

Great Vigil of Easter



Welcome to the Great Vigil of Easter. This service is one of the most ancient of all Christian observances. In it the great acts of God for all people are recounted, from creation to redemption.

- * The lessons recall God's covenant promises to his people; and we will renew our baptismal vows to God.*
- * The ALLELUIA is restored.*
- * The service concludes with the first communion of Easter.*

The congregation gathers on the plaza outside. Each person is invited to take a candle which will be lit from the Paschal candle.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

SATURDAY, 20 APRIL 2019 ✚ 8:00 P.M. ✚ ST. OLAF COLLEGE

Hearing assistance is available. Please contact an usher for more information.

❖ *indicates the congregation shall stand*

LIGHT

❖ GREETING

❖ PRAYER

❖ PROCESSION

The Paschal Candle is lit from the fire.

- ☞ The Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

At the fire, at the entrance and in the church, the following is sung on a single pitch.

- ☞ The Light of Christ
- ☞ Thanks be to God.

The congregation follows the procession into the chapel and remains standing.

❖ EXULTET

This ancient song invites first heaven and earth, then the church and this congregation to join in praise of God. In thanksgiving, significant biblical events are recalled— Adam, the Passover, the Exodus, and the Resurrection. At the conclusion of the Exultet, extinguish your candles and be seated.

COVENANT

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Creation

Readers from the congregation of Bethel Lutheran Church

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

❖ Response: Hymn #881 “Let All Things Now Living”

THE ASH GROVE

❖ Prayer

SECOND READING

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Readers from the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

❖ Response: “When Israel Was in Egypt's Land”

TUBMAN

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do,
3. The pillar of cloud shall clear the way, let my peo-ple go,
4. As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,
5. When they had reached the oth - er shore,
6. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee,
op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through,
a fire by night, a shade by day, let my peo-ple go.
at God's com - mand it did di - vide,
they sang the song of tri - umph o'er,
and let us all in Christ be free,
Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,
tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo-ple go.

❖ Prayer

THIRD READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

Salvation Offered Freely to All

Reader from the St. Olaf College Student Congregation

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God!

Response: Hymn #331 “As the Deer Runs to the River”

JULION

Prayer

FOURTH READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Valley of the Dry Bones

Readers from the congregation of Christiania Highview Lutheran Church

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God!

Response: Hymn #407 “O Living Breath of God”

VÄRVINDAR FRISKA

Prayer

FIFTH READING

Daniel 3:1-29

Deliverance from the Firey Furnace

Readers from the St. Olaf Student Congregation

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🎵 Thanks be to God!

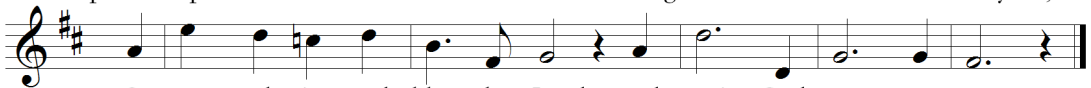
Response: “Benedicite, omnia opera Domini”



choir 1. O all ye
all 2. O sun and
men 3. O heat and
women 4. O earth and
all 5. O let all



works of God now come to thank him and a - dore;
moon and stars of heav'n your end - less praise out - pour;
cold, O night and day, O storms and thun - der's roar,
sea, O all that live in wa - ter or on shore,
peo - ple bless the Lord like right - eous souls of yore;



O an - gels sing and bless the Lord and praise God ev - er - more.
O chang - ing sea - sons, bless the Lord and praise God ev - er - more.
O fields and for - ests, bless the Lord and praise God ev - er - more.
O men and wo - men, bless the Lord and praise God ev - er - more.
let those of ho - ly, hum - ble heart come praise God ev - er - more.

Prayer

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

❖PROFESSION OF FAITH

L Brothers and sisters in Christ...

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ,
reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church,
the faith in which we baptize,

Do you renounce the forces of evil that defy God,
the powers of the world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I do.

L Do you believe in God the Father?

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

L 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

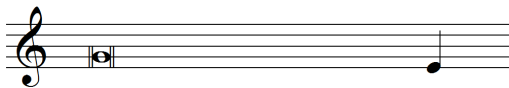
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

L 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.

❖LITANY

L O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C For his mercy endures forev-er.

L Who has loved us from all eternity:

C For his mercy endures forev-er.

L And remembered us when we were in trouble:

C For his mercy endures forev-er.

L Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven:

C For his mercy endures forev-er.

L And was made flesh of the Virgin Mary and became man:

C For his mercy endures forev-er.

L Who by his cross and suffering has redeemed the world:

C For his mercy endures forev-er.

L And washed us from our sins in his own blood:

C For his mercy endures forev-er.

L Who on the third day rose from the dead:

C For his mercy endures forev-er.

L And has given us the victory:

C For his mercy endures forev-er.

L Who ascended on high:

C For his mercy endures forev-er.

L And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:

C For his mercy endures forev-er.

L Who is seated at the right hand of God:



C For his mercy endures forever.

L And ever lives to make intercession for us:

C For his mercy endures forever.

L Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A-men.

L For the gift of the Spirit

C Blessed be Christ.

L For the catholic church:

C Blessed be Christ.

L For the means of grace:

C Blessed be Christ.

L For the hope of glory:

C Blessed be Christ.

L For the triumphs of his gospel:

C Blessed be Christ.

