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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER



*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,  
All Saints Kingsway welcomes you.*

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## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Please take a taper and a bell as you arrive.  
We take our tapers and gather outside the church  
on the steps to the main doors.*

*Presider:* Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

### The Kindling of the New Fire & Lighting of the Paschal Candle:

*Presider:* Almighty God, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Presider decorates the Candle  
with symbols of Christ and this year of grace 2017*

*Presider:* Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him and all the ages, to him be glory and power through every age for ever. **Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is lit. We light our candles  
from the Paschal Candle and from one another.*

Procession into Church:  
*We stop two times and repeat the acclamation*

*Leader:* The light of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

The Paschal Proclamation:  
**The Exsultet**

*Leader:* Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Leader:* It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*Please extinguish your taper and be seated*

# THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*We read and respond to God's message in Scripture*

*Presider:* Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

Reading 1:

*Reader: Isabel Friesen*

*The Story of Creation*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 428:

**God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness**

*Tune: Abbot's Leigh*

God who gives to life its goodness,  
God creator of all joy,  
Giver of all human freedom,  
God who blesses tool and toy:  
Teach us now to laugh and praise you,  
Deep within your praises sing,  
Till the whole creation dances  
For the goodness of its King.

God who fills the earth with beauty,  
God who binds each friend to friend,  
Giver of all human talent,  
God who wills that chaos end:  
Grant us now creative spirits,  
Minds responsive to your mind,  
Hearts and wills your rule extending,  
All our acts by love refined.

Prayer:  
*Silence is kept*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading 2:  
**Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:8–18; 9:8–13**

*Reader: Kelly Malcolmson*  
*The Flood*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 414:  
**God of the Sparrow**  
*(Verses 1-3)*  
*Tune: Roeder*

**God of the sparrow God of the Whale**  
**God of the Swirling stars.**  
**How does the creature say Awe**  
**How does the creature say Praise.**

**God of the earthquake God of the storm**  
**God of the trumpet blast.**  
**How does the creature cry Woe**  
**How does the creature cry Save.**

**God of the rainbow God of the cross  
God of the empty grave.  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks.**

Prayer:  
*Silence is kept*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have placed the rainbow in the skies as the sign of your covenant with all living things. May we who are saved through water and the Spirit, worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading 3:  
**Exodus 14:10–31**  
*Reader: Jennifer Stephen*

*Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 42:  
**Crashing Waters at Creation**  
*(Verses 1, 2, & 4)*  
*Tune: Stuttgart (#88)*

**Crashing waters at creation,  
ordered by the Spirit's breath,  
First to witness day's beginning  
from the brightness of night's death.**

Parting water stood and trembled  
as the captives passed on through,  
Washing off the chains of bondage channel  
to a life made new.

Living water, never ending,  
quench the thirst and flood the soul.  
Wellspring, source of life eternal,  
drench our dryness, make us whole.

Prayer:  
*Silence is kept*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old  
shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your  
mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people  
from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the  
salvation of all nations by the water of baptism. Grant  
that all the people of the earth may be numbered  
among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the  
inheritance of Israel. We ask this through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading 4:  
**Ezekiel 37:1–14**

*Reader: Brainerd Blyden-Taylor*

*Ezekiel's Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 408:  
**Wind upon the Waters**  
(Verses 1, 2 & 5)  
(Idem)

**Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep,  
rouse your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep,  
breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts,  
living wind upon the waters of my soul.**

**Showers from the heavens, water from the earth,  
gift so wholly given, source of every birth,  
joy of every living thing, making all creation sing,  
shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.**

**Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,  
grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.  
Come, O Spirit, and renew all the life that comes from you,  
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.**

Prayer:

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Silence*

Living God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life. Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit, the will and power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

*We proclaim the Resurrection*

*Presider:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Repeated three times, each time louder!*

*A fanfare then sounds,  
and the Gloria is sung for the first time since Ash Wednesday,  
the people ringing handbells throughout.*

Song of Praise:

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*Tune: Easter Hymn (# 203)*

**Glory be to God, we sing, Alleluia!  
Peace on earth to all you bring; Alleluia!  
Worship, thanks and glory be, Alleluia!  
To our God eternally, Alleluia!**

**Lamb of God, to you we pray, Alleluia!  
Hear and take our sins away; Alleluia!  
You are seated high above, Alleluia!  
Hear our prayer, O Lord of love. Alleluia!**

**Glory to the Holy One, Alleluia!  
You Most High upon your throne; Alleluia!  
Jesus Christ the risen Lord, Alleluia!  
And the Spirit we adore. Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day:  
*Remain standing*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

*Presider:* Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

New Testament Reading:

**Romans 6: 3-11**

*Reader: Janice Kretchman*

*Reader:* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

Hymn 226:

**Through the Red Sea Brought at Last**

*Tune: Straf Mich Nicht*

Proclamation of the Easter Gospel:

**John 20:1-18**

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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. 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen

wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 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.'" 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.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Christ!

