John 20:1-18

*Before the reading of the gospel:*

The holy gospel according to Saint John.



*After the reading of the gospel:*

The gospel of the Lord.



*We sit.*

**HOMILY**

Vicar Norris

**EASTER GREETING**

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**✠ AFFIRMATION OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠**

*We stand.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, 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.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty.**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

## ✠ MEAL ✠

**OFFERING** *Offering plates are stationed at each exit for your use as you leave this service.*

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*We sit.*

### **COMMUNION**

*Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. Those who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond Amen.*

### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

#### **ANTHEM** Haec Dies

Thomas Morley

*Haec dies, quam fecit Dominus:  
exultemus et laetemur in ea.*

*Tu es Deus noster, gratias agimus tibi.*

This is the day which the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice exceedingly and be glad in it.  
You are our God, we give thanks to thee.

*We stand.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### **BLESSING**

The blessing of the Lord our heavenly Father,  
the blessing of ✠ Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
and the blessing of the Spirit of truth  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN** 449 We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

## *Soli Deo Gloria Christus Resurrexit*

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