



# The Three Days

## *Easter Vigil*

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

March 30, 2024  
6:30 PM

### Fire

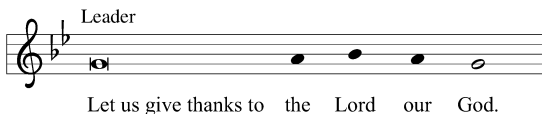
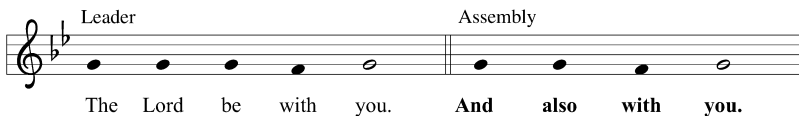
#### +Lighting the Paschal Candle

*The people follow the candle into the darkened church. During the procession the following is sung three times:*



#### +Easter Proclamation

*The assembly sings as an echo: **Jesus Christ is risen!***



*The assembly sings as an echo: **This is the night. Amen.***

*Please be seated and extinguish your hand candles.*

*(+) indicates that the assembly stands. Please stand as you are able.*

*The lighting of the fire symbolizes the light of Christ in the darkness of the world and the flame of the Spirit emerging from the tomb.*

# Word

First Reading

*The Creation*

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Response

*Hippopotamus Song*

In the beginning  
God made the seas  
and the forest filled with trees.  
God made the mountains up so high  
Above it all, God placed the skies.  
God's fingerprints are everywhere  
just to show how much God cares.  
In the middle God had some fun!  
Made hippo that weighs a ton.  
Hip, hip, hip, hippopotamus.  
Hip, hip hooray God made all of us.  
Hip, hip, hip, hippopotamus.  
Hip, hip hooray God made all of us.

+Prayer

Second Reading

*The Flood*

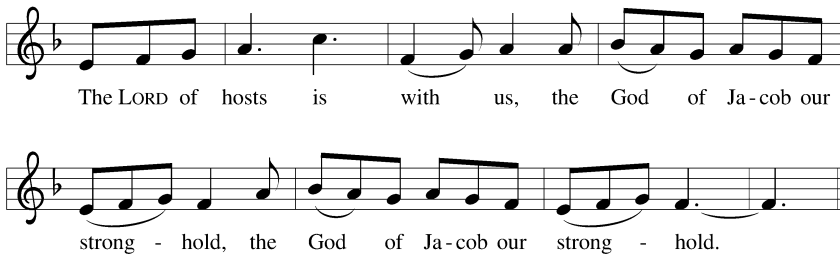
Genesis 22:1-18

Response

*The Lord of Hosts Is with Us*

*Choir sings the verses of the psalm, congregation joins in singing the refrain.*

*Refrain*



+Prayer

Third Reading

*The Deliverance at the Red Sea*

Exodus 14-15

Response

*Miriam Dances at the Red Sea* arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar

+Prayer

Fourth Reading

*The Deliverance of Jonah*

Jonah 1:1—2:1

Response

*Jonah Prayed*

Carolyn Jennings

+Prayer

Fifth Reading

*Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace*

Daniel 3:1-29

Response

*Badgers and Hedgehogs from Bless the Lord*

Andrew Carter

## Baptism

Presentation

+Profession of Faith

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. Amen.**

+Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God .... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Washing      Serena Katherine Tiede

Garment

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Candle

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into God's family. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ and a worker with us in the mission we share.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed; Alleluia.**

Christ is risen! Death has no more dominion over you!

**Thanks be to God!**

+Hymn of Praise

*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.

*Serena's sponsors  
are Maggie Tiede  
and Anya  
Anderson.*

*The Spanish is  
translated: You  
have put on Christ.  
You are a new crea-  
tion.*

*Christians call for  
the Holy Spirit  
through the laying  
on of hands, from  
one generation to  
the next.*

*A candle is lit from  
the Paschal Candle,  
symbol of the pres-  
ence of the risen  
Christ. As baptized  
Christians we carry  
the light of Christ  
when we live as  
followers of Jesus.*



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.



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.

## +Holy Gospel

John 20:1–18

*After the Gospel is announced, the assembly responds: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into

the tomb; <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>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.'" <sup>18</sup>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.

