

easter vicil

March 29, 1997 & 6:36 P.M. Central Lutheran Church

Prelude

Rejoice now, heav'nly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout salvation.

I will sing to the Lord!

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, Giving thyself to death whom thou hast slain. For us thy wretched folk is any word, Who knows that for our sins this is thy pain? For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds, Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?

Let our hearts suffer for thy passion, Lord,

That sheer compassion may thy mercy win.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor.

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord. Give glory to God always!

This is that night of tears, the three days' space,
Sorrow abiding of the eventide,
Until the day break with the risen Christ,
And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.

So may our hearts have pity on thee, Lord,
That they may sharers of thy glory be:
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Let your light so shine before others.

The Service of Light

[The procession of the Paschal candle, a symbol of the eternal light of Christ, begins outside the sanctuary and enters through the rear doors. As the light enters, please stand and face the candle.]

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



[The light moves down the main aisle, stopping halfway to the altar.]



[The light moves into the altar area.]



[The Easter Proclamation, or Exsultet, follows. It is a grand and ancient song of praise, inviting first heaven, then earth, then the church and this congregation to join in the praise of God.]

Rejoice now, heav'nly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpet shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty king.

Rejoice and be glad now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Soon will the brazen bells of triumph ring, And midnight dark be shaken by a shout That death's cold chain that gripped the world about Is broken link from link: and the links sing.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts in radiant light resound with the praises of your people.

And fire from fire our candles take the light,
As we take fire from the eternal flame,
And flame from flame we walk down the dark aisle,
Each flame a glory gold against the night,
That trembles at the whisper of the name
That burns through all the empty halls of hell.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light, through Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

[During the following, all candles are lit. When lighting candles, please tip only the unlit candle.]

It is truly right and good,
always and ev'rywhere,
with our whole heart and mind and voice to praise you,
the invisible, almighty and eternal God,
and your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;

for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night,
when you brought our forebears, the children of Israel,
out of bondage in Egypt,
and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night,
when all who believe in Christ
are delivered from the gloom of sin,
and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away.

It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn.

It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and we are reconciled to God.

We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, for it is fed by the wax which the bees, your servants, have made; a fire whose light cannot be diminished, but only shines brighter, when divided and shared.

Holy Father, accept our ev'ning sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor.

May it shine continually to drive away all darkness.

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning;

he who gives light to all creation, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.



C: A - men.

The Service of Readings

Genesis 1 The Creation

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

(In the beginning was the Word.)

Day One P: Light, darkness, day and night. C: Thanks be to God.

Day Two P: The waters, and the firmament of the heavens. C: Thanks be to God.

Day Three P: The dry land, the plants and the fruit trees. C: Thanks be to God.

Day Four P: The two great lights, the planets, the stars, the seasons and years. C: Thanks be to God.

Day Five P: The swarms of living creatures, the great sea monsters, and every winged bird. C: Thanks be to God.

Day Six P: All the living creatures, and the Children of God. C: Thanks be to God.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished. (And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Full of grace and truth we have beheld his glory.)

[There is a silence for reflection.]

(Stand)

P: Prayer.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

Genesis 7 Noah And The Great Flood

And God said, "I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Watch for the rainbow
I give my solemn promise
To ev'ry creature

I will remember
When I look into the clouds
Watch for the rainbow

[There is a silence for reflection.]

(Stand)

P: Prayer.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

Exodus 14 Parting The Red Sea

When the people saw the great work which the Lord had done, they believed. God's chosen people rejoiced.

I will sing to the Lord for he has triumphed gloriously!

The horses and riders he cast into the sea!

The Lord is my strength and my song, he has been my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, my father's God, I will exalt him.

In your mercy you led forth the people into your holy dwelling.

[There is a silence for reflection.]

(Stand)

P: Prayer.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

Ezekiel 37 The Valley Of Dry Bones

Thus says the Lord God: I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel.

Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost;'

Therefore prophesy, and say to them,

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you, O my people;

I will bring you home into the land of Israel.

I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live,
and I will place you in your own land;
then you shall know that I, the Lord, have done this for my children.

[There is a silence for reflection.]

(Stand)

P: Prayer.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

Isaiah 55 Come To The Waters

For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace.

(Stand)

P: Prayer.

C: Amen.