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### The Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Dear friends,  
through the paschal mystery  
we have been buried with Christ in baptism,  
so that we may rise with him to a new life.  
Now that our Lenten observance is ended,  
let us renew the promises we made in baptism,  
when we rejected Satan and all his works,  
and promised to serve God faithfully  
in his holy catholic Church.

*Celebrant:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People:* **I do.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

*People:* **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 to the dead. 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.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* God the creator, the rock of our salvation,  
has given us new birth by water  
and the Holy Spirit,  
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
May he keep us faithful to our calling,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Having prayed for God's grace and peace for us and the world,  
we exchange a sign of that peace with one another.  
As you are comfortable,  
you may shake hands with those around you and say the words,  
"Peace be with you."  
You may also simply bow your head as you say the words.*

The Peace:

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you!

*People:* **And also with you!**

Offertory Hymn 210 :  
**Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son**

*Tune: Maccabaeus*

**Yours be the glory, risen, conquering son:  
Endless is the victory over death you won.  
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes where your body lay.**

*Refrain*

***Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
Endless is the victory over death you won.***

**See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord is living; death has lost its sting! *Refrain***

**No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life:  
What is life without you? Aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors  
through your deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to your home above. *Refrain***

Prayer over the Gifts:  
*Please remain standing*

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.  
Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you  
have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and  
generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to  
those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and  
Lord. **Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
 in the name of the Lord, Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
 Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
 Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! A - men, A - men!

*Presider:* On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

*People: (sing verse 4)*

**Glory, glory, glory!**  
**Glory be to you, O Lord!**  
**Glory, glory, glory!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Presider:* "Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ."

*People: (sing verse 5)*

**Glory, glory, glory!**  
**Glory be to you, O Lord!**  
**Glory, glory, glory!**  
**Amen, Amen!**

Breaking of the Bread:

*Presider:* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*People:* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Presider:* We were buried in your tomb.

*People:* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Presider:* Live in us, that we may live in you.

Song for the Breaking of Bread:

**Be Known to Us**

*Ursula & Dieter Trautwein (1928-2002)*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the  
break - ing of the bread, One bo - dy are we, Lord  
Je - sus, for though ma - ny we all are one,

*Music: Ursula & Dieter Trautwein (arr.)*

*Choir:* The bread which we break, Alleluia,  
is the communion in the body of Christ.  
One body are we, alleluia,  
for though many we share one bread.

*People:* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus ...**

*Choir:* All who eat of this bread, Alleluia,  
Will live for evermore.  
This is the true bread, Alleluia,  
Which has come to us from heav'n.

*People:* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus ...**

*Presider:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

### The Communion:

*All people of faith are welcome to the table of the Lord.*

*It is Jesus himself who invites you.*

*To receive, make your way up the centre aisle and then return to  
your seat by the side aisles.*

*For those who prefer receiving only the wafer,  
this is considered full participation in Holy Communion.*

*Communicants who do not wish to drink from the chalice should not dip the  
bread into the cup. Instead, after eating the bread, cross your hands over your  
chest at the chalice, or make a sign of reverence by gently touching the base of the  
cup when it is presented to you.*

*Grape juice is available for children and others.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available;  
please make your need known to the minister.*

### Music during Communion:

Hymn 56:

**I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life**

*Picket Wood*

Anthem:

**Dust, Dust and Ashes**

*R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)*

*Karen Scovell, mezzo-soprano*

Dust, dust and ashes fly over on my grave;  
And the Lord shall bear my spirit home.

They crucified my Savior, he on the cross was slain  
And Joseph laid his body, where none before had lain;  
An angel came from heaven and rolled away the stone,  
And the Lord shall bear my spirit home.

He rose from the dead,  
and the Lord shall bear my spirit home.

O Mary came a-running, her Savior for to see;  
"He's not here," said the angel, "He's gone to Galilee."  
"Behold the place where lately He lay within the tomb."  
And the Lord shall bear my spirit home.

He rose from the dead,  
and the Lord shall bear my spirit home.

*~African American Spiritual*

The Prayer after Communion:

*Celebrant:* Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, so that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

Doxology:

*People:* **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

Easter Blessing:

*Presider:* Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. Jesus Christ, the Word of Life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses. God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism, with the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, this day and always. **Amen.**

Hymn 206:

**Christ The Lord Is Risen Today**

*(Verses 1 – 3, & 5)*

*Tune: Llanfair*

**Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: alleluia!**

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!

Dismissal:

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude:

**Chorale Prelude on 'Christ lag in Todesbanden', BWV 625**

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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*Everyone is invited to attend the Resurrection Party  
after the service!*

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