



**Easter Vigil | March 30, 2024 | 8:00 PM**  
**Trinity Episcopal Church, Excelsior and**  
**St. David's Episcopal Church, Minnetonka**

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

*We begin outside for the lighting of the Easter fire. As we gather, we sing:*

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

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*The first part of the liturgy -- the blessing of the Paschal Candle, readings, psalms, canticles, and the sermon -- unfolds in darkness. Please follow the cues of the officiant, readers and singers, and join in the responses.*

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*After the sermon:*

## Proclamation

Celebrant	Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People	<b>The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!</b>
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## Song of Praise

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - umph - ant ho - ly day, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as his love; — Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. — Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. — Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. — Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

## Collect

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Epistle

## Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized 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.

## Gospel Acclamation

## Celtic Alleluia

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation and reading of the Gospel.*

1. Now he is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb he is risen.  
He has conquered death, opened heaven to all the world!

2. He is the first fruits from death. Now is our life filled with glory.  
Darkness vanishes in the light of his pow'r.

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## The Gospel

## Matthew 28:1-10

Deacon     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People     **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is

going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Deacon            The Gospel of the Lord  
People            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All repeat the Alleluia refrain.*

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

Deacon            Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your  
                         commitment to Jesus Christ?

People            **I do.**

Deacon            Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Deacon            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.**

Deacon            Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People            **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.**

Deacon 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.**

Deacon 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.**

Deacon Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

Deacon Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

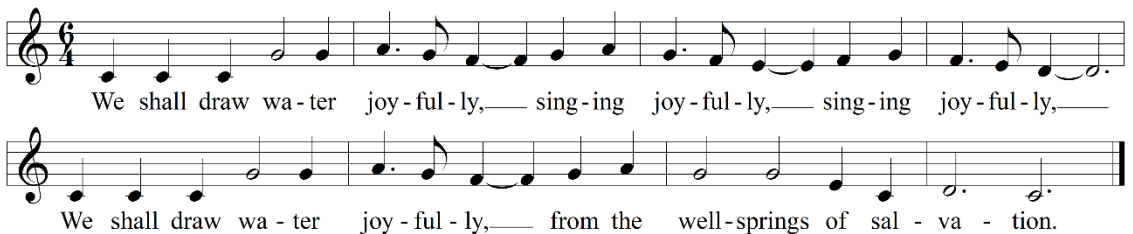
Deacon Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Asperges

*As a reminder of baptism, the Celebrant will sprinkle the congregation with Holy Water.*



1. Truly God is our salvation; we trust, we shall not fear.  
For the Lord is our strength, the Lord is our song;  
God became our savior.

2. Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord; give praise to the holy name!  
Make God's mighty deeds known to all of the nations;  
proclaim God's greatness.

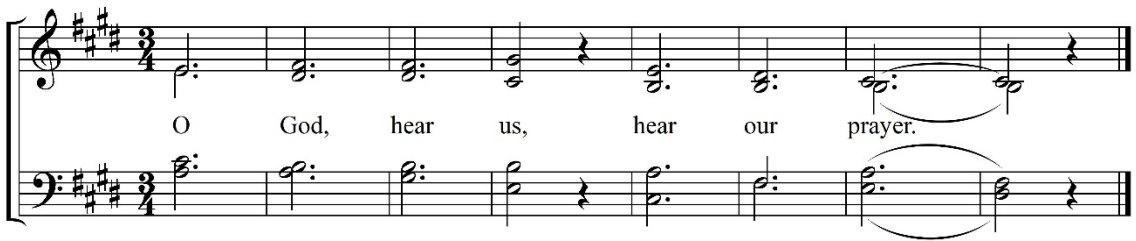
3. Sing a psalm, sing a psalm to the Lord for God has done glorious deeds.  
Make known God's works to all of the earth; people of Zion, sing for joy,  
for great in your midst, great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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## Prayers of the People

*Remain standing as you are able.*

Celebrant With deep gratitude and reverent joy, we pray to you, God of Resurrection.



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For all who journey with us in our daily lives, our families, our friends, our neighbors,  
our colleagues, our acquaintances and for the stranger and the isolated, we pray:

**O God, hear us. Hear our prayer.**

For the communities of Trinity and St. David's, for the Episcopal Church and all faith  
communities, and for all who know You by a different name or no name at all, we pray:

**O God, hear us. Hear our prayer.**

For the victims, survivors, and inflictors of systemic injustices that starve, instill fear,  
and oppress, we pray:

**O God, hear us. Hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in ways both seen and unseen, all who are in danger physically,  
mentally, or spiritually, all who struggle with illness, especially ... we pray:

**O God, hear us. Hear our prayer.**

For the peace of Christ that passes all understanding in the world, holding in our hearts victims of natural disasters and war, especially the people of Ukraine and Gaza, we pray:

**O God, hear us. Hear our prayer.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Craig, our Bishop, and all clergy and lay leaders, we pray:

**O God, hear us. Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died with hope of the resurrection, especially..., we pray:

**O God, hear us. Hear our prayer.**

For the myriad of blessings in our lives, the renewal of spring, and the triumph of Christ over death, we pray:

**O God, hear us. Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant      Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People      **And also with you.**



## We Share in Holy Communion

Please stand, as you are able, while the offerings of bread and wine are presented. You may be seated until the singing of the Doxology, when we ask that you stand once more.