(Sit)



You angels, you heavens, all you pow'rs of the Lord, bless the Lord.
You sun and moon, you stars of heaven, all you showers and dew, bless the Lord.
You winds of God, you fire and heat, all you winter and summer, bless the Lord.
You dews and frost, you frost and cold, all you ices and snows, bless the Lord. (C: REFRAIN)

You nights and days, you light and dark, you lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.
The whole round earth, you mountains and hills, all you green things that grow, bless the Lord.
You wells and springs, you rivers and seas, all who move in the waters, bless the Lord.
All you birds of the air, you cattle and beasts, all you children of mortals, bless the Lord. (C: REFRAIN)

You people of God, you priests of the Lord, all you servants of God, bless the Lord.
You spirits and souls of the righteous, all you humble of heart, bless the Lord.
Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Give glory to God always!

The Service of Holy Baptism

(Stand)

Presentation of the Candidate

Instruction of Candidate and Sponsors

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Joining of the Waters

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord . . . now and forever.

C: Amen.

[During the confession of faith, the rite of asperges with water is to remind everyone of their own baptism.]

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil?

C: I do.

P: Do you renounce the devil?

C: I do.

P: Do you renounce the devil's empty promises?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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. Amen.

(Sit)

Holy Baptism

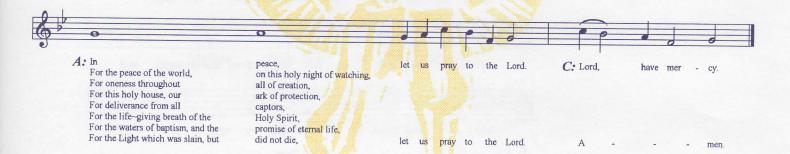
Let your light so shine before others that they may see your works and glorify your Father in heaven. Amen.

President of Central Lutheran Church:

Through Baptism, God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

(Sit)



The Vigil

O heart, be lifted up; O heart be gay, Because the Light was lifted up today Was lifted on the Rood, but did not die, To shine eternally for such as I.

O heart, rejoice with all your humble might That God did kindle in the world this Light, Which stretching on the Cross could not prevent From shining with continuous intent.

The everlasting fire of love, O heart, Has blazed in you and it will not depart. Wherefore, O heart, exult and praises sing: Lift up your voice and make the echoes ring.

O heart, rise up: O heart be lifted high. Rejoice; for Light was slain, yet did not die.

The stone has been rolled away! He is not here! The tomb is empty!

(Stand)

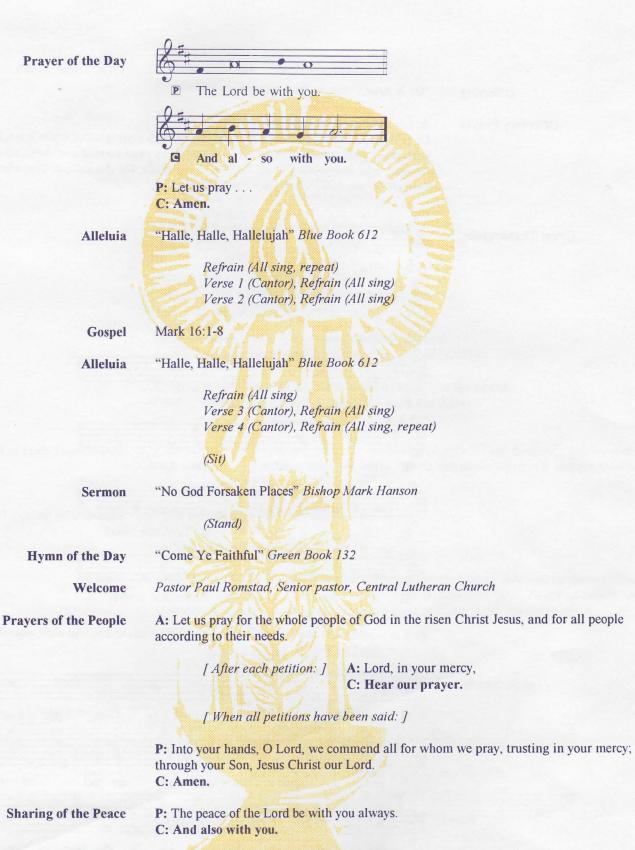
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Service of Holy Communion

The Hymn of Praise





[The congregation is invited to share the peace with one another.]

