

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

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Easter Vigil

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7:30 p.m.

Welcome to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church!



Abiding Peace Lutheran Church ***makes Christ known*** by ***welcoming all people*** to a ***supportive and accepting place*** to ***grow in faith*** and community and to ***serve the Lord*** as people created by God, saved by Christ and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to the full inclusion and celebration of people of all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions, and to the work of racial equity.

In-person visitors are invited to share their contact information with the usher, if they would like a follow up with the pastor. Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We welcome children to worship and we encourage their participation, including their wiggles and child voices. There is a seating area at the back of the sanctuary with room for little ones to crawl around. If desired, there is also a nursery room available, accompanied by parents or guardians.

Offering: The ministry of Abiding Peace is supported by the generous donations of our community. Please consider supporting our work through a variety of giving options, including donations through Venmo (search for @Abiding-Peace-BuddLake), through on-line bill pay with your bank, mailing your offering envelope to the church, or plate giving.

Holy Communion: We commune at the altar rail. Please collect an individual cup from the usher when you come forward. We offer either wine or juice and gluten-free bread. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, the usher can bring communion to you. Those who do not receive communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed for a blessing.

Easter Vigil

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

This service recalls the practices of the early Christian Church. After the season of Lent, when new believers were instructed in the faith, the vigil marked their initiation through baptism, emphasizing the connection of the sacrament to the death and resurrection of Christ. As we rehearse the long history of God's faithfulness to God's people, we are all reminded of the hope we claim through the baptismal waters as God's beloved and redeemed children.

GATHERING AT THE FIRE

The service begins beside the fire. Worshippers participating at home are encouraged to prepare a candle to light when the paschal candle is lit.

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.**

P Siblings in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light, word, fire, and water, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Our Lenten journey has called us to walk the Palm Sunday Path, confronting the forces of coercive power and embracing the different way that Jesus proclaims and exemplifies. That path continues on past the cross, calling us into hope.

***C* We give thanks for the promise that God is active: hearing our laments, transforming our lives, and working through us to renew the world.**

P In Jesus we meet God's Word made flesh.

***C* We open our hearts to God's Word of grace.**

P In the Light of Christ we see our hope.

***C* This light no darkness can overcome.**

P This night Jesus passes from death to life.

C This night we pass from death to life with him.

P Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this fire and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising.

C Amen.

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

Christ, yesterday and today,	+
the beginning	A
and the ending.	Ω
To Christ belong all time	2
and all the ages;	0
to Christ belong glory and dominion	2
now and forever.	6

C Amen.

The paschal candle is raised:

A The light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Worshippers are invited to light their candles from the paschal candle and move into the sanctuary.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Rejoice in the hope that rises in our hearts and in the world this night. Sing mighty hosts of heaven, and let all creation celebrate. Jesus Christ is risen! He has conquered death and fear, and we are freed to join in the song of the redeemed.

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 that we should praise the mercy of God and give thanks for Jesus Christ our Lord, who has overcome the grave and raised us to new life. On this night we remember the long history of God's plan of salvation for all people. On this night we proclaim the grace that has purged us of our sin. On this night we celebrate Christ's rising in triumph to restore all that is broken, and to right all that is wrong.

Therefore, in this night of grace, O God, we praise you for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, reflected in our candles, and we ask you to ignite this same light in our lives. May this light pierce every shadow, and kindle hope in every heart. And we pray, O God, for your mercy, healing, and justice to extend throughout the earth, through the power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Eternal giver of life and light,

C **this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated. You may extinguish your candles for the readings.

SERVICE OF READINGS

God speaks to us in scripture reading and responsive chant.

THE FIRST READING

Dramatic reading of Genesis 22: 1–18

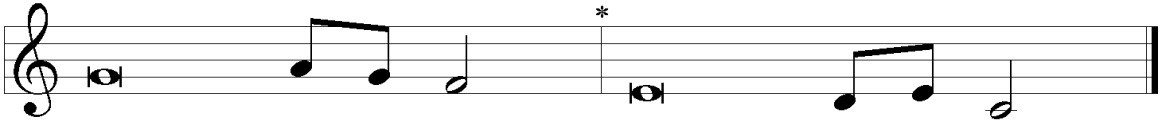
Lord's Players: Jon Cabral, Xavier Cabral, Serena Rice, Ben Schroeder, George Pawlo.

P A dramatic reading of the testing of Abraham.

PSALM OF RESPONSE

Psalm 16

The Psalm will be sung responsively.



- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other.”
- 2 All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**
- 3 But those who run after | other gods
shall have their | troubles multiplied
- 4 I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips.**
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**
- 11 You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are
pleasures for- | evermore.

Silence for reflection

P God and Parent of all the faithful, you promised your servant Abraham that he would become the father of many nations, and you were faithful even when Abraham and Issac could not see the plan. You remain faithful to your people in every age, and through the gift of your Son, we joyfully receive the new life of grace given through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Isaiah 55:1–11

Lector: Cindy Vittitow

L A reading from Isaiah: salvation is freely offered to all.

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and

the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P O God of deliverance, you saved Jonah through the waters of death, and after three days you brought him to new life. Speak to us by this sign, and call us to repentance, that we may heed the voice of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE FOURTH READING

Daniel 3:1–29

Lector: Ray Mueller

L A reading from Daniel, on the deliverance from the fiery furnace.