L For the lives of his saints

C Blessed be Christ.

L In joy and in sorrow:

C Blessed be Christ.

L In life and in death:

C Blessed be Christ.

📖 Now and unto endless ages:

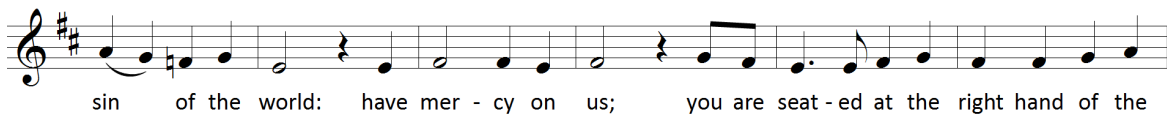
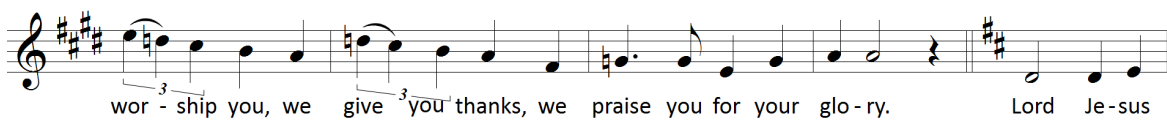
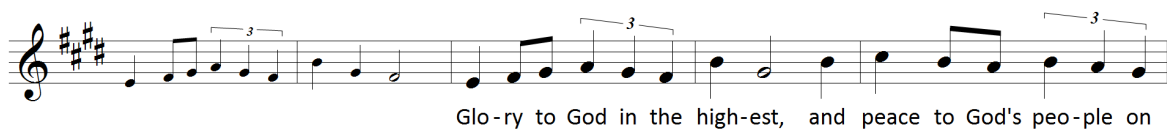
🎵 Blessed be Christ.

📖 Blessing and honor and thanksgiving and praise,
more than we can utter,
more than we can conceive, be to you,

O holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
by all angels, all humanity, and all creatures, forever and ever.

🎵 Amen.

❖HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God”



Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 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.

WORD

❖ THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Gospel is announced (Matthew 28: 1-10)

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☒ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☒ Praise _____ to you, O Christ.

❖ EASTER GREETING

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☒ Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

❖ HYMN OF THE DAY #372 “Christ is Arisen”

CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN

❖PRAYERS

After each petition of the prayers:

📖 Lord in your mercy,

📣 hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

📖 ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

📣 Amen.

❖PEACE

📖 The peace of Christ be with you always.

📣 And also with you.

MEAL

*The offering received this evening will be given to the
Northfield Community Action Center.*

AT THE OFFERING “My Dancing Day”

trad. English, arr. James Bobb

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:

I would my true love did so chance

To see the legend of my play,

To call my true love to my dance:

Sing O my love

This have I done for my true love.

Then on the cross hanged I was,

Where a spear to my heart did glance:

There issued forth both water and blood,

To call my true love to my dance:

Sing O my love

This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,

Of her I took fleshly substance;

Thus was I knit to man’s nature,

To call my true love to my dance:

Sing O my love

This have I done for my true love.

Then down to hell I took my way

For my true love’s deliverance,

And rose again on the third day,

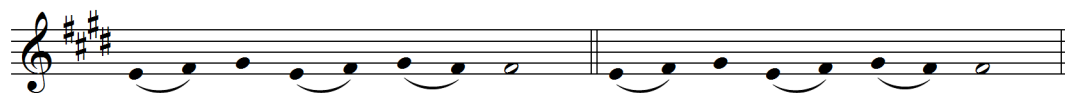
Up to my true love and the dance:

Sing O my love

This have I done for my true love.

❖OFFERTORY PRAYER

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



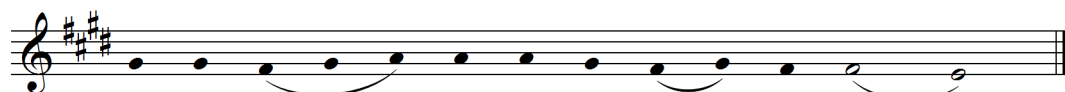
L The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



L Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

❖ 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.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

❖ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

❖ THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

❖ AGNUS DEI (*sung by all*)



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.

❖ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. Please use the center aisle to come forward and be served at one of the stations on either side of the altar area. When you have been served use the side aisles to return to your place, leaving your used cup in one of the wooden racks at each side aisle. If medical/health concerns give you reason to avoid the wine or bread, please remember the teaching of the Christian Church that Christ is fully present in either element alone, bread or wine. *Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available at the stations nearest the steps.*

CHOIR "Sing Ye to the Lord"

Edward C. Bairstow

Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea.
Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie:
Thou hast conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light;
Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
Thou hast opened Paradise,
And in thee thy saints shall arise.
Alleluia Amen.

Exodus 15:21, 4; Robert Campbell

HYMN #367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All stand at the last stanza.

❖POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

℣ The body and blood ... in God's grace.

☒ Amen.

❖POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

℣ Let us pray ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☒ Amen.

SENDING

❖BENEDICTION

℣ The Lord bless you ... and give you peace.

☒ Amen.

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE “Christ lag in Todesbanden”

Johann Sebastian Bach

All sit after the processional cross has passed.

DISMISSAL

℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☒ Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

LEADERS IN THE LITURGY

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and Cantor to the Student Congregation

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