### Offertory *Now the Green Blade Rises*



1. Now the green blade ris - es from the\_\_ bu - ried grain,
2. In the grave they laid him, Love by\_\_ hat - red slain,
3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the\_\_ ris - en grain,
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing\_\_ or in pain,



Wheat\_\_ that in dark earth ma - ny\_\_ days has lain;  
Think - ing that he would nev - er\_\_ wake a - gain,  
He\_\_ that for three days in the\_\_ grave had lain;  
Your\_\_ touch can call us back to\_\_ life a - gain;



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
Laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps un - seen,  
Raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been;



Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.  
Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.  
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## Doxology

Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And wor-ship God in hum-ble -  
ness, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O praise the Fa - ther, praise the  
Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	<b>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</b>

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and  
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho -  
san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

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Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

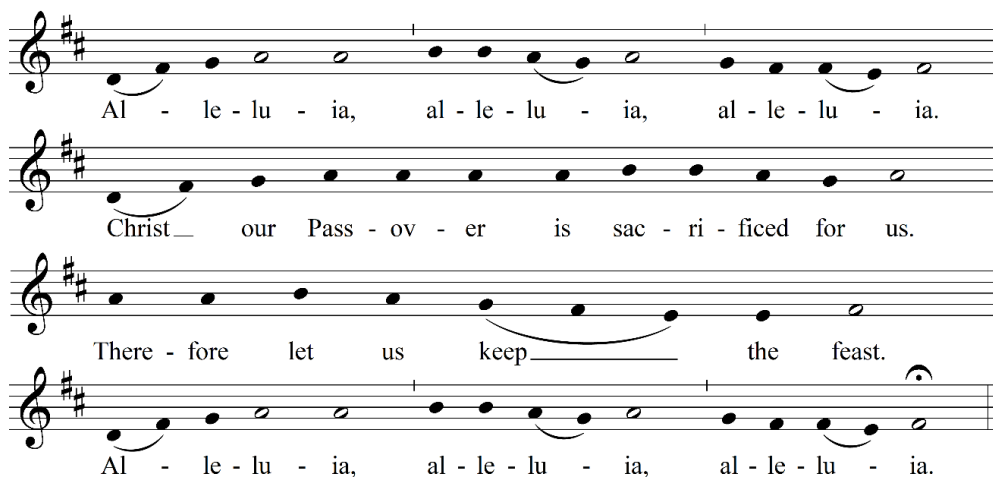
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread



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## The Communion

*We invite all people regardless of age or denomination to share in the Holy Communion at the Lord's table. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine. When receiving from the common cup, please do not intinct (dip the bread in the wine). If you wish to receive only the bread, you may remain in place at the rail, crossing your arms across your chest when the chalice bearer presents the cup, or return to your seat after receiving the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

*If you will not be receiving communion you are invited to receive a blessing. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.*

## Communion Hymns

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

Hymnal #178

### Alleluia



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## **Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand as you are able.*

All

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **We Go into the World in God's Name**

### **The Blessing**

Celebrant

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world; may the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him; may the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith; and the blessing of God, the Holy Trinity, be with you this day and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

# Final Hymn

## Three Days



1. Three days our world was bro - ken; the Lord of life lay dead.
2. Three days-and on the third day the wo - men came at dawn.
3. Three days our world was bro - ken and in an in - stant healed,



"Take up your cross," he told us who fol - lowed where he led.  
His\_\_ tomb, they said, was em - pty, his bro - ken bo - dy gone.  
God's cov - e - nant of mer - cy in mys - te - ry re - vealed.



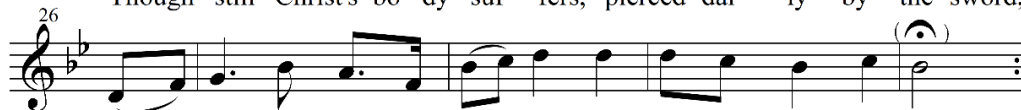
Would we now hang in tor - ment with thieves on ev - 'ry side,  
Who\_\_ could be - lieve their sto - ry? The dead do not a - rise,  
Two\_\_ thous - and years are one day in\_\_ God's e - ter - nal sight,



our Pass - ov - er shat - tered, our hope cru - ci - fied?  
yet he walks a - mong us, and with our own eyes  
and yes - ter - day's sor - rows are this\_\_ day's de - light.



Three\_\_ days we hid in si - lence, in bit - ter fear and grief.  
we've\_\_ seen him at this ta - ble; we've shared his bread and wine.  
Though still Christ's bo - dy suf - fers, pierced dai - ly by the sword,



Three days we clung to - geth - er where he had washed our feet.  
Hearts burn - ing bright with - in\_\_ us, we've seen his glo - ry shine.  
yet\_\_ death has no do - min - ion; the ris - en Christ is Lord.

Last time:



Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude

*Deo Gratias*

*We'll gather for a festive reception downstairs in the Undercroft. Even if you can only stay for a few minutes, we hope you will join in!*

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