King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever

does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire." Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound,

still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not scorched, and not even the smell of fire came from them. Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants

who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn

limb from limb and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.”

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

Song of the Three 35–65

The song will be chanted in unison.



All you works of the Lord, | bless the Lord.

You angels of the Lord, | bless the Lord;
you heavens, | bless the Lord;

all you powers of the Lord, | bless the Lord.

You sun and moon, | bless the Lord;

you stars of heaven, | bless the Lord;
you rain and dew, | bless the Lord.

You winds of God, | bless the Lord;
you fire and heat, | bless the Lord;

you winter and summer, | bless the Lord.

You dews and falling snow, | bless the Lord;

you frost and cold, | bless the Lord;
you ice and snow, | bless the Lord.

You nights and days, | bless the Lord;

you light and darkness, | bless the Lord;

you lightnings and clouds, | bless the Lord.

Let the earth | bless the Lord;

you mountains and hills, | bless the Lord;

all you green things that grow on the earth, | bless the Lord.
You wells and springs, | bless the Lord;
you seas and rivers, | bless the Lord;
you whales and all that swim in the waters, | bless the Lord.
All you birds of the air, | bless the Lord;
all you wild animals and cattle, | bless the Lord;
all you children of mortals, | bless the Lord.
You people of God, | bless the Lord;
you priests of the Lord, | bless the Lord;
you servants of the Lord, | bless the Lord.
You spirits and souls of the righteous, | bless the Lord;
you holy and humble in heart, | bless the Lord;
let us bless the Father and the Son and the | Holy Spirit.
Praise him and magnify | him forever.

Silence for reflection

P Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God,

***C* the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6:3–11

Lector: Mary Kasakove

L A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were 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 also 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, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we 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.

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, if you are able, as the lights are raised, the bells chime, and we celebrate the announcement of the resurrection.

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain



☉ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

To Refrain



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

To Refrain



I For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



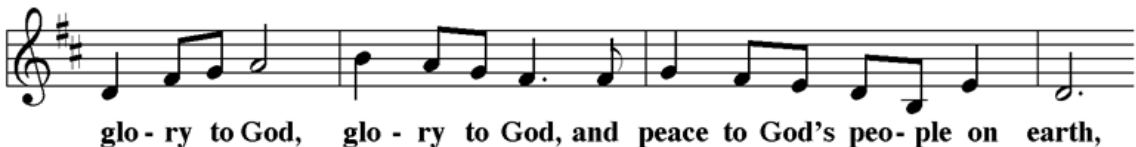
II you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A-men.



III Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



THE GOSPEL

John 20:1–18

John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter:

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

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’s 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 touch 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Alleluia. Christ is risen.
C **Christ is risen indeed.
Alleluia.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this holy night when we, together with the whole the body of Christ make public affirmation of our baptism. Let us pray. Merciful God,

C **we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. 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 renounce them.**

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, 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 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 People of God, 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.**

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

***C* Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A Eternal God, we give thanks for the faithful departed, who now know the fullness of Christ's resurrection life. Nourish us with the hope of this night's promise that we too shall be gathered to him. Hear us, O God.

***C* Your mercy is great.**

A Uniting God, we pray for the church universal, that celebrates this vigil in diverse languages, places, and cultures. Unite us in our shared baptismal identity that we may journey together in newness of life, boldly proclaiming the good news of deliverance. Hear us, O God.

***C* Your mercy is great.**

A Nurturing God, we pray for the well-being of all creation, that the power that brought forth all life may renew the earth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Redeeming God, we pray for the nations and those in authority, that they may be transformed by the love you have made known through Christ and work together for the peace and freedom you have promised to all peoples. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Restoring God, we pray for all who suffer in poverty, pain, or despair, that like all your people who have endured exile or wandering, they may be set free to live abundantly in the promised land of your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Faithful God, we pray for this congregation, that we who have passed over from death to life through baptism may, like Mary Magdalene, share the good news of Christ's resurrection in word and deed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The Ministers and People share the sign of peace, then be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

A Merciful God,

C accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us now with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us, and through us bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Please stand if you are able.

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and




might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P God of Resurrection, we praise you for your love. Your self-giving love spun the world into being and has called and carried your people through every age. Your love took its greatest expression when you sent your only Son to live, die, and rise again for us.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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 for the remembrance of me."

Remembering, therefore, the life you lived with us and the life you gave for us, we await your return with joy. Send your Spirit to us now, to birth in us the same love that you have shown us, and unite us to follow your example in the world. All honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Jesus, join us together as we pray:

C 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.

Please be seated.

P Come to the table of new life.

C We receive the life of the risen Lord.

You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. Please hold your hand flat for the bread and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat. If you wish to receive a prayer of blessing, you may wait at the right side of altar rail, after receiving the sacrament.



☪ 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing **ELW 362**

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

continued...

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

Stand, if you are able.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A Holy One,

C **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus.**



☪ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks-
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

THE BENEDICTION

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

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

POSTLUDE

A Morning Fragrance
 (based on BY AND BY)

Charles A. Tindley
 arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.



ASSISTANTS SERVING IN WORSHIP

- Greeter: Casey Furman
- Usher & Acolyte: Cindy Pawlo
- Assistant Minister: Mary Kasakove
- Communion Assistant: Sandy Carlson
 - Soloist: George Pawlo
- Livestream Assistants: Nick Senior & Tyler Rice
 - Candle Carrier: Ben Schroeder

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