(Sit)

Offering "In Thee Is Gladness" Daniel Kallman

> [The Easter Vigil offering supports the worship and music ministry offered to the community by Luther Seminary and Central Lutheran Church.]

Offertory

"He Is Arisen" Green Book 138

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

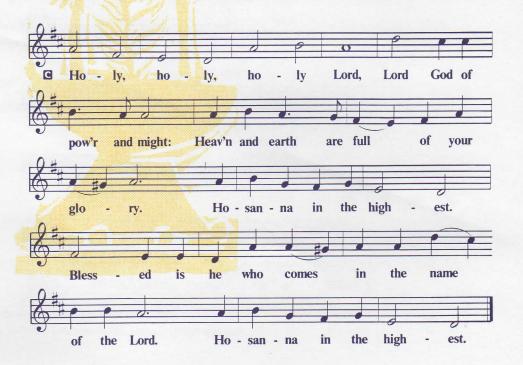
C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn.





Eucharistic Prayer

 $\boldsymbol{P}\boldsymbol{:}$ Blessed are you . . . both now and forever.

C: Alleluia! Amen!

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

P: When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.

C: Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

Distribution of Holy Communion

[All baptized Christians are invited to receive these gifts of God. Grape juice is available upon request in the chapel near the pulpit. Ushers will direct you to the nearest station.]

Hymns During Distribution

"This Joyful Eastertide" Blue Book 676

"Alleluia Give Thanks" Blue Book 671

[The music of Taizé, as heard in the next hymn, comes from an ecumenical community of Monks in France, which welcomes thousands of visitors each year. To accommodate these international guests, most of the songs are sung in Latin, a neutral language.]





Jesus Christ, Risen Today



"Now The Green Blade Rises" Green Book 148

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

A: We give you thanks . . . for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. C: Amen.

[Silence for reflection]

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today" Green Book 151

Dismissal

A: Go with Alleluias! Serve the Risen Lord! C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Toccata from Symphony #5" Charles Widor

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Easter Vigil

The 1997 Easter Vigil is a collaboration of Central Lutheran Church, In the Heart of the Beast Theatre, and Luther Seminary

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Water
Clouds
Big Vegetation
Baskets
Heavenly Lights
Fish
Birds
Crawlers/Four-leggeds
Two-leggeds

Paula Nyquist and Renea Olson Linda Roal Marie Wiegert Penny Olson Lee Dean Amy Biewen and Dana Siskind Judy Erdman Deb Faison and Lynn Olson Ann Brink

Rainbow
Sea Dragon
Sea Monsters
Israelites
Skeletons
Winds
Ancestors

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Musical Selections and Readings

(in order of appearance)

"The Light of Christ" Music: Lowell Prescott*

"Good Friday: The Third Nocturn" by Peter Abelard (1079-1142); Translated by Helen Waddell

"Exsultet" Traditional chant; Text adaptation and setting: Lowell Prescott*

Excerpts from "Easter Midnight Service" by Marion Pitman

"Creation Suite" Text: Genesis 1, John 1, RSV; Music: Lowell Prescott*

"Watch For The Rainbow" Text: Genesis 9, RSV alt.; Music: Lowell Prescott*

"I Will Sing To The Lord" Text: Exodus 15:1-2, 17, RSV alt.; Music: Lowell Prescott*

"For My Children" Text: Ezekiel 37:11-14, RSV alt.; Music: Lowell Prescott*

"Benedicite" Text: Song of the Three Young Men, alt.; Music: Lowell Prescott*

"Let Your Light So Shine" Text: Lutheran Book of Worship, © 1978, Augsburg Fortress; Music: Lowell Prescott*

"Vigil Litany" Text and music: Lowell Prescott*

Excerpts from "Good Friday" (Anonymous)

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"Halle, Halle, Traditional Carribean; Vocal arrangement by John Bell and Graham Maule; Verses, alternate harmony and accompaniment by Marty Haugen.

"In Thee is Gladness" St. 1: Johann Lindemann (1549-ca. 1631), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878) alt., and Ronald Nelson, St. 2: Christine Kallman;

Tune: In Dir Ist Freude Giovanni C. Gastoldi (ca. 1556-1622); Setting: Daniel Kallman

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Refreshments will be served in the South and North Commons after the service. We welcome you to stay and greet the leaders and each other.