*After the Gospel has been read, the assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

John Chrysostom

+Hymn of the Day

*Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen*

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+Prayers of Intercession

*The response is said after each petition.*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

## Meal

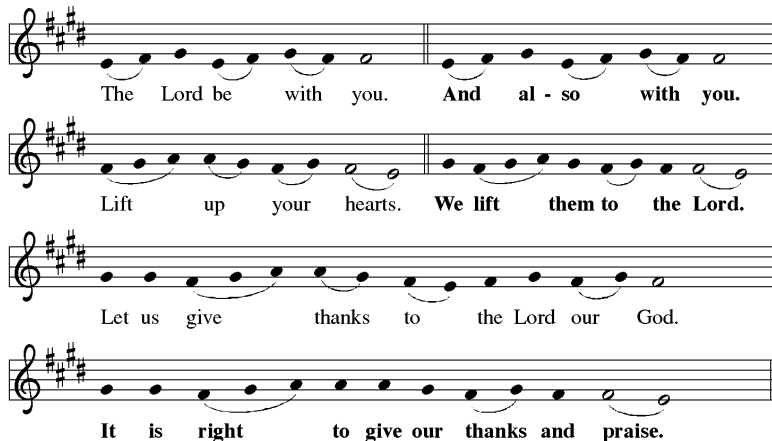
+Peace

Offering

*Begin the Song of Glory Now*

Alfred Fedak

+Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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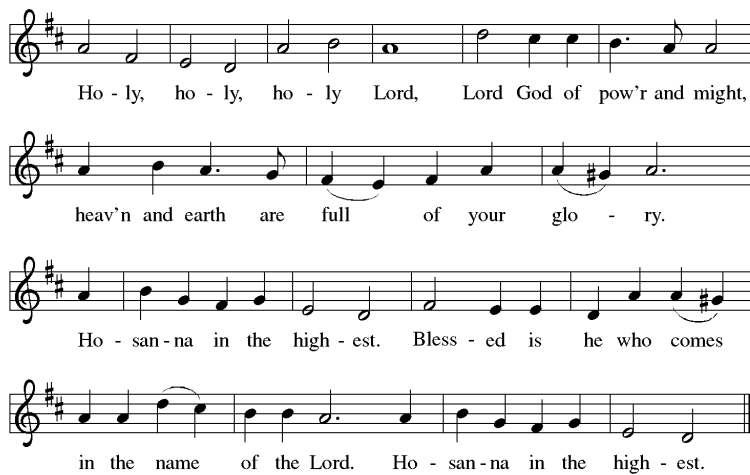
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It is

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



O God, you have kindled the new fire of life.  
You speak in the night with words  
that carry us across the sea,  
leading us back to our salvation and forward into the promised land.

Jesus, your Christ, meets us in the garden,  
calls us by name,  
and sends us home where your promise has taken shape.

On the night after the woman anointed him with precious ointment,  
he gathered with friends,  
took bread, gave thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to them to eat, saying:  
This is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, before his own betrayal,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it to them to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the liberation of life.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit,  
the Spirit that washes us in baptism,  
that fills us with celebration and joy,  
the Spirit that will save the earth,  
from which these gifts of bread and wine have come.

For fifty days, and into eternity, we thank and praise you  
for your unending life that has become  
our gift to share with the world.  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

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

**Our Mother,  
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.**

The risen Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread.  
**These are holy things for holy people.**

## +Invitation to Communion

*We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion.*

- *Receive a cup from the usher.*
- *Come first to the bread station. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server.*
- *Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.*
- *Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.*

*If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher, and communion can be brought to your seat*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

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## Sending

+Prayer after Communion

+Blessing

+Sending Hymn

*Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*

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+Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

+Postlude

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Won*

Timothy Albrecht

*Please face the cross  
as the assembly is  
sent into the world.*

## Today in Worship

	<b>6:30 p.m. Service</b>
Presiding Minister	Pastor Bradley E. Schmeling
Preacher	Pastor Lois Pallmeyer
Assisting Minister	Kristine Oberg
Communion Assistant	Kathryn Ostlie
Hospitality Team	Scott Stensrud, Cara Sjodin,
Sacristan	Peter Hinrichs
Altar Service	Amy Hinrichs, Jill Stewart
Audio/Visual-Video	Thor Carlson
Audio/Visual –Audio	Drew Stevenson
Organist	Timothy Strand
Pianist	Dennis Friesen-Carper

### **Instrumentalists**

Flute – Marcia Metzger, Nancy Driver

Bass – Drew Stevenson

Percussion – Amber Stevenson, Peter Hinrichs

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