

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Easter Vigil
April 19, 2025, 7 PM
Austin Campus

Welcome to the Vigil of Easter! The Vigil is the final service in the Triduum (meaning the Three Days), which began at sundown on Thursday. Worship begins outside as the Paschal Candle is lit from a new fire. This candle represents the presence of the resurrected Christ, and worshipers process behind it into a candlelit space for the service of readings from the Old Testament. These stories of God's saving mercy throughout the generations lead worshipers to a return to the waters by which we are saved, in a service Holy Baptism. The procession reaches its climax in the sanctuary where darkness turns to light and silence to joy as the congregation proclaims, "Christ is risen!" The Triduum concludes with the first resurrection gospel and the celebration of Holy Communion. We are glad you have come to join us in this movement from darkness to light, from death to life!

Worship begins on the patio. The congregation gathers in silence.

Service of Light

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

BLESSING THE NEW FIRE

A lantern is lit from the new fire, and the congregation processes, picking up a small candle or glow stick.

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

The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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The lantern lit from new fire now lights the Paschal candle. The light of the Paschal candle is passed to each worshiper's candle. Please remember to tip your unlit candle to receive the light.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And al - so with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff is for the Leader and the second is for the Assembly. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The Leader's part consists of two phrases, each with a melodic line and a corresponding text line. The Assembly's part also consists of two phrases, each with a melodic line and a corresponding text line. The text is written in a simple, sans-serif font.

The Cantor continues the Easter Proclamation, singing the words, "This is the night," which the congregation repeats.

This is the night [This is the night]

The musical notation is written on a single staff. It consists of two phrases, each with a melodic line and a corresponding text line. The text is written in a simple, sans-serif font.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

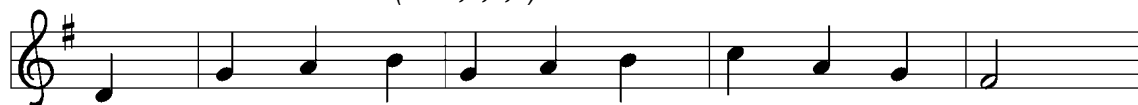
The congregation extinguishes their candles

Service of the Word

FIRST READING: CREATION, GENESIS 1:1-2:4

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,
 2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,
 3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,
 4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
 and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,
 their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;
 its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,
 and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,
 the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
 the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—
 and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.
 the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.
 our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,
 the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,
 so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
 the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,
 to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
 to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
 be glory forever, through life and through death.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936

Music: THE SINGER AND THE SONG, Peter W. A. Davison

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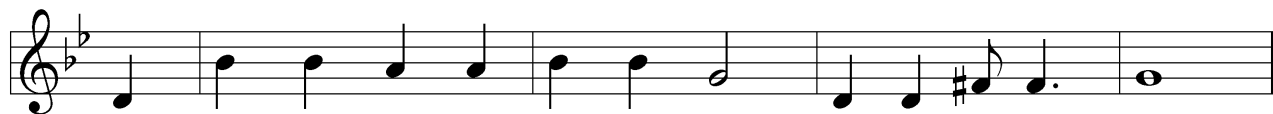
PRAYER

SECOND READING: DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA, EXODUS 14:21-29, 15:20-21

RESPONSE: GO DOWN, MOSES (vv. 1-5) (Verses – Cantor starts, All sing ‘let my people go’. Refrain – All)



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
 2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
 3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
 4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,



op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
 to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
 a fire by night, a shade by day,
 at God's com-mand it did di - vide,



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

5 When they had reached the other shore,
 let my people go;
 they sang the song of triumph o'er,
 let my people go. *Refrain*

6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
 let my people go;
 and let us all in Christ be free,
 let my people go. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: TUBMAN, African American spiritual

PRAYER

THIRD READING: SALVATION FREELY OFFERED TO ALL, ISAIAH 55:1-11

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHORUS

♩ = 160 C/D G D/G G D/G G D/G Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my

VERSE

C D/C C D/C C G/D D C/D D C

5 Last time to Coda ♪

hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You. My You. I will praise You with

11 D/C C D/C G/B G G/B C D/C C D/C G/B

all of my life, I will praise You with all of my strength;

17 G G/B D A7sus/E D/F# G E B7sus/F# E/G# Am Am/G F

With all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my

Am7/E Dsus D C/D D.S. al Coda

23 hope is in You. My

ENDING

D C/D G

26 Coda

You, in You.

