

Vigil of Easter



The Third Service of the *Triduum* of Christ's Passover

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SERVICE OF LIGHT

All gather at the church door. Candles are given to all, later to be lit from the paschal candle.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Ghost.

C Amen.

The pastor addresses the congregation and says the prayer. The congregation answers:

C Amen.

The candle bearer, holding the paschal candle, steps forward. The pastor traces the cross on the candle while saying:

P Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending,

and then traces Greek letters Α and Ω (Alpha and Omega) on the candle while saying:

the Alpha and the Omega.

The pastor traces the year on the candle, saying:

P His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

The pastor puts the five nails into the candle, saying:

P By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

Then, lighting the paschal candle, he says:

P May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Let us pray.

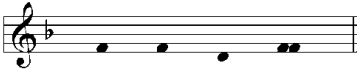
After the prayer, the congregation answers:

C Amen.

All light their candles from the paschal candle and then follow the candle bearer in procession into the church.

At the entrance, the candle bearer stops and raises the paschal candle. The pastor chants:

P The light of Christ.



C Thanks be to God.

Halfway to the altar, the candle bearer stops. The pastor chants for the second time:

P The light of Christ.



C Thanks be to God.

When the candle bearer arrives at the candle stand, he faces the congregation and lifts the candle high. The pastor chants the third time:

P The light of Christ.



C Thanks be to God.

After the candle bearer places the paschal candle in its stand, the pastor chants the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet).

EXSULTET

P Rejoice now...with the praises of all God's faithful people.

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



R And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]



R We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]



R It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...Let Christ, the true Light and 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 A - men.

All may extinguish their candles at this time.

Sit

SERVICE OF LESSONS

The pastor exhorts the congregation, and then reads the following portions of Holy Scripture.

The Creation

Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

After this and each subsequent reading:

P Let us pray.

The pastor says the prayer.

C Amen.

The Flood

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

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-15:1

Salvation Offered Freely through the Word

Isaiah 55:1-11

A New Heart & a New Spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28

The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3:1-30

CANTICLE

ALL YOU WORKS OF THE LORD (Benedicite, Omnia Opera)

The pastor chants the verses of the canticle, and the whole congregation joins in the Refrain.



¹ All you works of the Lord, | bless the Lord—*
 praise Him and magnify Him for- | ever.*

You angels of the Lord, | bless the Lord: **Refrain**

² You heavens, | bless the Lord;*
 all you waters above the heavens, | bless the Lord;*
 all you powers of the Lord, | bless the Lord: **Refrain**

³ You sun and moon, | bless the Lord;*
 you stars of heaven, | bless the Lord;*
 all you showers and dew, | bless the Lord— **Refrain**

⁴ All you winds of God, | bless the Lord;*
 you fire and heat, | bless the Lord;*
 you winter and summer, | bless the Lord— **Refrain**

⁵ You dews and frost, | bless the Lord;*
 you frost and cold, | bless the Lord;*
 you ice and snow, | bless the Lord—

Refrain

⁶ You nights and days, | bless the Lord;*
 you light and darkness, | bless the Lord;*
 you lightning and clouds, | bless the Lord— **Refrain**

⁷ Let the earth | bless the Lord;*
 you mountains and hills, | bless the Lord;*
 all you green things that grow on the earth, | bless the Lord— **Refrain**

⁸ You wells and springs, | bless the Lord;*
 you rivers and seas, | bless the Lord;*
 you whales and all who move in the waters, | bless the Lord— **Refrain**

⁹ All you birds of the air, | bless the Lord;*
all you beasts and cattle, | bless the Lord;*
all you children of men, | bless the Lord— **Refrain**

¹⁰ O Israel, | bless the Lord;*
you priests of the Lord, | bless the Lord;*
you servants of the Lord, | bless the Lord— **Refrain**

¹¹ You spirits and souls of the righteous, | bless the Lord;*
you pure and humble of heart, | bless the Lord;*
let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy | Spirit— **Refrain**

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

The pastor addresses the congregation and prays Luther's Flood Prayer:

P Almighty and eternal God...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Do you renounce the devil?

C Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, a holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ (next page)

To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ



1 To Jor - dan came our Lord, the Christ, To do God's
 2 So hear ye all, and well per - ceive What God doth
 3 To show us this, He hath His word With signs and
 4 In ten - der man - hood Je - sus straight To ho - ly



plea - sure will - ing, And there was by Saint John bap - tized,
 call Bap - ti - sm, And what a Chris - tian should be - lieve
 sym - bols giv - en; On Jor - dan's banks was plain - ly heard
 Jor - dan wend - eth; The Ho - ly Ghost from hea - ven's gate



All right - eous - ness ful - fil - ling; There did He con - se -
 Who er - ror shuns and schi - sm: That we should wa - ter
 The Fa - ther's voice from heav - en: "This is My well - be -
 In dove - like shape des - cend - eth; That thus the truth be



crate a bath To wash a - way trans - gres - sion, And
 use, the Lord De - clar - eth it His plea - sure; Not
 lov - éd Son, In whom My soul de - light - eth; Hear
 not de - nied, Nor should our faith e'er wa - ver, That



quench the bit - ter - ness of death By His own blood and
 sim - ple wa - ter; but the Word And Spir - it with - out
 Him." Yea, hear Him e - v'ry one Whom He Him - self in -
 the Three Per - sons all pre - side At Bap - tism's ho - ly



pas - sion; He would a new life give us.
 mea - sure; He is the true Bap - ti - zer.
 vit - eth, Hear and o - bey His teach - ing.
 la - ver, And dwell with the be - liev - er.