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PRAYER

FOURTH READING: VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES, EZEKIEL 37:1-14

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE: COME ALIVE, DRY BONES (Lauren Daigle)

PRAYER

Affirmation of Baptism

- P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C: **We do.**
- P: Do you confess your continual struggle with sin, and affirm afresh your baptismal call and identity, turning from sin and death to be forgiven and born anew in Christ?
- C: **We 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, God the Son?
- C: **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.**
- 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.**
- P: People of God, you have made public profession of your faith.
Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
- C: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**
- P: Do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?
- C: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Service of Holy Communion

- P: Christ is risen!
- C: **He is risen indeed!**
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- C: **He is risen indeed!**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Congregation processes to their seats during the hymn

HYMN: NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS (vv. 1,4)

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1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove: that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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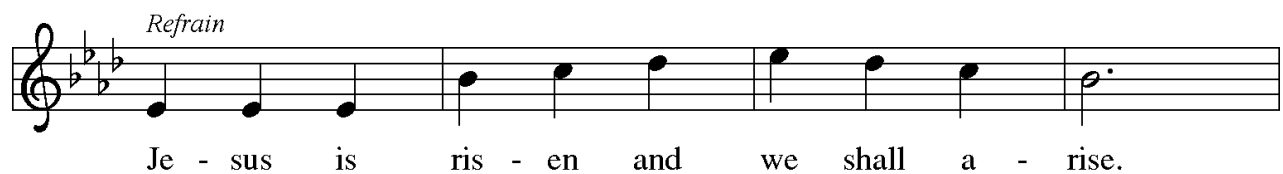
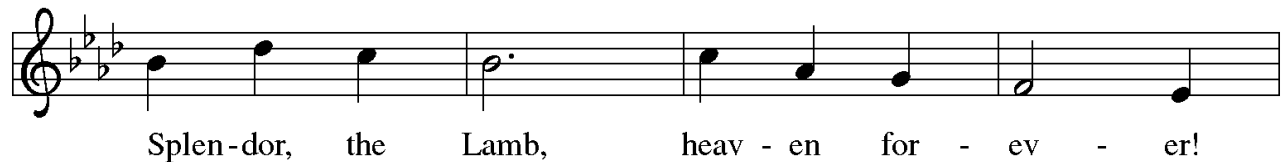
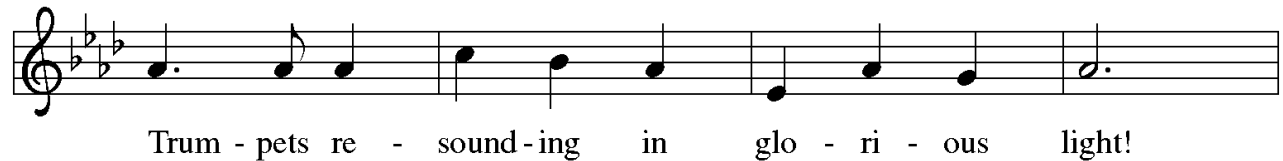
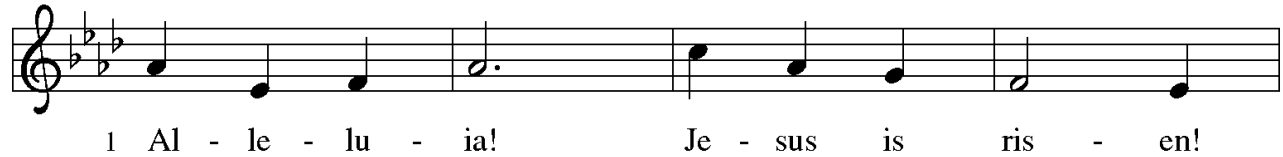
NEW TESTAMENT READING: *ROMANS 6:3-11*

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!*

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Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987
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P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING: *JOHN 20:1-18*

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

EASTER REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY: *WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED*

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1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re-born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

Text © John B. Geyer.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(after each petition...)*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Christ welcomes you to the meal of grace! All who desire to receive Christ's nourishment and grace may join us at the Lord's Table. Please come to the table by the center aisle and return to your seat by the front or side aisle. Communion is by intinction; dip the bread in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

#715

This is the night of new beginnings
This is the night when heaven meets earth
This is the night filled with God's glory
Promise of our new birth.

Refrain: Christ, be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light, shine in your church gathered today

This is the night Christ, our Redeemer
Rose from the grave, triumphant and free
Leaving the tomb of evil and darkness
Empty for all to see **(Refrain)**

Into this world morning is breaking
All of God's people lift up your voice
Cry out with joy, tell out the story
All of the earth rejoice **(Refrain)**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Send

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: DAY OF DELIGHT AND BEAUTY UNBOUNDED



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
2 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
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ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
last-ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

SENDING

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

You are invited to place your offering in the basket at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Corey Wagonfield

Preaching Minister:

Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer,

Assisting Minister:

Billy Heaning

Musicians:

John Benjamin, Mary Miller

Readers:

Ben & Sam Haligowski, Kathy Whited