5 Thus Jesus His disciples sent:
Go, teach ye every nation,
That lost in sin they must repent,
And flee from condemnation;
He that believes and is baptized,
Obtains a mighty blessing;
A new-born man, no more he dies,
Eternal life possessing,
A joyful heir of heaven.

6 Who in this mercy hath not faith,
Nor aught therein discerneth,
Is yet in sin, condemned to death,
And fire that ever burneth;
His holiness avails him not,
Nor aught which he is doing;
His inborn sin brings all to naught,
And maketh sure his ruin;
Himself he cannot succor.

7 The eye of sense alone is dim,
And nothing sees but water;
Faith sees Christ Jesus, and in Him
The Lamb ordained for slaughter;
She sees the cleansing fountain red
With the dear blood of Jesus,
Which from the sins inherited
From fallen Adam frees us,
And from our own misdoings.

P The Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C Amen.

P Peace † be with you.

C Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF PRAYER

LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

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 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 Eleven, 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,
P O Christ,
P O Lord,

C have mercy.
C have mercy.
C have mercy. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The altar candles and other candles in the church are now lit from the paschal candle. The lights of the church are fully lit and the bells are rung.

HYMN OF PRAISE

TLH #187 – Christ is Arisen

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Let us pray,...ever one God, world without end.
C *(sung)* Amen.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 20.
C *(sung)* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

After the reading of the Gospel, the pastor says:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

PASCHAL HOMILY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

c. AD 400

After the Homily is read, the Congregation stands.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



R And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



R We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



R It is meet and right so to do.

Minister: It is truly meet, right, and salutary... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Our Father, who art in heaven,..But deliver us from evil.

C (*sung*) **For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The pastor shall consecrate the elements for Holy Communion, proclaiming the Words of our Lord Jesus Christ by which He instituted the Sacrament of the Altar.

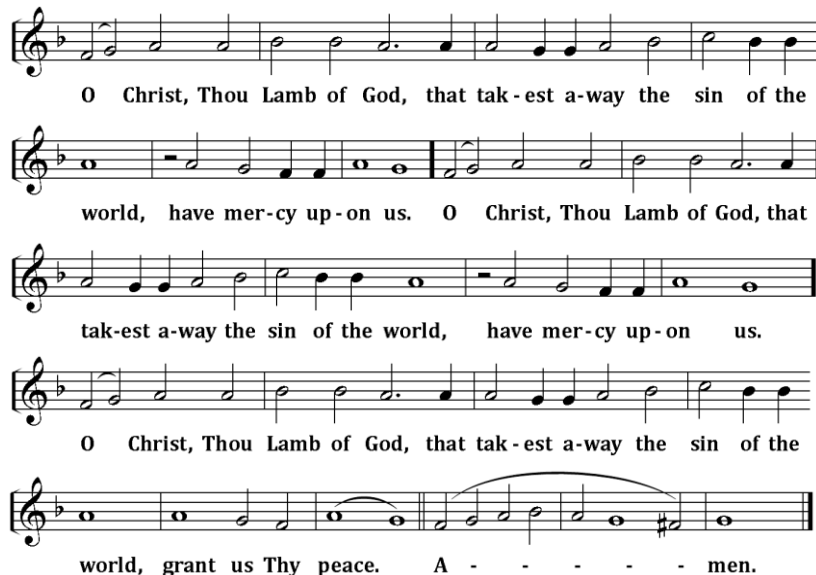
THE PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!



R A - - - - men.

THE AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION

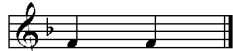
The communicant members of the congregation are invited to the Lord's Table. After all communicants have communed, the service concludes with:

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT AND BLESSING

Stand

P Let us pray.

The pastor chants the Collect, and the congregation answers:



C A - men.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve you.



R A - - - - - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Emmanuel is a liturgical, traditional, historical, evangelical, catholic, orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation, in fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA). We believe that the Bible is the very Word of God, inspired and without any errors. We confess the truth of Scripture according to the Lutheran Book of Concord of 1580, without exception or reservation. We observe the calendar of the traditional Church Year and follow the Historic Lectionary. We celebrate the Divine Service (also known as the Mass) every Sunday and on other festivals, and we welcome visitors to hear God's Word with us.



With regard to Holy Communion, we ask our visitors to respect our practice of *closed Communion*, which means that only communicant members of our congregation or of other congregations in communion with us are invited to commune at the Lord's Table here, after they have been examined and absolved. Classes are offered throughout the year by the pastor so that those who are interested in joining our Communion fellowship have the opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and our confession of it.

Easter Vigil explanation: In some places throughout the early centuries of the Church's life, the people of God would hold vigil through the night in expectation of Christ's return. A vigil in expectation of Christ's return at Easter became a common feature of the celebration of His crucifixion and resurrection.

As a service of watching that ushers in the resurrection, the Vigil of Easter is comprised of six parts:

- the Service of Light
- the Service of Lessons
- the Service of Holy Baptism
- the Service of Prayer
- the Service of the Word
- the Service of the Sacrament

In place of a regular sermon, the Paschal Homily attributed to St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople (AD 347-407), will be read. This homily is read every Easter at Matins by Eastern Orthodox churches and by some Western churches as well.